



Colours of Africa

SENEGAL



9 days

10 - 18 August 2024
English speaking guide

The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- Traffic, markets and bustling vibrancy of **Dakar**
- The old slave house on **Gorée Island**, testimony to a horrible past
- The **pink lake**, final stage of the legendary Paris-Dakar rally
- The **Langue de Barbarie park**, a birdwatcher's 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
- The magnificent beaches of the **Petite Cote**



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Day 1: Saturday 10 August

Outward flight/Dakar (DSS)

Flight to Dakar. Arrival in the evening, meeting with the Kanaga Africa Tours staff who will take you to the Hotel Lodge des Almadies or similar. Overnight in double rooms cons services.

Day 2: Sunday 11 August

Dakar/Gorée Island/Pink Lake

After breakfast, assistance in exchanging Euros and the possible purchase of a Senegalese phone card. We will pass 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. Return to the mainland and continuation to the Pink Lake. Accommodation Chez Salim or similar and overnight at the hotel in double bungalows with services.

Day 3: Monday 12 August

Pink Lake/Lompoul/Saint Louis

After breakfast, 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 of the salt pans by dugout canoe. 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, time at leisure to relax on the beach or by the pool. Overnight stay in a double room with services.

* Lake Retba, or 'Pink Lake', is flooded at the time of writing, so neither its pinkish colour nor the work of the salt extractors can be appreciated.

** The Lompoul desert area has been purchased by a mining company, the various Campements/Lodges will have to be dismantled and the area will be made inaccessible to the public, but a precise date has not yet been set.



Architecture on Gorée Island



Maison des Esclaves



Salt extraction



Pink Lake



Saint-Louis

Day 4: Tuesday 13 August

Saint Louis

After breakfast, visit the LANGUE DE BARBARIE PARK, one of the best places in the world for birdwatching, where, with a bit of luck, it will also be possible to spot sea turtles. 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: the 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. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Langue de Barbarie



In the streets of Guet N'Dar

Day 5: Wednesday 14 August

Saint-Louis/Touba/Kaolack

After breakfast, departure for TOUBA, a holy city with autonomous status, governed by the Mourid brotherhood. Visit 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.



Touba Mosque

Day 6: Thursday 15 August

Kaolack/Siné-Saloum/Ndangane

After breakfast, depart for the SINE-SALOUM DELTA, a corner of unparalleled scenic beauty, with its mangrove groves, lagoons, forests and sandy islets. Arriving at the ethnic Serer village of SIMAL, a walking tour and lunch at Gite Africaine or similar. In the afternoon, we continue to NDANGANE for a sunset boat excursion. Overnight stay at the Hotel Pelican du Saloum or similar, in a double room with services.



Touba Mosque



Traditional food

Day 7: Friday 16 August

Ndangane/Joal Fadiout/Somone

After breakfast, we depart for JOAL and we'll 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. In the afternoon, continue to SOMONE, a village between the lagoon and the sea, which lies on one of the most beautiful beaches on the Petite Cote. Accommodation at the Hotel Phoenix or similar and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Siné-Saloum

Day 8: Saturday 17 August

Somone/Dakar (DSS)

After breakfast free morning for relaxation on the beach or by the pool. Possibility of an excursion to the BANDIA RESERVE, for a photographic safari in search of giraffes, rhinos and buffaloes and to admire the huge sacred baobab. Lunch at the hotel. Day use rooms on request. Transfer to the airport, end of services.



Pirogues on the beach

Day 9: Sunday 18 August

Dakar (DSS)/Return flight

Arrival at the destination airport.



Goodbye Senegal!!!



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Individual participation fee in double room/tent (min. 4/max. 16 pax)

1,790 €/pax

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for booking before 10/05/2024

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for booking before 31/03/2024

Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room: **220 €**
- Day use in Somone: **90 €/room**
- Out-of-hours airport transfers: **on request**
- Safari in Bandia: **80 €/pax** (min. 2 pax)
- Sea extension: **on request**

The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide;
- English-speaking tour leader (from 8 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/baggage insurance;
- Air flights;
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Meals not included in the itinerary;
- Photographic permits;
- Tipping;
- Expenses of a personal nature;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.