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## Tour key information

### Tour departure dates

3rd November. 1st December 2025. 5th January. 2nd February. 2nd March.  
6th April. 2nd & 30th Nov. 2026. 4th Jan. 1st Feb. 1st March. 5th April 2027

### Tour duration

- 8 days / 7 nights

### Tour type

- Group tour

### Min/Max

- Maximum 20 passengers per group

### Tour & stay

- Yes

### Child age

- Minimum 8 years.

### Tour pace

- Moderate pace

### Seasons on sale

- Winter 25 & Winter 26





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## Where is Senegal?



**Flying into:** Blaise Diagne International

TUI Charter Mondays

Flight time: approx. 6 hours

Time difference: Same as UK

## Key facts

- What to bring: Modest dress code – lightweight trousers and a jacket, long and short-sleeved T-shirts, sunglasses, sun cream, insect repellent spray, a crossbody bag, plus a camera – to capture the perfect snap.
- Language: French, however, you'll have local English-speaking guides.
- Entry requirements: For the most up-to-date passport and visa information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/senegal/entry-requirements>.
- Food and drink: Its national dish consists of marinated fish which is then cooked with tomato paste and vegetables. A lot of cuisine takes its influence from France however. Hibiscus water is popular, meanwhile, bars and restaurants do serve alcohol.
- Currency: We suggest bringing the Euro, however, local currency is West African CFA franc.
- Shopping: Handicraft markets in St. Louis as well as Thiès.



Jan 26°C Avg. Rain: 1mm	Feb 25°C Avg. Rain: 0mm	Mar 25°C Avg. Rain: 0mm	Apr 25°C Avg. Rain: 0mm	May 26°C Avg. Rain: 2mm	Jun 29°C Avg. Rain: 9mm
Jul 30°C Avg. Rain: 48mm	Aug 30°C Avg. Rain: 171mm	Sep 31°C Avg. Rain: 147mm	Oct 31°C Avg. Rain: 30mm	Nov 30°C Avg. Rain: 0mm	Dec 28°C Avg. Rain: 1mm



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## Bookable up until

- 7 days before departure, except December departures which are bookable up until 30 days before departure

## Day 1

Travelling distance: 0km

Upon arrival at DSS Airport, transfer to Retba Lake, also known as the famous "Pink Lake." This natural wonder was once renowned for its striking pinkish hue, caused by unique bacteria and high salt content, which could shift to purple depending on sunlight intensity. However, due to seasonal flooding, the lake's color has changed, though it remains a remarkable destination.

Enjoy lunch by the lake (at your own expense) before embarking on an exhilarating 4WD jeep ride across the sand dunes and along the beach. Retba Lake is also known as the final stage of the legendary Paris-Dakar Rally, adding to its historical significance.



Meals included: Dinner

Hotel: Colonial Hotel, Dakar or similar

## Day 2

Travelling distance: 40km

After breakfast, depart for Gorée Island, a place of historical significance and serene beauty. Take a ferry across the bay to reach this UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its peaceful ambiance, narrow streets, and charming red-ochre houses adorned with bougainvillea.

Gorée Island stands as a powerful symbol of remembrance, as it was a major transit point during the transatlantic slave trade. Visit the House of Slaves, St. Charles Church, and the Historical Museum to gain insight into its poignant past. Stroll through the island's alleys and explore local art workshops, where painters showcase their work.

Enjoy lunch at Restaurant Ann Sabran (at your own expense), before returning to Dakar in the early afternoon for a city tour.

As the political, economic, and cultural hub of West Africa, Dakar offers a blend of history and modernity. Explore the Plateau district, including notable landmarks such as the railway station, city hall, Independence Square, and the Presidential Palace. Visit bustling craft and typical markets, with optional stops upon request.

In the evening, enjoy a seafood dinner at a local restaurant with stunning ocean views, before concluding the day.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Hotel: Colonial Hotel, Dakar or similar

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## Day 3

Travelling distance: 270km

Depart for St. Louis, with stops along the way at local handicraft markets, where you can browse and shop for unique artisanal goods.

Enjoy lunch at a traditional restaurant (at your own expense), where you'll have the opportunity to savour authentic Senegalese cuisine.

In the afternoon, explore the historic city of St. Louis, known for its rich colonial heritage. Discover the French colonial district, with its elegant architecture, and visit the fishermen's quarter, where you can experience the vibrant daily life of the local fishing community.



Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Hotel: La Residence Hotel, St Louis or similar

## Day 4

Travelling distance: 120km



After breakfast, depart for Djoudj National Park, the world's third-largest ornithological reserve. Embark on a bird safari by pirogue, where you'll have the chance to observe a diverse array of wildlife, including pelicans, cormorants, whistling ducks, Gambian geese, and fishing eagles, as well as crocodiles and snakes in their natural habitat.

Return to St. Louis for lunch at Sindone Restaurant (at your own expense). The afternoon is free for leisure and personal exploration

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Hotel: La Residence Hotel, St Louis or similar

## Day 5

Travelling distance: 320km

Depart for Thiès, with stops along the way at Ngaye rural market and a traditional leather sandal workshop, where you can observe local craftsmanship.

Enjoy lunch at Massa Massa Restaurant in Thiès (at your own expense) before continuing to Bandia Reserve for an unforgettable safari experience in this small but diverse wildlife sanctuary. Encounter some of Africa's most iconic mammals, including white rhinoceroses, zebras, giraffes, buffaloes, Derby elands, oryx, kudu, impalas, gazelles, and warhogs. You may also spot monkeys, jackals, mongooses, crocodiles, giant tortoises, ostriches, and over 120 bird species. After the safari, continue your journey to Palmarin



Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Hotel: King Baobab Lodge, Saloum Delta or similar



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## Day 6

Travelling distance: 0km

Departure on bus to visit the fishing port of Djiffer where a hundred pirogues offer a multicolored spectacle. Then boat trip to entrance into the bolongs where only the birds' cries accompany the silence. Visit small Niominka villages, walk on the island of Moundé. Picnic on a spit of sand.

Boat ride along small bolongs to reach the main inlet of the Saloum. Return to Palmarin Lodge, dinner and overnight.

**Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner**

**Hotel: King Baobab Lodge, Saloum Delta** or similar

## Day 7

Travelling distance: 80km

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning at the lodge before departing for Joal-Fadiouth, the hometown of Léopold Sédar Senghor, Senegal's first president. Have lunch at Restaurant Taverne de Joal (at your own expense), then visit the Mbogga Yaay Association, a cooperative of 70 women who have transformed their oyster farming practices to promote environmental sustainability. Learn about their innovative techniques, such as submerged shell garlands, floating pouches for oyster growth, and biological resting plots. The women are also involved in beekeeping, eco-friendly stove production, and the processing of local products like bissap, baobab, and moringa oil—all available for purchase at their cooperative.

Continue to Fadiouth Island, known for its unique shell-covered pathways. Visit the interfaith cemetery, where Muslims and Christians are buried side by side, explore the local market, the church, and the charming white alleyways before concluding the day with a drive to Saly.

**Meals included: Breakfast and dinner**

**Hotel: Neptune Hotel, Saly** or similar

## Day 8

Travelling distance: 0km

Depart for the airport for your flight home or transfer to your beach extension hotel



**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Extend your stay with a 7 or 14 night stay**