



TOUR OF SENEGAL LA "TERANGA" With community service in Niakhene village

DAY 1 – Depart
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DAY 2 – Arrive In Dakar

Arrive in Paris and Take your connection flight to Dakar. Arrive in Dakar, meet your English-speaking tour escort, board your private coach and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 3 – DAKAR – THIAROYE – LAC ROSE – THIES - ST. LOUIS

In the morning leave Dakar northwards to **St. Louis**. Have a short stop in **Thiaroye** in the suburbs of Dakar to visit the



big market where you can witness an interesting way of recycling any possible items. Continue on to **Lac Rose**, a lake lagoon surrounded by desert dunes. This water in this lake is 10 times saltier than the ocean water. The high concentration of minerals and a microscopic weed gives the lake a beautiful pinky color. Enjoy an exciting ride by on a 4x4 truck on the dunes and by the Ocean. Next stop will be in **Thies**, once site of the railway going to the

Niger River, now famous city for the Tapestry Manufacturing. See all the hand-made tapestries decorated by the local painters.

Arrive in **St. Louis**, a pretty colonial city. Once the capital of the French Colonial Empire, it was the first French settlement in Africa, then capital of Senegal up until 1958. The city is divided into the Peninsula of Langue de Barbarie, the island, and the inland. Take a tour including a nice ride on a horse caleche, on the island.



DAY 4 – ST. LOUIS – PARK OF DJOUDJ – DESERT OF LOUMPOUL

In the early morning take an excursion trip to the **Parc National des Oiseaux du Djoudj**, about one hour from St. Louis. It is a protected area belonging to UNESCO and considered one of the best Bird Sanctuaries in the world. You will be able to see huge colonies of pelicans among all the other exotic birds. In the afternoon leave southwards to the



Desert of Loumpoul, for an unforgettable night in an African camp where you will experience a bright starry night in the desert!



DAY 5/DAY 6 –DESERT OF LOUMPOUL - NIAKHENE

In the morning leave for the village of **Niakhene**. Arrive and meet **MRS MADJIGUENE MBAYE**, the lady who will supervise your home-stay and your experience of community service for this village, meet the Authorities of the village. Niakhene is a small African agricultural village. Part of your community service will help the elementary school. You will have time to meet the kids and talk with them about life in Niakhene and life in the U.S. Activities may include: grocery shopping with the village women, cooking local food, Senegalese dance classes, and open air big party in the evening with all the village including dinner and dances with live Senegalese music.

Another part of your community service will involve Slow Food International, www.slowfood.com, an organization whose campaigns are intended to increase public awareness on the importance of local consumption as a key factor in supporting local and traditional food production in Africa.



DAY 7 NIAKEHNE – TOUBA – MBOUR

In the morning leave for the south. Stop in **Touba**, the holy city of the Sufi brotherhood of Mouride. This is the place where the spiritual chief Sheikh Amadou Bamba lived. He is buried in the Mosque of Touba, a huge and wonderful building, whose minaret looks over the whole town.

Continue on south to **Mbour**, on the Petit Cote. Arrive in the afternoon in time to relax on the beautiful sandy beach!



overnight.

DAY 8 – MBOUR – SALOUM – FADIOUTH – MBOUR

From Mbour, enjoy a south excursion to the **Delta of Sinè-Saloum**, an area of 180.000 hectares of flat land scattered by bushes of palms, marshes and lagoons, making this area one of the most beautiful in Senegal. You will have a nice excursion by pirogue to one of the islands on the **Sinè-Saloum River**. Visit the village of **Joal-Fadiouth**. Fadiouth is built on an island fully made of sea shells, from the houses to the cemetery that mix Christians and Muslims. Return to Mbour for dinner and



DAY 9 – MBOUR – MINI SAFARIE - DAKAR

In the morning leave towards Dakar. Stop for a safari excursion to the **Bandia Wildlife Reserve**. Here you will be able to spot the typical African wildlife, such as rhinos, buffalos, antelopes, gazelles, giraffes, zebras, and the giant turtles called sulcata. Arrive in Dakar where you will spend the night.



DAY 10 – DAKAR

We start the guided tour with a nice ferry excursion to the little **Ile de Gorée**. On this island there are no paved streets or cars, but only narrow streets with houses covered by beautiful bougainvillea flowers, and buildings of bricks in colonial style. Visit the Musée de la Femme, dedicated to the women's rule during the history of Senegal; see the Church of San Carlo Borromeo and the Mosque. Walk to the Castle, with its fortress and cannon defending the entrance to the port of Dakar.

In the afternoon return to **Dakar**, visit the city with its main monuments. Continue to the bay of **Soumebedioune**, where the Lebu fishermen dock with their colorful boats and their loads of fresh fish. Visit the close by crafts village, where you can do some last minute souvenir shopping. Have dinner in a typical restaurant by the sea. Then transfer to the airport in time for your flight back home. Say your farewell to your Senegalese tour escort! **Dieureudieuf** (thank you in Wolof language)!!

