



# Saint Louis Jazz Festival and Dak'Art Biennale

## SENEGAL



9 days

17 - 25 May 2024

English speaking guide

## The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The **Pink Lake**, final stage of the legendary Paris-Dakar rally
- The **St Louis Jazz Festival**, the largest jazz/folk/gospel/blues festival of the continent
- The **Djoudj bird park**, a birdwatching paradise
- The colonial town of **Saint-Louis**, to be discovered on a slow horse-drawn carriage ride
- The imposing **mosque of Touba**, stronghold of Mouridism
- Boat trips through the mangroves in the **Siné-Saloum delta**
- Traffic, markets and bustling vibrancy of **Dakar** during the **Art Biennale**
- The old slave house on **Gorée Island**, testimony to a horrible past
- The magnificent beaches of the **Petite Cote**



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### Day 1: Friday 17 May

#### Outward flight/Dakar (DSS)/Pink Lake

Flight to Dakar. Arrive in the evening, meeting with the Kanaga Africa Tours staff who will arrange the transfer to the Pink Lake. Accommodation Chez Salim or similar and overnight at the hotel in double bungalows with services.



Salt extraction

### Day 2: Saturday 18 May

#### Pink Lake/Lompoul/Saint-Louis (Festival)

After breakfast, assistance in exchanging Euros and the possible purchase of a Senegalese phone card. Exploration of the PINK LAKE, a lagoon surrounded by dunes whose waters take on a curious pink colour due to the mineral salts present, famous for having been the final stage of the Paris-Dakar rally. Visit the salt pans by dugout. Departure in the direction of St Louis, lunch en route at the Gite Africaine, located in the LOMPOUL DESERT, where we can take a walk or camel ride on its golden dunes. Continuation and accommodation at the Hotel Diamarek or similar. Participation in the events and concerts of the SAINT LOUIS JAZZ FESTIVAL, the largest jazz/folk/gospel/blues festival of the continent, attended in past editions by top African musicians and international guests of the calibre of Paolo Fresu, Gilberto Gil, Herbie Hancock and Richard Galliano. Overnight stay in a double room with services.



Pink Lake



Saint Louis

### Day 3: Sunday 19 May

#### Saint-Louis/Djoudj/Saint-Louis (Festival)

Early in the morning, after breakfast, we depart in a northerly direction for a visit to the DJOUDJ\* PARK, one of the best places in the world for birdwatching, where we will take a dugout canoe excursion to admire a huge number of species, such as pelicans, cormorants and fish eagles. Return to SAINT-LOUIS and lunch of *thiébou-dieune*, the national dish, rice cooked in tomato sauce and served with fried fish. In the afternoon, visit the colonial city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, by horse-drawn carriage: Faidherbe Square, the governor's palace (exterior), the fishermen's quarter of Guet N'Dar, the fish market, teeming with activity, and the handicraft and art ateliers, where you can find beautiful sculptures and paintings. Participation in the events and concerts of the SAINT LOUIS JAZZ FESTIVAL. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Jazz Festival



Djoudj Park

*\*If the birds have already migrated, you will visit the Langue de Barbarie park, which is also rich in birdlife.*



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### Day 4: Monday 20 May

#### Saint-Louis/Touba/Kaolack

After breakfast departure for TOUBA, a holy city with autonomous status, governed by the Mourid brotherhood. Visit to the impressive, finely decorated mosque, characterised by its five minarets and six mausoleums, including that of Cheick Amadou Bamba, founder of the sect. Lunch in a restaurant and on arrival to Kaolack, if time permits, visit its fruit and vegetable market. Accommodation at Hotel Le Relais and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Through the streets of Guet N'Dar

### Day 5: Tuesday 21 May

#### Kaolack/Simal/Ndangane

After breakfast, depart for the SINE-SALOUM DELTA, a corner of unparalleled scenic beauty, with its mangrove groves, lagoons, forests and sandy islets. On arrival at SIMAL village, lunch at the Gite Africaine or similar. In the afternoon, we stroll through the village of the Cerer ethnic group, before continuing on to NDANGANE where we will take a boat trip. Overnight stay at the Hotel Cordon Bleu or similar, in a double room with services.



Touba Mosque

### Day 6: Wednesday 22 May

#### Ndangane/Joal Fadiout/Dakar (Biennale)

After breakfast we depart for JOAL and visit FADIOUT, an island formed entirely of shells, where we admire the Cathedral, a splendid view of the granaries on stilts and the colourful mixed Muslim and Christian cemetery, a great example of religious tolerance. Lunch in a restaurant and on to Dakar, where we will visit the exhibitions of the DAK'ART AFRICAN CONTEMPORARY ART BIENNALE. Accommodation at the Lodge des Almadies or similar and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Touba Mosque



Senegalese food



Siné-Saloum



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### Day 7: Thursday 23 May

#### Dakar/Gorée Island/Dakar (Biennale)

After breakfast we will drive through the chaotic city of DAKAR, appreciating its architecture and some of its squares and monuments, such as the colonial station from where the famous Dakar-Bamako train still departs, to the pier where we will take the ferry to the GOREE ISLAND, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, amidst narrow streets, pretty, brightly coloured houses, climbing bougainvillea and handicraft boutiques, we admire the Maison del Esclaves, a colonial house from 1776 where slaves were imprisoned before passing 'the gate of no return' and taking the route to the Americas, and the ramparts from where you can admire the entire island. Lunch in a restaurant. We return to the mainland and visit the exhibitions of the DAK'ART BIENNALE OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN ART. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Gorée Island



Maison des Esclaves

### Day 8: Friday 24 May

#### Dakar (Biennale)/Somone/Dakar (DSS)

After breakfast we visit the exhibitions of the DAK'ART BIENNALE OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN ART. Continuation to SOMONE, a village between the lagoon and the sea, which lies on one of the most beautiful beaches on the Petite Cote. Lunch in a restaurant. Afternoon free for relaxation on the beach or by the pool. Possibility of an excursion to the BANDIA RESERVE, for a photo safari in search of giraffes, rhinos and buffalos and to admire the huge sacred baobab. Day use rooms on request. Transfer to the airport, end of services.



Gorée Island

### Day 9: Saturday 25 May

#### Dakar (DSS)/Return flight

Arrival at the destination airport.



Petite Cote



Goodbye Senegal!!!



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**Individual participation fee in double room (min. 3/max. 16 pax)**

**1,690 €/pax**

**in promotion at € 1,590  
for booking before 17/02/2024**

## Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room: **230 €**
- Day use in Someone: **80 €/room**
- Out-of-hours airport transfers: **on request**
- Safari in Bandia: **70 €/pax** (min. 2 pax)
- Sea extension: **on request**

## The fee includes:

- English speaking guide;
- English speaking tour leader (from 7 pax);
- Visits and excursions as scheduled;
- The minibus tour including driver, petrol and tolls;
- Half-board meals as specified in the itinerary;
- 7 overnight stays in hotels as mentioned in the itinerary.

## The fee does not include:

- Visa for Senegal (currently not required);
- Cancellation/health/covid/baggage insurance;
- Air flights;
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Meals not included in the itinerary;
- Admission to the Saint Louis Jazz Festival events and concerts;
- Admission to the exhibitions of the Dak'Art Biennale;
- Photographic permits;
- Tipping;
- Expenses of a personal nature;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.