

# Excursion

## TRANS-SENEGAMBIA ADVENTURE

**5104**  
6 Days

*This exciting 6 days gives us the opportunity to show you further into THE GAMBIA and SENEGAL, with the possibility to see in a genuine African environment how the village people live from day to day, and gives you an insight into the history, beliefs, religion and culture of this region.. Add to this the bird and animal life and you will have memories created that will be everlasting.*

### DAY 1 (100km)

We leave the hotels around 06:00 and travel via the main vehicle ferry link across the River Gambia with much hustle and bustle at both terminals and from the ferry it is sometimes possible to spot the Dolphins at play in the estuary, often coming close to the boat for some of the crossing.

After the Gambia/Senegal border formalities we continue North, stopping at a couple of villages on the way, arriving at an African Style hotel situated on the edge of the Sine Saloum National Park in time for an early lunch.

After short relaxation period we continue by pirogue through the waterways along the Western side of the National park to our

overnight stop at 'Le Pelican Du Saloum'. On the way through the mangrove areas we can study the many birds of this region along with the Senegalese fisherfolk whose way of life has not changed in hundreds of years.

### DAY 2 (250 km)

A reasonably early start takes us North to **DAKAR** the capital city of Senegal via the "Petite Cote" area. Lunch is taken in Dakar, followed by a 20 minute ferry boat ride to **GOREE ISLAND**, 3 kms from Dakar.

The island was the centre of the slave trade from this area of West Africa for 300 years. We visit the well preserved Slave Trader's House, where we will find the door of 'no return' where the helpless Africans left their beloved continent for an uncertain and unknown future. The Museum, Church of St Charles de Boramee and other interesting aspects of this famous historical island are included in the tour. Dinner and Overnight is in Dakar

### DAY 3

We start around 09:00 on our City Tour of **DAKAR** including, the Karmal Market, famous for its women flower sellers. Independence Square, The Presidents' Palace, The National Assembly, The Cathedral, The

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Great Mosque, Museum and some other markets.

Lunch is taken after a one hour drive South of Dakar at Lac Rose. This is a pink coloured lake with a high salt content and, during the 4 x 4 excursion after lunch, it will be possible to see the village women working at the extraction of the salt. *Dinner and overnight is in one of the simple but comfortable small African Style hotels of this area.*

#### **DAY 4 (300 km)**

Today we head South East, passing through KAOLACK the administrative capital of the Saloum Region of Senegal and continue to FARAFENNI the Gambia/Senegal border town at the busiest crossing point on the River Gambia. We do not cross but head East along the North Bank bush road to experience the up river rural area of The Gambia, stopping at villages on the way, as well as the mysterious stone circles at WASSAU. Picnic lunch is taken en route and our overnight and dinner will be at JANJANGBUREH CAMP which is basic but comfortable and beautifully situated by the river itself.

#### **DAY 5**

We take an early breakfast after which we will take our 3 – 4 hours river trip around

various inlets and islands of this fabulous area of nature where most amazing birds including Kites, Rollers, Geese, Fish Eagles, Hornbills, Parrots, Kingfishers, Buzzards, etc can be seen along with Monkeys and often sightings of Baboons, Crocodiles and Hippos are reported.

Very reasonably priced drinks are available from the bar and lunch is served on board, after which we continue our cruise down river where our transport will be waiting to take us to one of the most unspoiled parts of The Gambia on the edge of **KIANG WEST NATIONAL PARK** with the exotic bird life for which this area is famous.

We arrive in time for dinner, after some time for relaxation at **TENDABA CAMP**. Traditional African entertainment will be provided by the happy smiling people from a nearby village.  
*Overnight Tendaba Camp.*

#### **DAY 6**

After an early breakfast we take a 4X4 Excursion to the Western edge of **KIANG NATIONAL PARK** around the area of the hotel to discover more of the nature, returning in time for lunch and then leave by minibus to return us to the resort hotel around 6.00 – 7.00m.

*Dinner and overnight at resort hotel.*