

Escapade to Diola Country

13 days – 12 nights

Dakar, Ziguinchor, Seleki, Eloubaline, Oussouye, Miomp, Cap Skirring, Diembering, Carabane Island, Gorée Island, Retba Lake
Heritage, Adventure, Discovery, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

“Kassoumaye”! Welcome to Diola land. This tour in Casamance will make you discover the greenest region of Senegal and often described as the most beautiful. Casamance is considered the other Senegal, where authenticity is present in every encounter and experience. This trip to Casamance is an opportunity to discover the land of Teranga off the beaten track.

Day 1: Dakar

Upon arrival at Dakar International Airport you will be greeted by your local guide and transferred to the hotel. Take advantage of the afternoon to refresh yourself and relax before the start of your trip to Casamance. [D]

Day 2: Dakar, Ziguinchor

Leave for the visit of Dakar. You will discover the majestic African Renaissance Monument, an introduction to the history of Senegal. Direction downtown Dakar towards Independence Square. You will continue to the artisanal village of Soumbédioune and its market bringing together more than a hundred craftsmen: sculptors, weavers, tailors, etc. What do you say about meeting Senegalese clothing designers? Departure by boat to Casamance. Dinner and overnight aboard. [B/D]

Note: *The MV Aline Sioe Diatta sails to Ziguinchor on Tuesdays and Fridays*

Day 3: Ziguinchor

Have breakfast aboard the ferry before early morning arrival in Ziguinchor, administrative capital and also the most important city in all of Casamance. Founded by the Portuguese at the end of the 17th century, Ziguinchor was a trading post with colonial influences that blend perfectly with the authenticity of the city. You will start your day by visiting the traditional fishing port when the boats and families come to negotiate a kilo of fish. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit of a peanut factory and, then, meet with a group of women processors of cashew nut products and discover local fruits. End the day with a sculpture workshop with talented local painters & sculptors. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Ziguinchor, Seleki

You will leave for the traditional animist village of Seleki in order to better immerse yourself in the village culture and understand the legends and traditions to which the Casamance people are attached. Visit of the village before lunch. In the afternoon meet with the villagers immersed in their daily life to really experience the local culture. Lastly, you'll meet a village sage for an evening of friendly tales and legends. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Seleki

You will visit the royal and sacred wood of Enampor with its many fetishes and altars. In the afternoon, if the season is right, you will go into the bush with palm wine collectors and taste local wine for a new taste experience. At the end of the day, we invite you to discover the dances and other Diola traditions for an evening that promises to be festive! [B./L/D]

Day 6: Seleki, Eloubaline, Ousouye

For this day of tour in Casamance, you embark by canoe towards the traditional animist village of Eloubaline, cradle of the impluvium hut. The journey to the village is in itself magical. It crosses bongs and lush flora. Lunch on arrival and visit of the impluvium huts to discover the life of the

inhabitants on this islet. In a region where wells quickly become saline due to the proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and the eternal dry season seems to never come to an end, all water falling from the sky is blessed. We invite you to participate in the mangrove reforestation project or to learn about traditional fishing. Continue to Oussouye for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Oussouye

Depart for Oussouye, one of the largest cities in the region. Installation and lunch. This afternoon you're going to need to be agile with your hands! For this day's tour in Casamance, you will meet the women with reduced mobility from Oussouye, who make magnificent basketry objects, and participate in a workshop with them, followed by a pottery workshop. This evening you'll have an unusual encounter with an important figure of the village: The King of Oussouye. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 8: Oussouye (Miomp)

A short drive to Miomp to meet the women with strong personalities for an organic gardening activity, introduction to market gardening and discover regional vegetables. After gardening, you'll have an introduction to the delicious Senegalese cuisine participating in lunch preparation. You will taste what you have cooked in a group. Time to socialize and learn more about the local culture. At the end of the day, participate in a traditional loincloth weaving workshop with the Miomp women's association. Return to Oussouye for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 9: Oussouye, Cap Skirring

After breakfast, a 30-minute drive to Cap Skirring, one of the first tourism developments region's in Senegal very popular for relaxation. On the way, we stop in Katakalousse for an introduction to traditional oyster picking and tasting a few very fresh ones. Then, continue towards Kabrousse, village of the late queen and warrior Aline Sioe Diatta, where you will see her fetishes and altars. Free afternoon by the beach between coconut palms and the ocean. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 10: Cap Skirring (Diembering)

Cap Skirring is one of the most popular resorts in Casamance, especially for its wild coastline which offers the most beautiful beaches in the region. This morning, we take a short drive to Diembéring to visit the eco-park and discover the different plant and poultry species. Then, visit the Diola museum of Traditions and Fetishes installed in the middle of the Diembéring forest. After the visit enjoy an appetizer and a picnic by the beach for lunch. Return to Cap Skirring for dinner and overnight. [B/P/D]

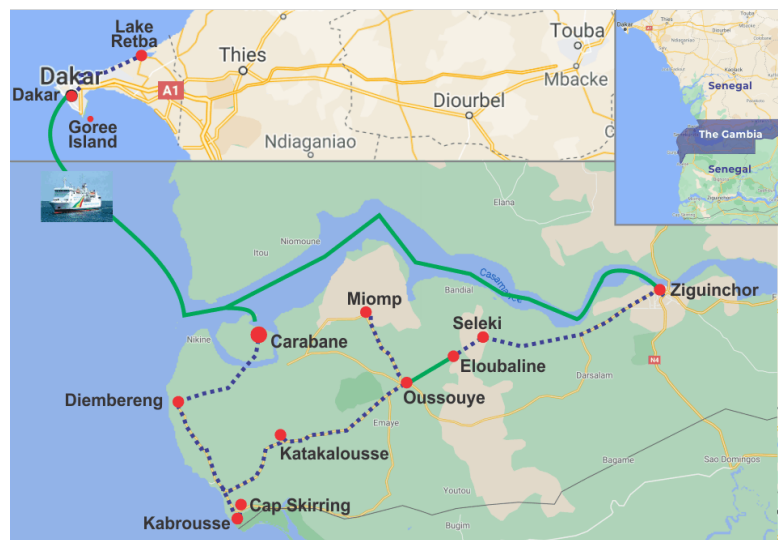
Day 11: Cap Skirring, Carabane Island, Dakar

After breakfast you will leave for Carabane to visit the island, which was the first capital of Casamance. This place is a real haven of peace. Lunch at a local restaurant and boarding in the middle of the afternoon. for the capital Dakar. Dinner on board and overnight in a comfortable cabin. [B/L/D]

Note: The MV Aline Sioe Diatta sails to Dakar on Thursdays and Sundays

Day 12: Dakar (Gorée Island)

Breakfast on board before arrival in Dakar, then transfer to the hotel. Board a rowboat to get to the island of Gorée, a stage rich in emotions. Listed as a World Heritage Site, the island was one of the main bastions of the slave trade. You will visit this charming island as well as the House of Slaves. Only 45 minutes from



Dakar, life on the island contrasts with the hustle and bustle of capital. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 13: Dakar, Lake Retba, USA

Be ready after breakfast with your luggage packed. This morning we go to Lake Retba or Lac Rose, so called because the pink color of the lake due to its mineral contents. During the day you'll see different shades of pink depending on the intensity of the sun. You will meet the communities exploiting the salt and go on a canoe excursion on the lake. Lunch near the lake and transfer to the airport to board your flight back home. [B/L]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast, Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner | [B/P/D] = Breakfast, Picnic and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- All arrival and departure transfers for airports and piers
- Welcome by a local fantastic African guide
- 12 nights' accommodation:
 - Dakar 2 nights
 - Ziguinchor 1 night
 - Sleki 2 nights
 - Oussouye 3 nights
 - Cap Skirring 2 nights
 - On board 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 8 lunches
 - 1 picnic lunch
 - 11 dinners
- Dakar city Tour
- Sculpture workshop in Ziguinchor
- Meet the villagers and their Sage in Seleki
- Sacred wood of Enampor
- Traditional Diola dances in Seleki
- Traditional animist village of Eloubaline
- Basketry workshop in Oussaouye
- Meet the King of Oussouye
- Cook an organic lunch in Miomp
- Katakalousse oyster picking and tasting

- Fetishes and altars of Queen Aline Siteo Diatta
- Diembéring Diola Museum of Traditions and Fetishes
- Gorée Island House of Slaves
- Salt mines of Lake Retba
- English-speaking guide for the tour
- Entrances to the sites mentioned according to the program
- Ferry transport between Dakar and Ziguinchor
- Ferry transport between Carababe Is. and Dakar
- Transport by 4x4 or minibus vehicle
- Driver for the tour
- Bottle pf water per person/day
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class*		
Dakar	Radisson Blu	4
Ziguinchor	Hotel Le Perroquet	4
Seleki	Eco-camp	4.5
Oussouye	Campement Aljowe	4.5
Cap Skirring	Campement No Stress	4.5
On Board	Aline Siteo Diatta	n/a

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

* Best in town

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- **Program**
You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals
- **Other options**
 - The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- **Quotation**
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.