# Adventures in Senegal, Gambia, and Guinea-Bissau

EXPLORING WEST AFRICA'S HIDDEN CULTURAL AND WILDLIFE TREASURES



# Overview





### QUESTIONS?

Our Area Specialists are your single point of contact and would be happy to answer any questions about your trip! 800.368.2794 | 510.558.2488

### **TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE**

Length:	15 days
Arrive:	Dakar, Senegal
Depart:	Bissau, Guinea-Bissau
Lodging:	14 nights hotels
Meals:	All meals included
Activity:	Cultural, Wildlife & Natural History, Limited Edition

# Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Cultural exploration, walking and boat tours, hot climate, remote locations, long days of rugged road travel in 4WD cars.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the fascinating cultures of three West African nations
- Visit UNESCO-listed sites of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, including Gorée Island
- Witness a Diola mask ceremony in The Gambia and a Vaco Bruto mask ceremony in Guinea-Bissau
- Discover the spectacular birdlife of UNESCO-listed Saloum Delta National Park
- Enjoy the deserted beaches and incredible marine life of the Bijagos Archipelago

# Introduction



### LIMITED EDITION ADVENTURES

This is a Limited Edition adventure—which means a unique trip we've never run before or offer only every few years. Led by our most experienced Trip Leaders, these journeys often take place in remote destinations with only the most basic infrastructure for tourism. If you see a Limited Edition trip scheduled for this year, now is the time to sign up, as spaces fill very early and the trip may not be back for a while! Planned daily activities and actual timings may vary due to local conditions or the discretion of your Trip Leader—it is important to bring your spirit of adventure for these special exploratory journeys! **TRIP DATES** November 1-15, 2025 March 7-21, 2026

Join us for a three-country odyssey along West Africa's storied coast, a kaleidoscope world of traditional cultures and UNESCO-listed ecosystems. We begin in Dakar, Senegal, with an overnight on the evocative slave-trade island of Gorée, and then head south to see phenomenal birdlife in the mangrove lagoons of Saloum Delta National Park. We then visit Gambia, inside Senegal, before continuing south to visit Casamance, the southernmost region of Senegal, where we'll witness a Diola mask ceremony. Our journey finishes in Guinea-Bissau in the natural paradise of the Bijagos Islands, a stunning landscape of spectacular deserted beaches, baobab groves, sublime sunsets, and abundant marine wildlife, from dolphins to sea turtles. We'll experience long travel days and a hot tropical climate along the way, but for those who are prepared for adventure, this is an unforgettable immersion into the dazzling mosaic of West Africa.





Overnight: Hotel Terrou-Bi Facing the sea, the modern 5-star Hotel Terrou-Bi in Dakar has a small private beach, swimming pool, casino, and several restaurants. Guest rooms are spacious and the breakfast buffet is abundant. Meals: D

# DAY 1 DAKAR, SENEGAL

Arrive in Dakar, where you are met for a transfer to the Hotel Terrou-Bi. Dakar is a large and vibrant African metropolis set at the end of the Cape Verde peninsula, the westernmost point on the African continent. We meet in the evening for our orientation meeting and Welcome Dinner.





Overnight: Hotel Keur Louise Hotel Keur Louise is a renovated colonial house dating from 1846, with seven comfortable guest rooms and a perfect location close to the Gorée pier. There is a lovely open courtyard and a rooftop deck. Meals: B, L, D Boating Details: 30 minutes

# DAY 2 DAKAR / KERMEL MARKET / ALMADIES / GORÉE

This morning we visit the Musée des Civilisations Noires, the vision of Léopold Sédar Senghor, first president of independent Senegal, and the lively Kermel Market, founded in 1860 and a cultural landmark of the city. We'll move on to stroll in the Almadies, an upmarket neighborhood of beaches, shops, and galleries. After lunch, we ferry to UNESCO-listed Gorée, a tiny, car-free island known for its role in the 15th- to 19th-century Atlantic slave trade. The Portuguese were the first to establish a presence on Gorée in 1450. In the late afternoon and evening, when the daytourists have left, we enjoy the real ambiance of this special place.







### Overnight: Lodges des Collines de Niassam

Lodges des Collines de Niassam is located on a seaside nature reserve with individual tree house or cabin-style rooms set above a shallow mangrove lagoon. The accommodations are simple but comfortable, with private toilet facilities. The birdlife around the property is fantastic.

Meals: B, L, D Transportation Details: 30 minutes boating; 3-4 hours driving

# DAY 3 GORÉE / DAKAR / JOAL-FADIOUTH / SINE SALOUM DELTA

Waking up in Gorée before the crowd arrives is a pleasure, and we'll stroll the stonepaved alleys, then ferry back to Dakar for a morning drive south to Joal-Fadiouth, two unique island-villages connected by a wooden bridge. Fadiouth is entirely made out of clamshells and its population is largely Christian/Catholic but there is a cemetery that, surprisingly, has Muslim and Christian graves next to each other. After lunch, we'll visit one of Senegal's most important museums, the MAHICAO (Musèe d'Art et d'Histoire des Coltours d'Afrique de l'Occidentale), with its fantastic collections covering everything from the Neolithic period to modern street art.





### Overnight: Les Paletuviers Boutique Hotel

Les Paletuviers has an idyllic setting, elevated among baobab trees on a peaceful mangrove lagoon, with comfortable guest bungalows, a pool, excellent sunset viewing, and a colorful local village nearby.

Meals: B, L, D Driving Details: 4-5 hours (Day 4) Boating Details: 4-5 hours (Day 5)

# DAYS 4-5 TOUBACOUTA / SALOUM DELTA NATIONAL PARK

**Day 4:** A morning drive brings us to Toubacouta, a quiet town in the Saloum Delta near the border with The Gambia. The town is a hub for birding and boat tours in Saloum Delta National Park, which includes some 52 islands surrounded by mangroves and dunes. The park is protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Day 5:** We'll spend the morning exploring by private boat, touring among the mangroves and discovering the incredible abundance of migratory bird species and their habitats. In the afternoon, we'll visit a typical village in the Saloum Delta.





**Overnight: Hotel Prime Atlantic** The Prime Atlantic is a large resort-style hotel in the heart of Banjul with three onsite restaurants, a beach, a swimming pool with a poolside bar, and laundry facilities.

Meals: B, L, D Driving Details: 1.5 hours Boating Details: 3-4 hours

# DAY 6 THE GAMBIA / KUNTA KINTEH ISLAND / BANJUL

We cross the border into The Gambia, officially the Republic of The Gambia, a former British Colony with English remaining its national language. It is the smallest country in continental Africa and is surrounded on all sides by Senegal. We arrive in the village of Albreda to visit the old slave-trading fort and museum. The Portuguese built the fort here at the mouth of the Gambia River in 1456 and the river became a crucial passageway for the slave trade. We'll also take a boat ride out to tiny Kunta Kinteh Island (formerly James Island), named after the main character in Alex Haley's book *Roots*. It was a holding ground for enslaved people and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Though tiny, the island has played a large role in world history. We continue by boat to Banjul, capital of The Gambia, set on an island.



**Overnight: Kadiandoumagne Hotel** Set on the banks of the Casamance River, this large hotel features a riverfront restaurant, a small swimming pool, and comfortable guest rooms. **Meals: B, L, D** 

Driving Details: 4 hours (Days 7 & 8); 1 hour (Day 9)

# DAYS 7-9 CASAMANCE / ZIGUINCHOR / DIOLA VILLAGE / MASK CEREMONY

**Day 7:** After a visit to The Gambia's small national museum, we head to the Kachikally Crocodile Pool, a sacred site for locals, especially women who come here to pray for fertility. We'll continue south to the verdant Casamance region on The Gambia's southern border, one of the most traditional regions of Senegal and a homeland of animist religion in a mostly Muslim nation. We head to a remote village where we'll have lunch prepared for us by a local family, then continue to Ziguinchor, the chief town in the Casamance area.

**Day 8:** Exploring further in the Casamance region, we leave the main road to visit a traditional fortified adobe home still inhabited by a large patriarchal Diola family. The Diola (or Jola) are an animist ethnic group known for their rice-growing culture. Their round, thick-walled homes, built around a courtyard with a rooftop opening for rainwater collection, are a spectacular example of traditional African architecture. Many Diola were sold into slavery in the 17th century and taken to Britain's American colonies, where they were prized for their rice-growing skills. Continuing to a remote village, we will be received by the king of a Diola kingdom and have a chance to ask questions about Diola traditions.

Diola king: this is a traditional leader of animists and interpreter of spirits. He symbolizes unity and social cohesion, ensures respect for traditions, and resolves conflicts in the commune with the help of his advisors, other customary leaders, and witch doctors. The king also makes sure that everyone has something to eat without distinction of ethnicity, race or religion, using the rice fields cultivated by the surrounding villages as needed. Enthroned by the Diola elders in 2001, 17 years after the death of his predecessor Sibacouyane Diabone, he lives in a sacred grove that one can only enter after having been invited. The king receives you on his seat, a simple wooden stool.

**Day 9:** We'll visit the lively market in Ziguinchor this morning and then head out to witness a Kumpo mask ceremony in a Diola village. The Kumpo mask is made of long palm branches with a pointed stick attached to the center. When the ceremony's drumming is at its peak, the mask wearer places the tip of the stick on the ground. The spirit that possesses the mask then allows it to start spinning rapidly, enabling the mask to cleanse the bad energies and sufferings of those who are present. It's a spectacular ceremony to witness.





**Overnight: Hotel Ceiba** In the center of Bissau, the large Hotel Ceiba is modern and stylish, with a restaurant, swimming pool, coffee shop, welcoming lobby, and fitness center.

Meals: B, L, D Driving Details: 5 hours

# DAY 10 ZIGUINCHOR, GUINEA-BISSAU / CACHEU NATIONAL PARK / BISSAU

Today will be a long but interesting day of road travel as we make the crossing into the tiny nation of Guinea-Bissau, a former Portuguese colony. We'll get an early start, driving through the unique ecosystem of Cacheu National Park, where "bolon" (the Mandinka word for tributary) penetrate inland for more than a hundred miles, creating a huge seasonal flooded area and rich biodiversity including fantastic birdlife. This is considered the largest compact mangrove environment in West Africa and a haven for migratory birds. En route, we'll stop at the small town of Bula to meet a traditional Mankanyan king and learn about the culture of his Bola tribe. Overnight at Hotel Ceiba in the port city of Bissau, the Guinean capital.





**Overnight: Hotel Ponta Anchaca** The Ponta Anchaca offers tidy beachfront bungalows, gorgeous gardens full of flowers, an over-the-water bar and restaurant, and a small pool.

Meals: B, L, D Boating Details: 2 hours (Day 11); 45 minutes (Day 12)

### DAYS 11-12 BOLAMA ISLAND / BUBAQUE ISLAND / CANHABAQUE ISLAND / VACO BRUTO MASK CEREMONY / BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

**Day 11:** Our first stop today is Bolama Island, capital of Portuguese Guinea from 1871 to 1941. The town was built as a classic citadel, but was abandoned due to the shortage of fresh water. Today it has a "ghost town" feeling with its empty streets and squares. The Governor's Palace, with its grand neo-Palladian columns, still stands. We continue to the Bijagos Archipelago, made up of 88 large and many smaller islands and known for its rich diversity of wildlife, from dolphins to tortoises. We'll spend the next three nights on Bubaque Island, with its long, white-sand beaches, tiny colorful market, local bars, and tiny ethnographic museum dedicated to Bijagos culture.

**Day 12:** In Canhabaque, one of the most traditional islands in the Bijagos Archipelago, most inhabitants live in *tabancas* (villages) with traditional clay and thatch homes. The Bijagos culture is matriarchal, and today we'll meet the "queen" of Canhabaque Island, then head to a village to witness a Vaca Bruto initiation ceremony, with large participation from the villagers. The Vaca Bruto ritual is an unusual in Africa because normally, masks are meant to invoke the power of wild animals. Instead, in Bijagos, the mask represents a domesticated animal, the oxen, introduced to the Bijagos culture by Portuguese traders in the late 15th century. Initiates (young boys) wear the masks during the Vaca Bruto ceremony to celebrate the wildness of post-puberty life.



Overnight: Hotel Ponta Anchaca Meals: B, L, D

**Boating Details:** 1.5 hours (participants should be ready for a wet launch and landing on the Bijagos archipelago)

# DAY 13 ISLAND LIFE / BIJAGÓS ARCHIPELAGO / TURTLE NESTING (FALL DEPARTURES ONLY)

Today is a day to enjoy the archipelago way of life, relax at the wild beach, explore the villages, admire the luxuriant vegetation, or make an excursion to neighboring Soga Island. Late in the evening, we are in for a special treat as we boat to uninhabited Poilão Island.

Poilão Island: Within the Bijagós archipelago, Poilão is of special importance. It is an uninhabited island that belongs to the people who live on Canhabaque Island, and is sacred to the Bijagós people. With entry by women prohibited, only those men who have completed the Fanado initiation ritual can visit it. On the island, no burials may be performed, no sexual relations may take place, and no blood may be spilled. From a flora and fauna perspective, the island is also unique. It is part of João Vieira-Poilão Marine National Park and the Bolama-Bijagós Biosphere Reserve, and its beaches are the most important nesting site for green turtles in West Africa.

Turtle Nesting: Every year, female turtles come to Poilão's beaches to lay as many as 30,000 eggs. Our departures in October-December have a chance to witness sea turtles emerge from the ocean and crawl ashore. We will be silent as we witness this special event, then make a late-night return to our hotel (after midnight). We use a flashlight with red light to watch this event so as not to disturb the turtles.





Overnight: Hotel Ceiba In the center of Bissau, the large Hotel Ceiba is modern and stylish, with a restaurant, swimming pool, coffee shop, welcoming lobby, and fitness center. Meals: B, L, D Boating Details: 2 hours DAY 14 BISSAU

After a Farewell Lunch in the Bissagos Islands, we return to Bissau by speedboat for an overnight at Hotel Ceiba.

Meals: B

**DAY 15 DEPART** Transfer to the airport and depart.

# Pricing

# **TRIP COST**

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy 2025

\$8,895 (9-10 members)
\$9,195 (6-8 members)
\$9,595 (4-5 members)
Single supplement: \$1,465
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# PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: \$600 90 days prior to departure: Balance

# **CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE**

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No Charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

# MANDATORY EVACUATION INSURANCE

Please note: Insurance for emergency medical evacuation is required for this trip. Wilderness Travel offers a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan through Travelex Insurance that meets this requirement. For more details, visit our website: <u>wildernesstravel.com/insurance</u>. Alternatively, you can purchase a different policy on your own, as long as it includes emergency medical evacuation coverage of at least \$250,000 per person. You can compare options at insuremytrip.com.

# TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and small comfortable inns
- All meals as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Soft drinks and beer with meals
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

# TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance (required)
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)
- Visa fees

# Arrival & Departure

### ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Suggested Airport: Blaise Diagne International Airport (DSS), the main airport for Dakar Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, any time before 2:00 pm

**Meeting Place:** You will meet your Trip Leader on Day 1 at 6pm in the lobby of the Terrou-Bi hotel

### DEPARTURE

Suggested Airport: Osvaldo Vieira International Airport, also known as Bissau-Bissalanca Airport (OXB)Suggested Date & Time: Day 15, anytime.

A complimentary transfer to the Bissau-Bissalanca Airport is provided on Day 15.

### INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Africa. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 970-818-8459 in the US or Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at <u>www.exitotravel.com</u>.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

### Please do not purchase your tickets until you are

**confirmed on the trip.** Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

# **Trip Leaders**

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information, including client comments about them and which specific departures they will be leading, please visit <u>wildernesstravel.com/leaders</u>.



### **ANNIE HAWKINS**

Annie Hawkins, born and raised in a small village in Burgundy, is a passionate world traveler and one of our most beloved Trip Leaders. After studying art history in Provence, Annie moved to California, where she led adventure tours in the American Southwest and realized that leading adventure trips was her vocation—nothing would keep her inside an office again! She has led exclusively for Wilderness Travel since 1995 and has led journeys for us in France, Spain, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Niger, Oman, and more! While scouting our trip in southern Spain in 1999, Annie bought a 300year-old house in a village clinging on the flanks of the highest mountains in Spain. It took her three years to transform it into the home she calls La Casa del Milagro. She divides her time between Europe and San Francisco, where she lives with her husband.

# What to Expect

- WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE This trip is rated Level 3, Moderate, according to our trip grading system. This is a rugged trip in a very remote region. Participants should understand that the trip involves long drives and boat rides, hot and humid weather, and somewhat basic hotels outside of Dakar and Bissau. Participants should be fit, healthy, and have no mobility restrictions. Medical facilities on the trip will be far away and often non-existent.
  - WEATHER Senegal, The Gambia, and Guinea-Bissau have hot, humid climates that vary very little year round. The intense heat can be very wearing, and it doesn't cool down much at night. We don't recommend this trip for people who can't tolerate hot or humid conditions. Rain is unlikely in the areas we visit but is possible.
  - ACCOMMODATIONS Accommodations are chosen for their location and charm. They range from city hotels to basic lodges. Please note that air conditioning in West Africa may not cool your room to the standards you are used to in the US. There may also be occasions where the hotel electricity goes off for a time, including the air conditioning. They are the best available in the places we will be visiting, but all guests must come with a sense of adventure and understanding that this trip is to a very remote region not visited by many western tourists.
    - **CUISINE** Senegalese cuisine has been influenced by the country's many ethnic groups as well as French colonization and Islam. The national dish is thiéboudiène, a one-pot meal made with fish, rice, vegetables, and spices. The national dish of Gambia is domoda, a stew of peanuts with vegetables, often including pumpkin or sweet potatoes. In Guinea-Bissau, the Portuguese influence is still seen in the cuisine, and caldo de mancarra is a popular stew made with chicken or seafood. Grilled or stewed fish, lobster, shrimp, and crab are also popular dishes across Guinea-Bissau.

**Note:** all travelers must understand that the food will be very simple and monotonous on this trip. Most meals will consist of fish or chicken with rice or fries and limited vegetables. Vegetarians are welcome to join, but should understand their cuisine options will be even more limited. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let our team know as soon as possible to confirm if your dietary needs can be met.

# What to Expect

# **TRANSPORTATION** Many days involve long drives and bumpy dirt roads. We try to reduce drive times as much as possible, however, this trip is designed to take you to fascinating and remote regions that may have basic infrastructure. Transportation is by 4WD vehicles with three passengers per vehicle when making long drives on dirt roads. Please note that air-conditioning in our vehicles may not cool to the standards you are used to in the US. We have taken local travel times into account in planning the itinerary, though road conditions can change from week to week. On our road journeys, we make frequent "outdoor bathroom" stops and you have ample opportunity to stroll around villages and markets to see and experience the differences in architecture, dress, and culture among the many tribes in West Africa. About half of the trip we will be traveling by local boats—we choose the best boat options available but they are often simple motorized speedboats. Our vehicles will transport the group's luggage, so you only need to carry a daypack for items you need for the day (rain gear, camera, water bottle, etc.).

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT TRAVEL IN WEST AFRICA Traveling in West Africa is always an adventure! Changes and delays are all part of the experience. We will make every effort to follow the Detailed Itinerary as described, but please note that the daily itinerary may be rearranged due to circumstances beyond our control. In addition, travelers should be aware that there is a scarcity of medical facilities outside of Dakar and the facilities may not be up to international standards. A spirit of adventure and a flexible, cooperative attitude are musts for this trip. Your reward is an unparalleled experience of one of the world's most intriguing regions and its fascinating wildlife.

The physical shape you are in will be an important factor in your enjoyment of your trip. Because of the hot climate, we recommend you bring Gatorade-type powdered mixes or packets of OHS (oral hydration salts) to add to your water bottle from time to time. There are dangers inherent in any expedition traveling to remote regions. These dangers include everything from the possibility of a vehicle accident or sickness without access to the means of rapid evacuation. The availability of medical supplies, or the adequacy of medical attention once provided, cannot be guaranteed and cannot be expected to measure up to Western standards. If you have any chronic health problems (respiratory or cardiac problems, a bad back, or diabetes), we recommend you consider a different trip.

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F														
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Dakar	78/65	78/65	78/65	80/70	80/70	86/78	86/78	86/78	88/78	88/78	86/74	80/68		
Bissau	90/66	93/68	95/70	93/73	91/75	90/77	88/77	84/75	86/77	90/77	90/75	88/68		
RAINFALL - INCHES														
Dakar	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.7	8.3	16.2	14.1	5.1	1.0	1.3		
Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0		

# Additional Information

# CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 or email us at info@wildernesstravel.com.

### REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us.

### **ABOUT NEW TRIPS**

This is a new adventure and one that we are particularly excited about offering. However, as with all new departures, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! Activities are described in the itinerary but they can vary, sometimes considerably, depending on weather conditions, the group, and other factors.

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