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Essentials

Currency: CFA Franc

Language: Wolof and French

DAKAR

Dakar, Senegal's capital, is a vibrant coastal city known for its diversity. Traditions thrive along with a modern urban vibe in this city of contrasts. With a rich culture, Dakar is a blend of beaches, museums, thriving markets and historic landmarks, enveloped in the warm hospitality of the Senegalese people.



What to see

01



African Renaissance Monument

Marvel at Africa's tallest statue, symbolizing the continent's rise and progress.

02



Goree Island

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its poignant history as a former slave trading centre.

03



Dakar Grand Mosque



Admire the stunning architecture of Senegal's largest mosque, with its towering minarets and intricate mosaics.

04



Lake Retba

Around 36 km away from the city, this pink-hued lake is famous for its high salt content and unique natural beauty. The lake was the finish point of the well-known Dakar car Rally before it moved to South America.

05



Mamelles Lighthouse

A picturesque beacon atop one of the city's hills, the lighthouse is a popular site for sweeping views of the landscape. Take a leisurely 20-minute stroll rewards visitors with panoramic vistas, making it a worthwhile excursion.



01

Paragliding at Yoff Beach



Surf through the turquoise waves along with engaging in a variety of water sports at the Dakar beach.

02

Kayaking in the Mangroves



Navigate through the tranquil waterways of the Senegal River Delta, observing diverse bird species and lush mangrove forests on a kayaking tour.

03

Snorkelling at N'Gor Island



Dive into the crystal-clear waters surrounding N'Gor Island, discovering colourful coral reefs, tropical fish, and marine life on a snorkelling excursion.



African Fabrics

Purchase vibrant and intricately patterned fabrics such as bazin and wax prints, used for clothing and home decor, at Marché HLM or Marché Kermel.



Where & what to buy



Wooden Carvings

Browse handmade wooden sculptures, masks, and figurines crafted by local artisans, available at artisan markets and craft shops in Dakar.



Artisanal Jewellery

Invest in unique jewellery pieces made from beads, shells, and metals, reflecting Senegal's cultural heritage, at artisan markets like Village des Arts.



Eat Right



Thieboudienne



Taste Senegal's national dish of fish and rice cooked in a tomato-based sauce, available at restaurants like Chez Loutcha.

Yassa Poulet



Enjoy marinated chicken cooked with onions and lemon, a popular Senegalese dish served at local eateries such as La Calebasse.

Pastels



Indulge in fried dough filled with spicy fish or vegetables, a flavourful street food snack found at roadside stalls and markets.

Mafe



Try a hearty peanut stew with meat or fish, served with rice or couscous, at traditional Senegalese restaurants like Le Mandingue.

Thiakry



Savour a sweet millet pudding flavoured with vanilla and served with a yogurt sauce, a delicious dessert enjoyed at cafes and pastry shops.