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We start the tour in Dakar, with a deep dive into the history and culture of Senegal, discovering the hidden and fascinating wonders of this West African country. We also explore Senegal's inextricable connections to the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and African American history.

Tour Highlights:

Visits to Dakar, Goree Island, where captured Africans were warehoused during the slave trade, St Louis, the Lompoul Desert, the Parc National de Langue de Barbarie, Fathala Nature Reserve, Sine Saloum Reserve, Kaolack, Joal, Fadiouth, Saly, Pink Lake, and so much more!

Days 1-3 Travel from the United States; Explore Dakar and Goree Island

Travel from the United States and tour Dakar, the capital of Senegal and Goree Island.

Dakar, is a modern cosmopolitan city of over two million inhabitants that will surprise you with its blend of western and traditional influences.

We will visit many of Dakar's most significant sites including:

Independence Plaza, the Presidential Palace, the Cathedral of Dakar, the Grand Mosque, the Gate of the 3rd Millennium, Dakar University and the Statute of the African Renaissance, the tallest statute in Africa.



Browse through Sandaga Market and the Craft Market of Soumbédioune, where you can shop and find traditional handicrafts and unique souvenirs.



Take a ferry cruise to Goree Island, which is about 3 miles from Dakar.

Goree Island is a tiny island with a violent past. Goree Island is a UNESCO World Heritage site which between the fifteenth and the eighteenth centuries was one of the main warehouses for the storage and shipment of captured and enslaved Africans headed for the Americas, the Caribbean and Brazil.



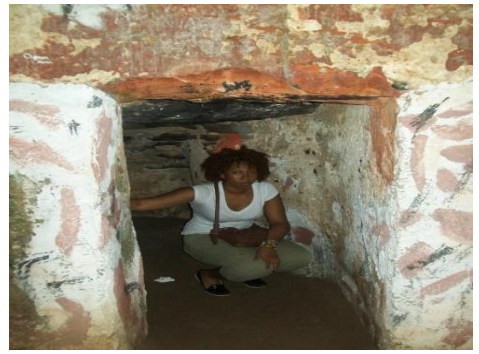
We will visit the shocking “House of Slaves” museum and learn more about Goree Island’s history as a vital player in the infamous Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

We will see the last place the ancestors saw before they boarded the crowded and inhumane slave ships, never to return home to Africa.

We will stand at this “Door-of-no-return” in the “House of Slaves” and hear a brief but informative lecture on slavery, from a uniquely African perspective.

This brief history of Goree will give you a sense of Senegal’s inextricable connections to African American history.





Days 4-6 Nature Park; St. Louis City and Lompoul Desert Tours

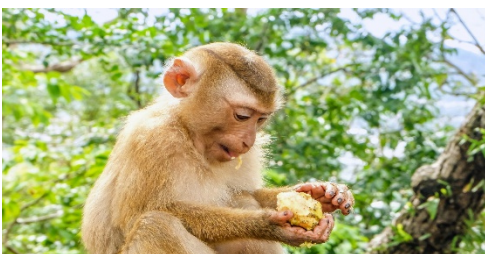
We begin with a tour of Parc National de la Langue de Barbarie.

We'll take the scenic route to observation areas that will allow you to witness the breathtaking spectacular flight of flamingos, flying in formation and huge pelicans breaking to fly.



The Parc National de Langue de Barbarie, is an ecosystem that is rich and varied. It is a unique combination of environments with mangroves, sand dunes, the Senegal River, the Langue de Barbarie, tidal wetlands, the beach, and the ocean.

The park is best known for its bird reproduction island and is an important stop on the European bird migration route.



The park hosts over 160 different species of



migratory and sedentary birds, as well as numerous reptile species, monkeys and other wildlife.

We will also tour the beautiful historic city of St. Louis.

St. Louis will remind you of New Orleans with its colorful wooden balconies lining narrow streets.



We will drive through this this unique city to take in its old multi-colored, magnificent houses and elegant old-world charm.



We will drive through the Lompoul desert and stop at the camp of Mauritanian Nomads who live in tents and observe traditions that have changed little over the centuries.





Our drive around the desert sand dunes will give you views of some of the most beautiful desert scenery in Africa. **Keep your cameras ready!!!**



Days 7-8 Safaris in Fathala Nature Reserve and Sine Saloum Reserve.

The Fathala Nature Reserve is over 2000 acres of a pristine natural environment which is home to countless species of African wildlife.

With our Safari Guide and in our vehicle, we will be able to follow the animal tracks through the wilderness in search of some of the many species that roam the area.

**You will see sights you have only imagined on this unique Safari adventure!
Have your cameras ready!**



In just a day, it is possible to spot in their natural habitat, Giraffes, Rhinos, Giant Elands, Zebras, Antelopes, and Buffaloes, just to mention a few.



This will be a great opportunity to take some of your most memorable photos!

You will have the opportunity to walk with lions!

Senegal is one of only six countries in the world, where you can walk with lions. For the experience of a lifetime, join our optional lion walk, where you will have the unique opportunity to walk peacefully with adult lions.

You will be accompanied by a Ranger, as you walk through this incredible lush terrain with lions walking just in front of you.



We will also drive through the Sine Saloum Reserve.

Due to its ecological diversity, the Sine Saloum Delta is home to an amazing array of birdlife, including flamingos, pelicans, herons and egrets.

You will be amazed at all you will see on this unforgettable day of Safari and wildlife observation.





There is nothing quite like spotting some of the area’s marvelous birds, while looking out for dolphins or watching local women harvesting oysters in the clear blue waters.



Days 9-11 Tour Kaolack Village; and Saly on the African “Riveria” and Travel to the United States City; Joal and Fadiouth

Kaolack is the third most important city in the country.

We will explore this interesting city and browse through the famous Kaolack Central Market, one of the country’s most colorful, where vendors from several neighboring countries concentrate, displaying varied unique items for sale, from traditional charms and amulets to everyday goods.

You will find one of a kind gifts, the most interesting souvenirs and so much more at this market. You will not want to miss this!



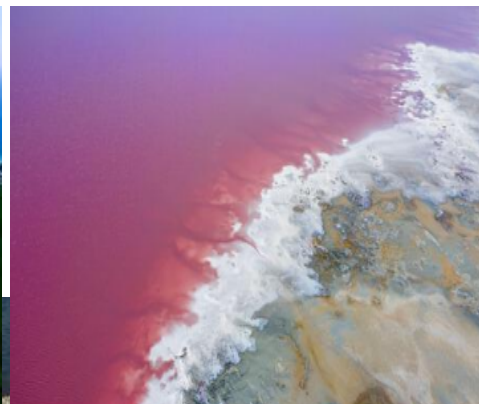
We will drive through the villages of Joal and Fadiouth and view villages virtually untouched by time; and observe village life that continues much as it has for centuries.

The village of Joal lies between the sea and the swamps and is filled with centuries old baobab trees that seem to be everywhere. You will see village scenes that have remain virtually unchanged over the centuries that allow you a glimpse into Africa's past.



Fadiouth, is an artificial island built with seashells collected for centuries by fishermen.

See Pink Lake, one of the most beautiful natural phenomena in the world.





Package Includes:

- **Roundtrip air-fare from New York**
- **Accommodation in Deluxe Hotels (twin/double occupancy)**
- **Breakfast Daily**
- **Five other meals (Lunch/Dinner)**
- **Comfortable air-conditioned bus**

- **Experienced, Licensed Driver**
- **Airport Transfers**
- **Knowledgeable Tour Guide**
- **Entry Fees to all sites visited**
- **Expert tour management and destination support to assist you throughout your journey.**

