

JANUARY 21 TO 29 PHOTOGRAPHIC TRIP TO THE GAMBIA



Minimum 6 participants maximum 10

PRICE: € 1,750 / person in shared room.
SEO / BirdLife partners € 1,700 / person.
 Individual supplement € 195 / person.
 Departure and return: Madrid Airport
 Minimum 6 participants maximum 10.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

Private transport in Gambia.
 Full board accommodation.
 Tickets to the parks and reserves.
 Tips from local guides.
 Ornithological guide of the country.
 Minibus driver. Organization person.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International flights.
 Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks.
 Personal expenses.
 Tips to the guides and driver.
 Cancellation and accident insurance.

Travel Features:

Theme: photographic and ornithological trip.
 Duration: 9 days 8 nights.
 Group: Private 6 to 10 participants.
 Number of species possible to watch 300.
 Physical conditions: Low.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Madrid – Banjul
Day 2: Koto
Day3: Farasuto Forest Community Nature Reserve and Bonto Forest
Day 4: Kartong, Tujereng, Tanji and Brufut
Day 5: Kerewan, Jarjari, Kaur, Nnjau, Panchang, River Gambia National Park, Baobolong
Day 6: Georgetown, Bansang, Jakhali, Nema Konko, Batteling, Kiang West, Tendaba
Day 7: Tendaba, Brumen, Campanti, raptor bridge, Banjul
Day 8: Tambi, Abuko,
Day 9: Airport and arrival at Madrid and end of the trip

To see a post of a trip to Gambia in 2022 click on the following link: [The Gambia 2022](#)

SOME TARGUET SPECIES: The total number of species that can be seen on this trip exceeds 300 of which we have selected the following: Senegal Batis, White Fronted Black Chat, Brown-backed Woodpecker, Yellow Penduline Tit, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Yellow-bellied Hylia, Spotted Honey guide, White Spotted Flufftail, Green Crombec, Grey Headed Bristlebill, Little Greenbul, Greyish Eagle Owl, African Wood Owl, White Faced Scops Owl, Carmine Bee Eater, Red Throated Bee Eater, Little Green Bee Eaters, Northern Anteater-chat, Dorst's Cisticola, Burchell's Courser, Brown-rumped Bunting, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, Lizard Buzzard, African Harrier-Hawk, Gabar Goshawk, Palm-nut Vulture, Spur-winged Plover, Black-headed Heron and many more.

Among the mammals we will see, chimpanzees and hippos can be highlighted.

The Gambia, officially the Republic of The Gambia, or Republic of the Gambia, is a West African nation. It is completely surrounded by Senegal, except at the mouth of the Gambia River in the Atlantic Ocean. Its capital is Banjul, although the country's largest city is Serekunda. The country is located on the banks of the Gambia River, which gives its name to the country, and which runs through the center of the river with its mouth in the Atlantic Ocean. The country is the smallest in mainland Africa and the sixth smallest in Africa with a total area of 11,300 km². Of these, about 1,180 km² of Gambia's surface is covered with water. The Gambia shares with the rest of the nations of West Africa a past associated with the slave market, which was the key factor for the location and maintenance of a colony on the Gambia River, first maintained by the Portuguese and later by the British Empire. On February 18, 1965, The Gambia achieved its independence from the United Kingdom and, on April 24, 1970, became a Republic within the Commonwealth of Nations. It is a country with very fertile lands that have made agriculture one of the key elements of its economy, along with fishing and tourism. The maximum width of the country does not reach 50 kilometers. Being the smallest country on the African continent. The western edge of the country is occupied by the shores of the Atlantic Ocean that extend over a length of more than 80 kilometers of coastline. Gambia's climate is tropical. There is an especially hot and rainy season, usually from June to November, although from May cooler temperatures begin to be noticed with less rainfall.

Day 1: Arrival at Banjul International Airport and transfer to the hotel.

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Day 2: Kotu

Pick up time at 7:30 am. m. from the hotel to the Kotu bridge. We'll take a canoe ride. Some birds that we will be able to observe will be various species of Herons and Egrets, Kingfishers, Lapwings and other waders. When we finish the canoe tour and until noon, we will walk through the area in search of Bee-eaters, Woodpeckers, Sunbirds, Widows, Weavers, etc. We then headed to Kunta Kinteh beach restaurant for lunch. After lunch, around 2:30 p.m. we will go to the photo hide to see Common Greater Painted-snipe. We also toured the bike path and several ponds to spot White-faced Whistling-Duck, African Spoonbill, Hamerkop, Rollers and many more until 18:00 p.m. m. and then return to the hotel.

Day 3: Farasuto Forest Community Nature Reserve and Bonto Forest

At 7:30 a.m. we will leave for the Farasuto Forest Community Nature Reserve to spot Guinea Turaco and Violet Turaco, Greater Honeyguide, Spotted Honeyguide, and Lesser Honeyguide, Lavender Waxbill, Black-rumped Waxbill, Long-tailed Nightjar, Vermiculated Eagle-Owl, African Wood-Owl and many more species of the forest that we can photograph in the hide where we will be until 12:30 p.m. Later we will take a boat that will take us to Baobab Island Lodge to have lunch. After lunch, at 2:30 p.m., we will leave the island and take the van to reach the nearby Bonto Forest. In it, we will begin to look for White-spotted Flufftail, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Green Crombec and many other forest Birds. Around 18:00 pm we will return to the hotel.

Day 4: Kartong, Tujereng, Tanji and Brufut

We will start this day in Kartong, which is in the extreme southern of The Gambia, almost on the border with Senegal, to try to spot Purple Swamphen, African Jacana, African Spoonbill, White-fronted Plover, Blue-eared Starling, Abyssinian Roller, etc. until noon. Then a quick visit in the Tujereng forest for White-crowned Robin-Chat, Osprey, Yellow-billed Shrike, Striped Kingfisher, Vieillot's Barbet, Yellow Penduline-Tit, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver and other forest species. At noon we will eat at a restaurant near the sea in Tujereng. After lunch at 14:30 we walk around the beach for 30 minutes to photograph the various species of Gulls, such as the Grey-headed Gull, Red-billed Tern, Common Tern and some species of Sandpiper. Then we take the van to go to the drinking hide of the Brufut forest to observe and photograph Violet and Guinea Turaco, African Pygmy-Kingfisher, Orange-cheeked Waxbill and many other species that come down to drink at the drinking pots. Around 6:00 p.m. we will return to the hotel.

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Day 5: Kerewan, Jarjari, Kaur, Nnjao, Panchang, Parque Nacional Río Gambia, Baobolong

This day we have to get up early because we will leave at 6:00 a.m. We will go in the van to Banjul to take the first ferry that leaves at 7:00 am and leaves us on the north bank of the river. Depending on the time available, we will have breakfast on the south bank or on the north bank after the ferry leaves us. We will then begin birding on our way up the north bank of the river to Georgetown Island. Some of the stops we will make will be at the Kerewan Bridge where we will be able to observe the Woolly-necked Stork, Marabou Stork, Long-crested Eagle, Common Greater Painted-snipe, White-throated Bee-eater, Cut-throat and Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah. The next stop will be in Jarjari to search for Savile's Bustard and Black-bellied Bustard as well as many other forest species. Then we will stop at the Kaur wetland where we can spot Spur-winged Lapwing, Senegal Thick-knee, Hamerkop, Rufous-crowned Roller, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Pin-tailed Whydah, Black Coucal and many other species. Then we will have lunch at Kaur restaurant and then we will go to Njau wetland, Panchang and Nyaga Bantang wetland. Around 4:00 p.m. we will arrive at Kuntaur and take a boat to the Gambia River National Park to see Chimpanzees, hHippos, Baboons, Monkeys and many Brds such as the Palm Vulture that is very abundant in this area. After the visit to the National Park, we drive to Lamin Koto where we will join the ferry crossing to Janjanbureh Island known as Georgetown. After our ferry crossing, if it's not too late, we'll drive to a waterhole where Four-banded Sandgrouse come to drink and finally to Baobolong camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Georgetown, Bansang, Jakhali, Nema Konko, Batteling, Kiang West, Tendaba

After breakfast in Georgetown at 7:30 a.m., we will take a boat trip for two or three hours to see African Fish-Eagle, Black Crane, Swamp Alseonax, Pied Kingfisher, Giant Kingfisher, Western Reef-Egret, Black Heron, Oriole Warbler, Broad-billed Roller, Senegal Thick-knee, SWattled Lapwing and many other species. After the boat trip, we pick up our lunch and drive along the south bank of the river, but first we go further to the Bansang quarry to observe the Red-throated Bee-eater, Gosling's Bunting, Pygmy Sunbird, among other species. Later we will go along the south bank of the Gambia River heading west towards Tendaba making several stops along the way. The first of them will be in the rice fields of Jakhali where we will look for Bruce's Green-Pigeon, Allen's Gallinule, Black-headed Heron, Abyssinian Roller, Grey Kestrel, Brown Snake-Eagle, Double-spurred Francolin, etc. Our next stop will be in the forests of Nema Konko where we will try to see Crocodile-bird, Stone Partridge, Rufous-crowned and Blue-bellied Rollers, Vieillot's Barbet, etc. The next observation point will be the Batteling trail where we will be able to observe Western Grey Plantain-eater, Great White Pelican, Common Gonolek, Glossy-backed Drongo, Namaqua Dove, Bearded Barbet, etc. Lastly, we will visit the Kiang West National Park in search of the Temminck's Courser, Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill, White-shouldered Tit, Brown-rumped Bunting, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, White-crested Helmetshrike, etc. Throughout the tour we will be able to observe a great variety of Birds of prey. Dinner and night at Tendaba Camp.

Day 7: Tendaba, Brumen, Campanti, Raptor Bridge, Banjul

After breakfast at Tendaba Camp at 7:30 a.m. We will take a boat tour for three hours to see Pink-backed Pelican, Long-tailed Cormorant, AYellow-billed Stork, African Finfoot, Black-necked Weaver, African Darter, White-backed Night-Heron and one and many more Birds. After the boat trip we collect our lunch and bags at Tendaba Camp and we went down the south bank to the coast making several stops along the way. One of them will be at the Brumen Bridge where we will be able to spot White-backed Vulture, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, Senegal Coucal, Bateleur, Lanner Falcon, Variable Sunbird, African Grey Hornbill, African Golden Oriole, Senegal Parrot, etc. Next destination will be the Campanti rice fields where we will be able to see African Harrier-Hawk, African Green-Pigeon, Grey-headed Kingfisher, among many other species. Our last destination for this day will be the Campanti raptor bridge where we can see a large number of Birds of Prey, Blue-bellied Roller, Brown Babbler, Splendid Glossy-Starling, Western Red-billed Hornbill, Malachite Kingfisher, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Northern Crombec, Guinea Fowl, etc. We will arrive at the Senegambia Beach Hotel in Banjul at around 18:00 p.m.

Day 8: Tambi, Abuko, Airport

Our last day in Gambia. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. towards the rice fields of Tambi in search of Sacred Ibis, Glossy-backed Drongo, Piapiac, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Bronze Munia, Lavender Waxbill, Green Woodhoopoe, Northern Puffback, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Yellow-fronted Canary, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Klaas's Cuckoo, etc. Then we will visit the Abuko Nature Reserve. In it we will look for Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Western Bluebill, Ahanta Francolin, Guinea Turaco, Yellowbill, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Western Violet-backed Sunbird, African Cuckoo, African Pied Hornbill, Vervet Monkey and much more. We will spend a good time in the drinking hide of this reserve. At noon we go to a typical restaurant in the area, Laming Lodge, for lunch. Then we return to the hotel to clean up and go to Bamjul international airport where we will take our flight back to Spain.

Day 9: Kiang West National Park

Arrival in Madrid and end of the trip

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Photo gallery















Booking conditions:**Payments**

Prior to the formalization of the reservation, it is necessary to have contacted the organization by e-mail to find out if there are places available for this excursion, as these are very limited. Once the confirmation of the place has been received, a payment of €450.00 per registered person must be made, as a reservation, by bank transfer or deposit in the BT&N current account at Banco Sabadell Atlántico with the following IBAN: ES96 0081 0649 7100 0102 5312. Any reservation that has not previously made said payment will not be understood to have been made.

The rest of the trip price must be transferred/paid into the same account as in the previous paragraph at least sixty days before the departure of the trip.

In both cases, the selected trip and the person who will carry out said trip must be indicated in the concept of the transfer/income.

Both the payment of the reservation and the second payment must be communicated to the organization by e-mail.

Personal information

If you want to hire round-trip plane tickets with us, you must send your personal data to the organization by email. Among them, your full name, address, passport number and its expiration date. All these data must be identical to those that appear on the passport. The amount of the same must be previously paid to the organization by the participant.

Some interesting information:**Gambia entry and exit airport tax**

Gambia entry and exit airport tax An 'airport security fee' must be paid when entering and leaving the country. The fee is \$20 USD and is paid by Visa credit card. In addition, an 'airport development fee' must be paid when leaving the country. The fee is EUR 20 and is paid by Visa credit card.

COVID 19 situation

At the time of preparing this brochure, the requirements to enter Gambia are as follows: Travelers who present a valid international certificate of complete vaccination against COVID-19, with the use of an approved vaccine, are exempt from the pre-departure testing requirement. The final dose must have been administered at least 14 days before departure.

Visa

The Government of The Gambia grants visa-free entry for a stay of less than 28 days for tourism purposes (not for business or employment travel). In case of stay longer than this maximum period, it must be extended, a visa must be paid from the moment of the extension. The airlines that operate regularly with Gambia and the charter flight companies have an agreement with the Government of Gambia for the application of this visa exemption for tourist reasons, so it is advisable to check with the travel agency with which you contract flight Airline the existence of this type of agreement.

Vaccination

Mandatory: Yellow fever for travelers from risk areas, which is particularly relevant if traveling from a neighboring country in the subregion.

Recommended: Hepatitis A and B, tetanus, meningitis A C and antimalarial treatment.

For more information see the following link: [Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad](#).

It is essential to travel with mosquito repellent.

Personal medical and cancellation insurance

It is recommended that all participants take out personal travel and medical insurance to cover themselves in case of any eventuality during the tour and possible last minute cancellations. Medical insurance that covers emergencies generated by COVID is now highly recommended for entry to The Gambia.

Medicines

IT IS ESSENTIAL to carry a medical prescription in the name of the traveler, in addition to being correctly signed and dated by the doctor, in case of traveling with medication. The police have detained or rejected at the border foreign citizens who were transporting medicines (especially tranquilizers and sedatives, but also a long list that includes more than 160 products).

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Flights

The price of the plane ticket is not included in the price of the trip. If you wish, you can contact us to purchase it or do it yourself. The recommended flights for this trip are:

Departure: Adolfo Suarez Airport on January 21 at 6:50 p.m. and arrival in Banjul at 01:50 a.m. on January 22.

Return: Banjul International Airport on January 29 at 2:50 and arrival at Adolfo Suarez Airport, Madrid, at 12:00 on January 29.

Cancellations

For the traveler:

If the cancellation is made prior to 60 calendar days before the departure of the trip, one hundred percent of the reservation payment will be withheld, that is, €450.00. If the total cost of the trip has already been paid on this date, the difference between the total cost of the reservation and the total cost of the trip will be refunded.

If the cancellation is made between 60 and 30 calendar days before the departure of the trip, 50% of the payment of the total trip will be withheld as a penalty, unless your place can be occupied by another person interested in this travel.

If the cancellation is made between 29-0 calendar days before the departure of the trip, 100% of the amounts paid will be retained as compensation. In the case of being able to replace the traveler and the airline accepts the change of passenger, 100% of the price paid will be refunded.

In both cases, refunds will be made by bank transfer with expenses paid by the person canceling the reservation/trip.

It is highly recommended to contract trip cancellation insurance and travel and accident insurance that is not included in this package.

On the part of the organization:

If the travel agency suspends the trip 60 days before its departure, it will fully refund the amounts paid within a period not exceeding 15 days from its notification.

In addition, it will compensate the contracting party with 10% of the total cost of the trip if the cancellation is made between 30 and 15 days before departure; 15% if it takes place between 14 and 0 days before departure.

The compensations described above will not apply in the case of force majeure, understood as such, unpredictable reasons, of an extraordinary nature, external and beyond the control of BT&N and that, even having acted with due diligence, could not be resolved. .

Likewise, the organization will not be obliged to return any compensation if the cancellation of the trip is due to the fact that the minimum number of participants indicated in this brochure (6 participants) has not been reached. The maximum term for this cancellation assumption is 20 days before the start of the trip.

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Tips

Included in the price of the trip are tips that the provider has advised us for the hotels, restaurants and local guides that are necessary for the visit in certain protected areas.

Tip for the specialized nature guide throughout the trip and the minibus driver is not included.

Prices:

The prices of the trip are calculated (currency exchange and payment of suppliers) based on the date of the realization of this brochure so there may be some variation in the same at the time of contracting if a change in currency exchange is relevant.