

Join us for

**The International Roots Festival 2011
Banjul, The Gambia, West Africa**

February 2-9, 2011

\$2999.00 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy

This 8 day package includes round trip air via South African Airways from Washington Dulles (IAD), Domestic flight Dakar/Banjul, first class hotels, breakfast daily, lunches and dinners (3) where noted, transfers, tours, registration to Gambia Roots Festival activities, all taxes, air conditioned motor coaches, all admissions, and English speaking guides.

TOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES:

- Day 1- Feb. 2nd - Depart Washington-Dulles Airport (IAD) for Dakar, Senegal via South African Airways flight 208 at 5:40 PM; meals and entertainment aloft.
- Day 2- Feb. 3rd - Arrive Dakar at 6:10 AM; clear customs; transfer to hotel and enjoy a full day of City sightseeing in Dakar, visiting colorful markets, Independence Square, University of Dakar and painting gallery. Embark upon a ferry ride to Goree Island, the island from which millions of enslaved Africans were shipped. Enjoy lunch at Goree and return to Dakar for day use of hotel before evening check-out and transfer to the Airport.
- Day 3 - Feb 4th - Check in at airport for your domestic flight to Banjul, The Gambia at 2:10 AM. Arrive Banjul early morning where you will be assisted by our local representative and transferred to Ocean Bay Seaside Hotel; check in and enjoy breakfast and the afternoon at leisure. Evening departure for the Opening Welcome Reception of the International Gambia Roots Festival at Karaiba Beach Hotel. Return to Ocean Bay Hotel.
- Day 4 - Feb. 5th -After breakfast, participate in the festive Carnival procession through the streets of Banjul and attend the Official Opening of the Festival. In the evening attend the International Music Concert at Independence Stadium. Return to Ocean Bay Hotel.
- Day 5 – Feb 6th – After breakfast, depart for Roots pilgrimage to Juffureh, the land of Kunta Kinteh from the renowned Roots novel by Alex Haley. Here you will visit various historical sites, the wall of no return, and visit James Island. Lunch will be served enroute, returning for Film night and Symposium at Jerma Beach Hotel in the evening. Return to Ocean Bay Hotel.
- Day 6 - Feb 7th - After breakfast, depart with pack-lunch for a full day Excursion to eco-tourism and cultural sights and attractions, including the National Museum of The Gambia, a tie-dye and batik factory in Bakau, the Mama Africa Women's Museum and more. Return to Ocean Bay Hotel to prepare for the African Gala Dinner featuring fashion, live bands and a kora symphony. Return to ocean Bay Hotel.

Day 7–Feb 8th – After early morning breakfast at your hotel, depart The Gambia via air conditioned bus. Cross the Banjul ferry, drive through Niominka Mandingo areas, meet village chiefs and people. After lunch, stop briefly in Kaolack, and proceed north to the Pink Lake, where you will take a four -wheel drive tour over the beautiful sand dunes surrounding the lake, visiting the Fulani Nomadic villages and seeing the salt harvesters at the lake. Enjoy a Farewell dinner at a local restaurant facing the lake with local entertainment before transferring that night to the airport in Dakar for your trans-Atlantic flight home.

Day 8 - Feb 9th -Check in at airport for South African Airways Flight 207 departing at 1:50 AM. Arrive Dulles International Airport (IAD) at 6:00 a.m.

Travel arrangements by Henderson Travel Service, Official Tour Operator for the International Gambia Roots Festival, 7961 Eastern Ave., Suite 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Contact Gaynelle Henderson-Bailey at 301-650-5700, extension 504 or gaynelle@hend.com or Ana Lopes on extension 506 or alopes@hend.com. **Major credit cards are accepted.** Single supplement is an additional \$325.00. Initial non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 due by December 17, 2010. Final payment is due before January 1, 2011. Make all payments to Henderson Travel Service and **Reference T-1304.**

Prices and dates are subject to change

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Please register me for the International Gambia Roots Festival Tour (T# 1304). Enclosed is my \$200.00 non-refundable deposit.

Name (as it appears on your passport)_____

Address_____ City_____ State___ Zip_____

Telephone (H)_____ (W)_____ (C)_____

Roommate_____ Single_____ Email_____

Date of Birth_____
