

Dakar, Senegal

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8 am - 5 pm



fast facts

- * Major seaport & capital city of Senegal
- * Located on the Cape Verde Peninsula
- * Mainland Africa's westernmost city
- * Metro population ≈ 2.5 million
- * French Overseas territory until 1960
- * 7 UNESCO sites in Senegal
- * Over 30 % of Senegal's population lives in Dakar
- * Will hold its first Youth Olympic Games in 2026

- * Dock in Mole 1
- * City Center less than a mile away
- * Shuttle
- * Taxis available outside main entrance establish fare before departing
- * Vendors near dock



Dakar Tourist Information



Not needed



Wolof is the native language

French widely spoken; English spoken by people in tourist industry



CFA Franc is local currency, but US \$ is generally accepted

1 USD \approx 623.7 XFO

10 - 15% tip for restaurant bills (often added in bill)

Uncommon to tip Taxi drivers unless hired for the day.

ATM machines available (not all will take foreign cards)



66° - 78° Rainless season

Muggy



Check phone carrier for availability

Wifi can be found in many restaurants, hotels & cafes

Slower & less secure than we are used to



Majority of population is Muslim, although not as strict as other countries

Modest / Respectful

Our visit coincides with Ramadan....tourists destinations not affected



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Theoretically metered, but must negotiate fare beforehand
Drivers do not accept credit cards
Allo Taxi is similar to Uber



Cars can be rented
www.hertz.com
www.europcar.com



3 Main Senegalese Dishes:

Thieboudienne: fish & rice

Yassa: Sauce of onions, lemons & garlic. Used to garnish chicken and fish

Mafé: Peanut butter based sauce usually served in curry form

Attaya: Sweet mint tea

Senegalese Nem (spring rolls)



Marche Kemel: nearest the city center

Marché HLM: fabric vendors

Marché Sandaga: "Madness"

Islam Couture: Embroidered west African Muslin clothes

Village Artisana: Market for tourist items

Dakar Market: More of a Farmer's market

Extremely aggressive vendors!



Organized tours are recommended. Dakar is not very centric. Places to see are far apart.

Check with doctor for recommended vaccines





Tour Options & Resources

Dakar Highlights

Departs: 8:30 AM \approx 4½ Hours Adult \$129.95

Discover Dakar: History, Art & Culture

Departs: 8:30 AM \approx 7 Hours Adult \$289.95

Dakar & Ile de Goree

Departs: 8:00 AM \approx 8½ Hours Adult \$299.95

Ile de Goree

Departs: 8:30 AM \approx 4 Hours Adult \$129.95

Keur Moussa Abbey

Departs: 8:30 AM \approx 4½ Hours Adult \$139.95

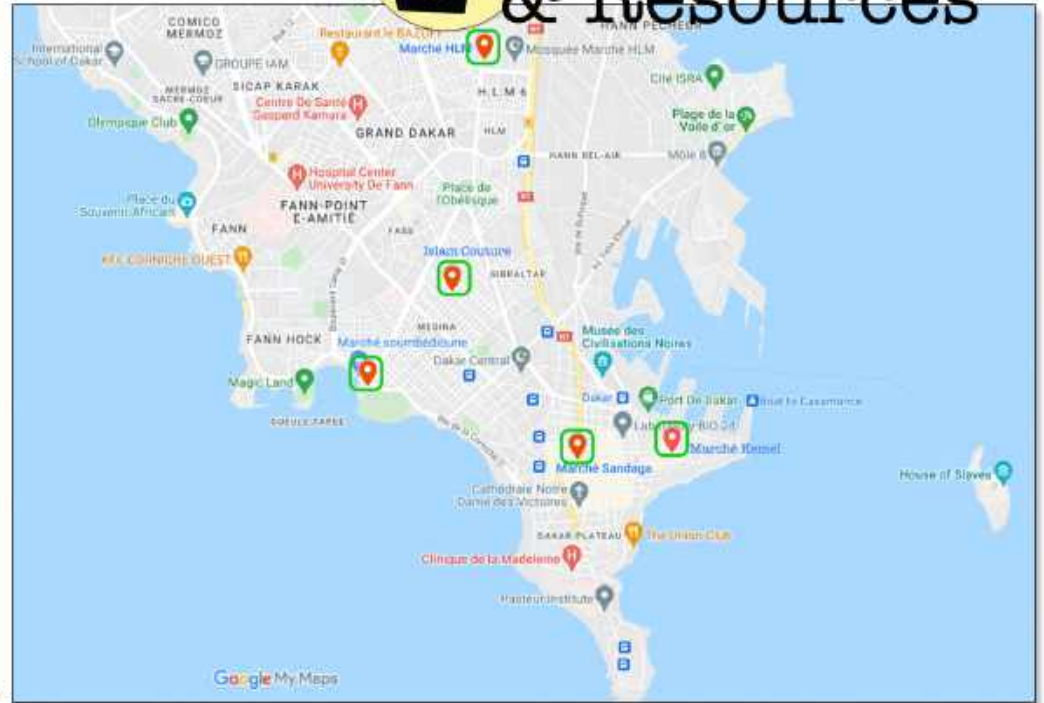


- * 50 km from Dakar
- * Benedictine Monastery
- * Agricultural Work
- * Kora Harp / Music

Dakar & the Pink Lake of Retba

Departs: 8:00 AM \approx 8½ Hours Adult \$269.95

- * 45 km from Dakar
- * Pink due to saline bacteria
- * Dry season



Bandia Wildlife Reserve

Departs: 8:30 AM \approx 4½ Hours Adult \$149.95

- * 58 km from Dakar
- * 1st private reserve in Senegal

