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NIGERIA
2028

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MAIN TRIP / APRIL 2-8

WITH OPTIONAL SENEGAL & THE GAMBIA

Extension: April 8-15 | Full journey: 14 days / 13 nights

$3,500 Nigeria / projected per person sharing

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CHOOSE YOUR JOURNEY

Two chapters, one cultural journey

Begin in Nigeria, then choose whether to continue through Senegal and The Gambia. Prices are per person.

CHAPTER 1 / MAIN TRIP

Nigeria

APRIL 2-8, 2028

7 days / 6 nights
Lagos, Abeokuta, Badagry & Benin City

$3,500

Double occupancy
Private-room total: **$4,600**

CHAPTER 2 / OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Senegal & The Gambia

APRIL 8-15, 2028

8 days / 7 nights
Dakar, Gorée, the Saloum region & The Gambia

+$4,100

Double occupancy
Private-room extension: **+$5,300**

THE COMPLETE JOURNEY / APRIL 2-15

$7,600 sharing / $9,900 private throughout

14 days / 13 nights. The extension includes the Lagos-Dakar flight and April 8 arrival night. Optional classes and flights from/to home are additional.

All prices are projected for 2028.

Nigeria entry requirements

Current guidance checked November 13, 2026. Recheck before the April 2028 departure.

PASSPORT

Your passport should have at least **six months of validity beyond arrival** and **two blank visa pages**. Use the same name on your visa, tickets and passport.

TOURIST VISA - APPLY BEFORE TRAVEL

Obtain an approved Nigerian tourist visa before departure. The F5A tourist eVisa currently permits one entry and a stay of up to 30 days, with entry within 90 days of issuance.

DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

Prepare your passport, passport-size photo, return ticket, hotel confirmation or Nigerian host address, and **180 days of bank statements**. Visa costs are included in this AAT package; follow AAT's application instructions before paying separately.

LANDING & EXIT CARDS

Complete your individual landing card within the **72 hours before arrival** at lecard.immigration.gov.ng. Complete the corresponding exit card before departure. Save and print the confirmations.

FREE HEALTH DECLARATION

Complete the NCDC health declaration at healthapp.ncdc.gov.ng **before boarding**. Save the emailed QR-code PDF and have it ready for arrival checks.

VACCINATION DOCUMENTS

Carry your original yellow-fever certificate (ICVP / Yellow Card) and polio vaccination record. Confirm current requirements for your full route with Nigerian authorities and your airline, including any medical waiver. A first yellow-fever certificate becomes valid after 10 days; an existing valid certificate lasts for life.

Health preparation: Consult a travel-health clinician at least a month before departure about malaria prevention and recommended vaccines. This clinical advice is separate from the immigration paperwork above.

Other nationalities, dual citizens and travelers with minors should confirm their applicable rules with the relevant authorities.

Senegal entry requirements

Arriving from Nigeria on April 8. Current guidance checked November 13, 2026; reconfirm before travel.

TOURIST VISA

U.S. tourists do not need a visa for stays of **90 days or less**.

PASSPORT

Travel with a passport valid for at least **six months beyond arrival** and at least **one blank page** for the entry stamp.

ARRIVAL DOCUMENTS

Keep your passport, accommodation details and onward departure reservation accessible for arrival formalities.

YELLOW FEVER CERTIFICATE

A valid yellow fever certificate is **required for travelers age 9 months and older arriving from Nigeria**. Carry the original International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (yellow card).

YOUR ONWARD ROUTE

This extension continues by land into The Gambia. Prepare the Gambian visa and yellow fever documentation before leaving home.

PREDEPARTURE HEALTH PREPARATION
Consult a travel-health clinician before departure about recommended vaccines, malaria prevention and personal medical needs. Bring the documents needed for both countries.

Other passports: check the entry and transit requirements that apply to your nationality. Airline transit rules may differ from destination entry rules.

U.S. State Department: Senegal

CDC travel health: Senegal

The Gambia entry requirements

Crossing by land from Senegal on April 13. Current guidance checked November 13, 2026.

TOURIST VISA

U.S. passport holders require a Gambian visa. Arrange it in advance for this overland itinerary unless AAT confirms visa issuance at the planned border crossing.

YELLOW FEVER CERTIFICATE

A yellow fever certificate is required because you arrive from Senegal. Carry the original yellow card; it becomes valid **10 days after a first vaccination** and remains **valid for life**.

PASSPORT

The Gambia requires validity through the stay and one blank stamp page. Senegal's six-month validity requirement should guide preparation for the whole journey.

GOVERNMENT CHARGES

Visa and any applicable entry, exit or airport security charges are additional. Check the current amounts and accepted payment methods before departure.

DOCUMENTS AT THE BORDER

Keep your passport, visa, yellow card, hotel details and confirmed onward flight from Banjul with you during border formalities.

IF YOU CANNOT RECEIVE THE VACCINE

Discuss medical documentation with a travel-health clinician and confirm acceptance with the relevant authorities before travel. Do not assume that a medical waiver will be accepted at the border.

FINAL CHECK Entry rules can change. AAT's predeparture information will identify the documents to have ready for the group crossing. Other passport holders should verify the requirements for their nationality.

Gambian Embassy: visa information

U.S. State Department: The Gambia

CDC: The Gambia / Yellow card validity

What Nigeria includes

April 2-8, 2028 | Seven days focused on culture, history, learning and connection.

PROJECTED PACKAGE / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

$3,500 per person

7 days / 6 nights
3 Lagos + 2 Benin City + 1 Lagos airport hotel

INCLUDED	YOUR PACKAGE
Accommodations	Three nights at Lagos Continental; two at Protea Benin City Select Emotan; one final night at Sheraton Lagos.
Meals	Six breakfasts, four touring lunches and three group dinners. The optional cooking-class tasting is additional.
Flights & transport	Round-trip domestic flights between Lagos and Benin City; scheduled airport transfers, Badagry boat transport and Abeokuta road transport.
Guided experiences	Abeokuta, Nike Art Gallery, Badagry naming ceremony and Zangbeto / Sato, Benin City heritage tour and a daytime New Afrika Shrine visit.
AAT support	Staff support, trip T-shirt, onsite low-resolution photography and a trip highlight video.
Travel preparation	Visa costs remain included. Follow AAT instructions before applying or paying separately.

Not included: international airfare except the Lagos-Dakar flight when purchasing the extension; room upgrades and optional classes; meals not listed; immunizations; travel insurance; personal expenses.

Projected prices and named services are subject to final 2028 supplier confirmation. Domestic flight times and baggage allowance will be confirmed when bookings open.

What your extension includes

Senegal & The Gambia | 8 days / 7 nights | Projected prices; 2028 supplier confirmation pending.

$4,100

PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

SINGLE OCCUPANCY $5,300

Private room for all seven extension nights.

INCLUDED	YOUR EXTENSION
Accommodations	Seven nights: four at Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza, one at Hotel Keur Saloum in Toubacouta and two at Coco Ocean Resort & Spa. The April 8 arrival night is included.
Flights & transfers	Lagos-Dakar flight; airport welcome, hotel and road transfers; Gorée ferry, Kunta Kinteh Island boat excursion and departure transfer to Banjul Airport.
Dakar discoveries	African Renaissance Monument, African Memory Square, Grand Mosque, markets and neighborhoods; Senegalese wrestling arranged around the local schedule.
History & heritage	Gorée Island and the House of Slaves; Museum of Black Civilizations; Kunta Kinteh Island and the history of the Gambia River.
Landscapes & adventure	Lake Retba and salt-harvesting traditions; ATV adventure; Toubacouta in the Saloum region; Fathala Wildlife Reserve and its planned lion encounter.
Gambian culture	National Museum, Arch 22, Kachikally Crocodile Pool, and a batik and indigo-dyeing workshop with a hands-on demonstration where available.
Meals in the itinerary	Seven breakfasts; beachside lunch and dinner on April 10; special farewell dinner on April 14. The April 9 welcome dinner is optional.

The flight home from Banjul (BJL) is not included. The optional welcome dinner, unlisted meals and drinks, visa and government charges, travel insurance and personal expenses are additional. Experiences follow the access and operating conditions in this brochure.

MAKE THE EXPERIENCE YOURS

Choose your extras

Prices are per person, in addition to the $3,500 Nigeria package. All are projected for 2028.

SINGLE-ROOM UPGRADE / NIGERIA

A private room for all six Nigeria nights. Nigeria total with this upgrade: $4,600.

$1,100

AFRICAN DANCE & DRUMMING

Benin City / Wednesday, April 5 / 5:00-6:30 PM. Learn rhythms and movement with local instructors.

$75

NIGERIAN COOKING CLASS

Benin City / Thursday, April 6 / 5:00-7:30 PM. Prepare local dishes and enjoy a shared tasting.

$100

SENEGAL & THE GAMBIA / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

April 8 arrival night plus six nights sharing on the tour. Includes the Lagos-Dakar flight.

$4,100

SENEGAL & THE GAMBIA / SINGLE OCCUPANCY

April 8-15 / seven nights in a private room. Includes the flight and extra Dakar night. Nigeria room upgrade is separate.

$5,300

Choose one extension occupancy option. Nigeria + extension: **$7,600 sharing** or **$9,900 with a private room throughout**, before optional classes. Classes, room allocations and extension fares are subject to final supplier confirmation.

Your journey at a glance

April 2-8, 2028 | Nigeria main trip. Continue directly into the optional extension on April 8.

DATE	DESTINATION	THE PLAN	OVERNIGHT
SUN / APR 2	Lagos	Arrival, hotel check-in and AAT host dinner.	Lagos Continental
MON / APR 3	Abeokuta / Lagos	Olumo Rock, Presidential Library, batik; Nike Art Gallery.	Lagos Continental
TUE / APR 4	Badagry	Naming ceremony, Zangbeto / Sato and heritage sites.	Lagos Continental
WED / APR 5	Benin City	Morning flight; hotel check-in; optional dance / drumming.	Protea Select Emotan
THU / APR 6	Benin City	Igun Street, museum and palace; optional cooking class.	Protea Select Emotan
FRI / APR 7	Lagos / Ikeja	Flight back by noon target; New Afrika Shrine; Sheraton.	Sheraton Lagos
SAT / APR 8	Departure / Dakar	Fly home, or continue to Dakar for the optional extension.	Home / Noom Dakar

Flight planning: April 7 targets arrival in Lagos by noon for a daytime New Afrika Shrine visit, then Sheraton in Ikeja. This remains subject to the published 2028 flights. Extension travelers continue to Dakar on April 8.

Your journey at a glance

Dakar / Gorée / Toubacouta / The Gambian coast | Eight days, seven nights.

DATE	DESTINATION	MAIN EXPERIENCES	OVERNIGHT
Apr 8	Lagos / Dakar	Included Lagos-Dakar flight; airport welcome, hotel transfer and check-in.	Noom Dakar
Apr 9	Dakar, Senegal	Breakfast and leisure; meet the main group and enjoy an optional Senegalese welcome dinner.	Noom Dakar
Apr 10	Dakar	Monument, African Memory Square, Grand Mosque, markets, beachside lunch, wrestling and evening dinner.	Noom Dakar
Apr 11	Gorée / Dakar	Ferry to Gorée, House of Slaves and historic streets; Museum of Black Civilizations.	Noom Dakar
Apr 12	Lake Retba / Toubacouta	Lake landscapes, salt-harvesting traditions and ATV adventure; continue to the Saloum region.	Hotel Keur Saloum
Apr 13	Fathala / The Gambia	Wildlife experience, border crossing and Kunta Kinteh Island; continue to the Atlantic coast.	Coco Ocean
Apr 14	Banjul / Bakau	National Museum, Arch 22, Kachikally, batik and indigo workshop; special farewell dinner.	Coco Ocean
Apr 15	Banjul departure	Breakfast, checkout and transfer to Banjul International Airport for the flight home.	Tour concludes

APRIL 8: Fly from Lagos (LOS) to Dakar (DSS); transfer to Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza.
APRIL 15: Depart from Banjul International Airport (BJL). The flight home is excluded.

THE ITINERARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

A warm AAT welcome

ON ARRIVAL Meet the transfer team at Lagos airport and travel to Lagos Continental Hotel on Victoria Island.

3:00 PM Planned hotel check-in. Unpack, refresh and settle into the city.

8:00 PM Meet fellow travelers at the included AAT host dinner. Hear an introduction to the places, traditions and history that shape the week ahead.

OVERNIGHT
Lagos Continental / night 1 of 3
MEALS: D



BATIK / ABEOKUTA

Art across generations

Abeokuta introduces Egba history, landscape and textile traditions. Nike Art Gallery brings the day into the living world of Nigerian art.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Abeokuta & Nigerian art

6:00 AM Depart for Abeokuta after an early or packed breakfast.

MORNING Explore Olumo Rock, the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library and a batik exhibition, discovering Egba heritage and textile traditions.

12:00 PM Included lunch, then leave for Lagos around 1:00 PM.

4:30-5:00 PM TARGET Arrive at Nike Art Gallery in Lekki before returning to the hotel. Browse Nigerian painting, sculpture and textiles; arrival depends on road traffic and confirmed gallery access.

EVENING Return to Lagos Continental, refresh and enjoy the included group dinner.

OVERNIGHT
Lagos Continental / night 2 of 3
MEALS: B, L, D

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Batik / AAT original Nigeria brochure.

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THE ITINERARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

A meaningful homecoming

7:00 AM Depart Lagos by boat for the approximately two-hour journey to Badagry.

9:00 AM Join the African naming ceremony and Zangbeto / Sato celebration, guided by the local community.

12:00 PM Lunch on the beach.

1:00 PM Visit the Heritage Museum, reflect at the Point of No Return and see the First Storey Building.

4:00 PM Depart by boat; arrive in Lagos around 6:00 PM and transfer to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT
Lagos Continental / night 3 of 3
MEALS: B, L



BENIN ROYAL ART / MET COLLECTION

Heritage across generations

Badagry connects the journey to a homecoming and reflection. Benin City introduces the royal history and artistic traditions of the Edo people.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Into the Benin Kingdom

MORNING Check out and transfer to the domestic terminal for the planned Lagos-Benin City flight. The airline and departure time will be confirmed for 2028.

ON ARRIVAL Transfer to Protea Hotel Benin City Select Emotan. Store luggage if rooms are not yet ready.

2:00 PM Standard hotel check-in.

5:00-6:30 PM Optional African dance and drumming class in Benin City. Otherwise, enjoy a relaxed evening at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT
Protea Select Emotan / night 1 of 2
MEALS: B

Naming ceremony / AAT original Nigeria brochure.

Benin royal plaque / The Met / public domain.

Protea exterior / Marriott property photography.

THE ITINERARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

The Benin Kingdom

9:00 AM Explore Igun Street, home to Benin's royal brass-casting guild. Learn how artists create the figures and reliefs associated with the kingdom.

LATE MORNING Visit the National Museum on King's Square and Ogiamen Ancient Palace, connecting Edo art, royal heritage and historic architecture.

1:00 PM Included lunch, followed by time to rest at the hotel.

5:00-7:30 PM Optional Nigerian cooking class, including a tasting of the dishes prepared. Travelers who skip the class have a free evening.

OVERNIGHT
Protea Select Emotan / night 2 of 2
MEALS: B, L



NEW AFRIKA SHRINE / IKEJA

Heritage, craft & sound

From Benin royal art to Afrobeat in Lagos, the final Nigeria days focus on the stories and people behind enduring cultural traditions.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Afrobeat & Lagos

MORNING Check out and transfer to the airport for the flight to Lagos. Target arrival is around noon; exact flight times await the 2028 schedule.

1:00 PM TARGET Enjoy an included lunch after the airport arrival.

2:00 PM TARGET Visit the New Afrika Shrine in Ikeja to explore Fela Kuti's Afrobeat legacy and the venue's cultural significance. This is a daytime visit; a live performance is not promised.

LATE AFTERNOON Check into Sheraton Lagos in Ikeja and relax.

8:00 PM Enjoy the included farewell dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT
Sheraton Lagos / final Nigeria night
MEALS: B, L, D

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New Afrika Shrine / Comradeayobami / CC BY-SA 4.0; cropped, same license.

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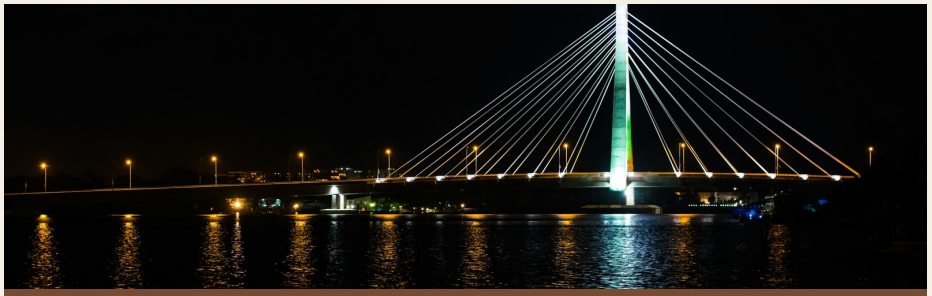
Two ways forward

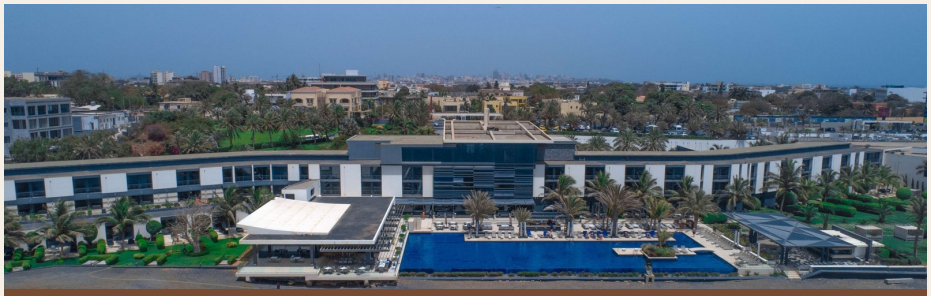
The Nigeria journey concludes today, or continue seamlessly into Senegal and The Gambia.



NIGERIA ONLY / FLY HOME

BREAKFAST & CHECKOUT
Breakfast at Sheraton Lagos; checkout by noon.

AIRPORT TRANSFER
Your scheduled transfer takes you to Lagos airport for the international flight home.



OPTIONAL EXTENSION / FLY TO DAKAR

EARLY DEPARTURE
Early checkout and airport transfer; a packed breakfast will be requested.

ARRIVE IN DAKAR
Fly to Dakar, meet the transfer team and check into Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza for the included April 8 arrival night.

PLANNING REFERENCE / AIR PEACE VIA ABIDJAN
Current Saturday schedule: Lagos 7:00 AM - Abidjan 7:50 AM; onward 8:30 AM - Dakar 11:30 AM. Approximately 5 hours 30 minutes overall; times are local.

The extension includes a $650 airfare allowance. This 2026 timetable is a reference, not a confirmed April 2028 flight.

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THE ITINERARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Settle into Dakar

BREAKFAST & LEISURE Enjoy breakfast at Noom, then take the morning at your own pace. Relax by the sea or enjoy the hotel facilities.

MAIN GROUP WELCOME Welcome fellow travelers arriving for the core Senegal and The Gambia tour.

TIME IN DAKAR Spend the afternoon at leisure, with time to rest before tomorrow's city discoveries.

OPTIONAL WELCOME DINNER Sample Senegalese cuisine at an optional welcome dinner, or enjoy a quiet evening at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT
Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza
MEALS: B / WELCOME DINNER OPTIONAL

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GORÉE ISLAND / COLORFUL WATERFRONT

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Welcome to Dakar

Teranga is the spirit of Senegalese hospitality. Settle in, then discover the capital's traditions, neighborhoods and Atlantic flavors.

MEALS: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Discover Dakar

MORNING CITY TOUR After breakfast, visit the African Renaissance Monument, African Memory Square, selected markets and neighborhoods.

GRAND MOSQUE Admire the architecture and learn about Islam in Senegal. Interior access follows local rules.

BEACHSIDE LUNCH Enjoy lunch beside the Atlantic, with seafood or other local specialties.

SENEGALESE WRESTLING Discover la lutte sénégalaise through a training visit, demonstration or event, depending on the schedule.

EVENING DINNER Dine at the Lighthouse Restaurant or a similar selected Dakar venue.

OVERNIGHT
Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza
MEALS: B, L, D

African Renaissance Monument / Gromane / CC0 1.0; cropped, same license.

THE ITINERARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Island of memory

FERRY TO GORÉE After breakfast, transfer to the harbor and take the ferry to the historic island.

HOUSE OF SLAVES Visit the House of Slaves and its exhibitions, subject to opening arrangements. Reflect on the island's role in remembrance of the transatlantic slave trade.

ISLAND EXPLORATION Walk the peaceful streets, see historic buildings and browse local handicrafts. Allow time for photographs and reflection.

MUSEUM OF BLACK CIVILIZATIONS Return to Dakar for exhibitions on African civilizations, art, heritage and the diaspora.

EVENING Return to Noom for an evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT
Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza
MEALS: B

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LAKE RETBA / COLOR VARIES WITH CONDITIONS

Heritage & the Saloum

Ferry times and museum openings shape April 11. Lake Retba's name does not guarantee pink water on the day of your visit.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Lake, dunes & delta

BREAKFAST & CHECKOUT Leave Dakar and travel to Lake Retba, known as the Pink Lake.

LAKE & LOCAL LIFE Learn about the lake's environment and salt-harvesting traditions. Pink coloration depends on natural conditions.

ATV ADVENTURE Ride through designated areas near the lake, following the operator's briefing and safety requirements.

JOURNEY TO TOUBACOUTA Continue through rural Senegal to the Saloum region. This is a full travel day with stops along the way.

CHECK-IN & RELAX Arrive at Hotel Keur Saloum and unwind beside the delta landscape.

OVERNIGHT
Hotel Keur Saloum, Toubacouta
MEALS: B

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THE ITINERARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Wildlife & roots

EARLY DEPARTURE After breakfast, check out and travel to Fathala Wildlife Reserve.

FATHALA EXPERIENCE Join the guided wildlife experience and planned lion encounter, subject to availability and the reserve's operating and participation rules.

CROSS THE BORDER Continue into The Gambia and complete immigration formalities with your travel documents ready.

KUNTA KINTEH ISLAND Take the boat excursion to the island and explore its connection to the transatlantic slave trade and the heritage of the Gambia River.

ON TO THE COAST Follow the coordinated river crossing to Coco Ocean Resort & Spa, with arrival planned for the evening.

OVERNIGHT
Coco Ocean Resort & Spa
MEALS: B

Sine-Saloum Delta / Issiaga0 / CC BY-SA 4.0; cropped, same license.



KACHIKALLY CROCODILE POOL / BAKAU

Into The Gambia

April 13 requires an early start and coordinated boat and border arrangements. The farewell dinner is on April 14.

Kachikally / Ikiwaner / CC BY-SA 3.0; cropped, same license.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Culture & celebration

BANJUL LANDMARKS After breakfast, visit the National Museum and Arch 22. Explore selected areas of the capital and observe local life.

KACHIKALLY Visit the crocodile pool in Bakau and learn about its cultural importance and traditional beliefs.

BATIK & INDIGO Discover textile patterns and dyeing techniques at a local workshop. Join a hands-on demonstration where available.

SPECIAL FAREWELL DINNER Celebrate with local cuisine, warm hospitality and shared memories of Senegal and The Gambia.

FINAL NIGHT Return to Coco Ocean for your last night on the Atlantic coast.

OVERNIGHT
Coco Ocean Resort & Spa
MEALS: B, D

Arch 22 / tjabeljan / CC BY 2.0; cropped, same license.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Fly home from Banjul

Banjul International Airport (BJL) | The journey concludes today.



THE GAMBIAN COAST / COCO OCEAN

MEALS: B / TOUR CONCLUDES

April 15 is reserved for departure. No additional sightseeing or farewell dinner is scheduled today.

BREAKFAST & CHECKOUT

Enjoy breakfast at Coco Ocean Resort & Spa, collect your belongings and check out according to the hotel and transfer arrangements.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

At the agreed time, meet your driver for the transfer to Banjul International Airport. Keep your passport and flight documents accessible.

FLIGHT HOME

Depart with memories of Teranga, island heritage, wildlife and Gambian culture. Your flight home from Banjul is not included.

DATES / LOCATION	YOUR HOTEL
Apr 8-12 / Dakar	Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza
Apr 12-13 / Toubacouta	Hotel Keur Saloum
Apr 13-15 / The Gambia	Coco Ocean Resort & Spa

Coco Ocean Resort & Spa / Official property photography.

Art, heritage & living culture

The experiences that make this more than a sightseeing tour.



NIKE ART GALLERY / LAGOS

NIKE ART GALLERY

Discover paintings, sculpture and textiles by Nigerian artists. Your visit follows the Abeokuta excursion on April 3, linking traditions of hand-dyed cloth with the range of modern and contemporary Nigerian art.

WELCOME HOME IN BADAGRY

Meet the community, receive an African name and experience the music and movement of the Zangbeto / Sato celebration. Your guides place the ceremony in its local context before the afternoon turns to the difficult history of the slave trade.

OLUMO ROCK & BATIK

At Olumo Rock, hear how the landscape served as a refuge and defensive position. The batik stop explores the handwork behind patterned cloth, while the Presidential Library presents documents and objects from Nigeria's political history.

NEW AFRIKA SHRINE / APRIL 7
The Ikeja venue carries Fela Kuti's Afrobeat legacy through music and cultural expression. Explore its story on a daytime visit before the final hotel stay.

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The art, the kingdom, the people

A closer look at the three heritage stops on the Benin City tour.



Equestrian Oba plaque / The Met / public domain.

IGUN STREET / THE BRASS-CASTING QUARTER

Walk through the quarter associated with the Igun Eronmwon, Benin's royal guild of brass casters. Your guide explains the link between the artisans, the court and the figures and reliefs for which Benin is known. Where workshops are open, see the craft at close range and browse work made by local artists. Demonstrations depend on the artisans' working schedules.

BENIN CITY NATIONAL MUSEUM

On King's Square, the museum provides context for the city and the former Benin Kingdom through its collections of terracotta, bronze and iron objects. Your guide connects the works on display with the wider story of Edo culture; collections and individual displays may change.

OGIAMEN ANCIENT PALACE

Continue to the historic palace, a national monument associated with the city's older political and family traditions. Explore the architectural setting with a local guide and hear how the site fits into the story of Benin City. Access to interiors follows the custodians' arrangements.

Dakar, memory & living culture



DAKAR'S ATLANTIC COAST AT NOOM SEA PLAZA



HISTORIC GORÉE WATERFRONT

A CAPITAL WITH MANY RHYTHMS

Dakar brings together Atlantic views, modern landmarks, markets and religious traditions. The African Renaissance Monument and African Memory Square introduce different expressions of identity and remembrance. The Grand Mosque offers a perspective on the role of Islam in daily life, while the wrestling experience reveals a sport with its own rituals, performance and devoted following. Beachside lunch and evening dining add a taste of the city.

GORÉE & THE MUSEUM OF BLACK CIVILIZATIONS

Gorée is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a place of remembrance for the African diaspora. Its streets, historic buildings and House of Slaves invite reflection on enslavement and the transatlantic trade. Back in Dakar, the Museum of Black Civilizations widens the story through African history, art and cultural achievements. Together, the visits create space for remembrance and a broader celebration of African creativity.

UNESCO: Island of Gorée

ON THE DAY Wear comfortable shoes for the island's streets and allow time for reflection. House of Slaves access and the museum visit follow opening arrangements.

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Historic buildings on Gorée Island | GabrielBuissart / CC BY-SA 3.0; cropped, same license.

Lake landscapes & the Saloum



LAKE RETBA AND ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



MANGROVE WATERWAYS OF THE SALOUM REGION

LAKE RETBA & THE JOURNEY SOUTH

Lake Retba is known internationally as the Pink Lake, yet its appearance changes with environmental conditions. The visit focuses on its landscape and the communities whose livelihoods have long been linked to salt harvesting. An ATV ride adds an active experience in designated areas nearby. Continue south through Senegal to Toubacouta, where waterways, mangroves and a quieter pace replace the bustle of Dakar.

TOUBACOUTA & FATHALA

Hotel Keur Saloum places the group beside the delta landscape for one night before the journey to The Gambia. The following morning brings the guided Fathala wildlife experience. The planned lion encounter is a managed activity led by the reserve's team. Follow their briefing and instructions throughout the experience. Participation depends on the confirmed session, operating conditions and individual eligibility.

Official Fathala lion-encounter rules

FATHALA PARTICIPATION The operator requires a minimum height of 1.5 meters (about 4 ft 11 in). Follow the briefing, wear secure footwear and avoid loose clothing and animal prints.

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Mangrove waterways, Sine-Saloum Delta | Issiaga0 / CC BY-SA 4.0; cropped, same license.

River heritage & Gambian traditions



FORT RUINS ON KUNTA KINTEH ISLAND



KACHIKALLY CROCODILE POOL, BAKAU

KUNTA KINTEH ISLAND

The island and its related sites form a UNESCO World Heritage property that records centuries of contact along the Gambia River. The fort ruins connect the landscape to the history of trade, enslavement and abolition. The visit is also associated with the story of Kunta Kinteh and the wider heritage of the river region. Boat access and onward crossings are coordinated around local conditions on this full travel day.

BANJUL, BAKAU & CREATIVE TRADITIONS

The National Museum introduces Gambian history and cultural heritage, while Arch 22 connects the capital's skyline to its modern political story. In Bakau, Kachikally is both a visitor attraction and an important place in local belief and tradition. The batik and indigo workshop highlights the skill behind patterned textiles. A farewell dinner on April 14 brings these experiences together before the flight home the next day.

UNESCO: Kunta Kinteh Island and Related Sites

EXPLORE RESPECTFULLY Follow local guidance at cultural and wildlife sites, ask before photographing people, and observe animals from the areas designated by the guide.

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Your Lagos hotels

Three nights on Victoria Island, then one final night in Ikeja after the return from Benin City.



LAGOS CONTINENTAL HOTEL / VICTORIA ISLAND



SHERATON LAGOS HOTEL / IKEJA

Lagos Continental Hotel

Your base for the first three nights. Its Victoria Island setting puts you close to the city's dining and cultural districts. The hotel offers restaurants, a pool and fitness facilities, with twin-room categories suitable for travelers sharing.

Stay: April 2-5, 2028 / three nights.
Address: 52A Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island.
Planned room: shared twin / double or private room; allocation subject to the group booking.
Official hotel: thelagoscontinental.com

Sheraton Lagos Hotel

Your final-night hotel on the mainland in Ikeja, after the New Afrika Shrine visit. An outdoor pool, fitness facilities and several dining venues provide a comfortable place to rest before your onward flight. AAT will coordinate the transfer; the hotel does not provide a standard airport shuttle.

Stay: April 7-8, 2028 / one night.
Address: 30 Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja.
Check-in / out: 3:00 PM / 12:00 PM.
Official hotel: Sheraton Lagos / Marriott

Property photography: Lagos Continental Hotel and Marriott / Sheraton Lagos.

Protea Hotel Benin City Select Emotan

April 5-7, 2028 | Two nights in Benin City.



PROTEA SELECT EMOTAN / OUTDOOR POOL

Stay: April 5-7, 2028 / two nights.
Standard check-in: 2:00 PM.
Standard checkout: 11:00 AM.
Room configuration: shared twin / double or private room, as booked.

Property photography: Marriott / Protea Hotel Benin City Select Emotan.

A COMFORTABLE CITY BASE

Located on Central Road, off Sapele Road, the hotel is approximately 2 km from Benin City Airport. Its location keeps the arrival transfer short and provides a convenient base for the heritage tour.

BETWEEN EXCURSIONS

Relax by the outdoor pool, use the fitness centre or enjoy the restaurant and lounge. Air-conditioned rooms include Wi-Fi, a safe, a mini-refrigerator and tea / coffee facilities.

Breakfast: included in AAT's proposed package; the hotel normally charges separately unless the booked rate includes it.

Official hotel information

Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza

DAKAR, SENEGAL | APRIL 8-12, 2028 | 4 NIGHTS



OCEANFRONT HOTEL AND POOL



ILLUSTRATIVE GUEST ROOM

YOUR STAY

Your first four nights are at Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza on Dakar's western corniche. The Atlantic setting offers a coastal base for the city tour, Gorée excursion and Museum of Black Civilizations. Unpack once and return here after each day of exploration.

AT THE HOTEL

The property combines contemporary accommodation with pool, dining and wellness facilities. Take time to enjoy the sea-facing setting between scheduled activities. The selected room category and any spa or other facility charges follow your booking.

Photos show the property. Room category, bed configuration, views and access to facilities follow the confirmed group reservation; separately charged services are additional.

Hotel information and photos: Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza / Radisson Hotels / Official property photography.

Hotel Keur Saloum

TOUBACOUTA, SENEGAL | APRIL 12-13, 2028 | 1 NIGHT



POOL AT KEUR SALOUM



DELTA-SIDE SETTING

YOUR STAY

Stay one night in Toubacouta at Hotel Keur Saloum, also presented as Keur Saloum Resort. The riverside setting provides a peaceful pause after Lake Retba and the journey south, before the early departure toward Fathala and The Gambia.

AT THE HOTEL

Rooms and bungalows sit among tropical gardens near the delta. The resort offers a pool and a restaurant overlooking the waterways. Its setting is part of the experience: river views, greenery and the slower rhythm of the Saloum region.

Photos show the property. Room category, bed configuration, views and access to facilities follow the confirmed group reservation; separately charged services are additional.

Hotel information and photos: Keur Saloum Resort / Official property photography.

Coco Ocean Resort & Spa

THE GAMBIAN ATLANTIC COAST | APRIL 13-15, 2028 | 2 NIGHTS



RESORT BEACHFRONT



ILLUSTRATIVE GUEST ROOM

YOUR STAY

Your final two nights are at Coco Ocean Resort & Spa on The Gambia's Atlantic coast. Arrive after the cross-border heritage day, then use the resort as your base for Banjul, Bakau and the farewell dinner before departing from Banjul Airport on April 15.

AT THE HOTEL

Moorish-inspired domes, white buildings and landscaped gardens lead toward the beach. Pool and spa facilities complement the coastal atmosphere. Enjoy the property as your schedule allows; optional treatments and separately charged resort services are additional.

Photos show the property. Room category, bed configuration, views and access to facilities follow the confirmed group reservation; separately charged services are additional.

Hotel information and photos: Coco Ocean Resort & Spa / Official property photography.