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Saint Louis Jazz Festival, Senegal May & June 2009



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| <p>May Mon 25</p> | <p>Depart Heathrow on Royal Air Maroc 1710. Arrive Casablanca 2035. Depart Casablanca 2310.</p> |
| <p>Tue 26 Wed 27</p> | <p>Arrive in Dakar 0240. You will be met and transferred to a hotel north of Dakar. After an early breakfast you will depart 0700 to Jaol-Fadiout (1.5 hours). A tour of Fadiout island, composed entirely of oyster and clam shells will be arranged. Early lunch before departing to the Sine Saloum Delta (3 hours). 2 nights in an eco Lodge in the Sine Saloum Delta on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis.</p> <p>Situated on the shores of the delta this small, owner run eco lodge is totally unique. Each room is built in a different style from polished mud houses to tree houses to rondavals built over the water. From here you can experience the quiet wilderness of the delta. Explore the delta waters & birds by canoe or foot or by 4WD. Visit local villages and witness their traditional song & dances.</p> |
| <p>Thur 28 Fri 29 Sat 30 Sun 31</p> | <p>Depart early to St Louis @0530 to avoid the traffic in Dakar (driving time @7 hours).</p> <p>4 nights in one of Saint Louis charming small hotels on a bed and breakfast basis.</p> <p>Saint Louis Jazz Festival takes place in the evenings in several venues in St Louis. Jazz musicians from around the world attend this legendary festival. Previous artists include Herbie Hancock, Randy Weston, Joe Zainul, Randy Western Quartet (USA) & the Saint Louis Jazz Orchestra, Abdou Guite Seck & Ablaye Cissoko amongst others.</p> <p>The days are free to explore both the colourful city of Saint Louis (UNESCO Heritage Site) and the surrounding areas. During the day we suggest a tour around Saint Louis in horse and cart, which allows you to get close to the Fisherman's Quarters & harbour. A full morning excursion, including a boat trip, to Djoudj National Park (0800-1400) to see the pelican nesting grounds. A late afternoon excursion in a local boat around the Langue de Barbarie (1 hour transfer and 45 minute boat ride).</p> |
| <p>June Mon 1</p> | <p>Early morning departure 0700. The drive to Dakar is 5 hours. An early afternoon ferry to Goree (UNESCO Heritage Site) (1 hour). Goree holds much of the Slave Trade history of West Africa. Return to Dakar early evening for dinner. 1 night in a hotel in Dakar.</p> |
| <p>Tue 2</p> | <p>Transfer to the airport 0500 to check in at 0545 and depart on AT502 at 0745 to Casablanca. Arrive Casablanca 1100. Depart Casablanca on AT600 1240. Arrive Heathrow 1550.</p> |

***Senegal** is an exciting destination for the well travelled person. Negotiation and communication are essential tools to move around this bustling country! The main roads are in reasonable condition, and, depending on where you go, the accommodation can be both charming and also terribly basic. Like other parts of West Africa, a flexible attitude to your itinerary is required in this country where plans change; this is all a part of the experience.*

Prices

7 day set departure, minimum of 4 people,
Prices to be confirmed
Please contact us directly regarding tailor made travel to the festival

Includes

Royal Air Maroc economy flights to Dakar return and departure tax from the UK
Driver & vehicle throughout
English speaking guide throughout
Accommodation on mainly bed & breakfast arrangements
Excursions as mentioned in Saint Louis
Festival Pass

Excludes

Travel insurance, tipping, visas. laundry and other items of a personal nature, activities in the Sine Saloum

A few notes

Climate: June sees the beginning of the wet season in Senegal, so be prepared for some balmy weather that will add to the ambience! The humidity levels could be high and there may be the occasional rain storm.

Health: Senegal is a Yellow Fever and Malarial area

Visas: UK passport holders currently do not require visas.

Extensions:

An ideal extension to the beginning or end of this itinerary would be a 4 night stay on the beautiful Senegalese coast just south of The Gambia. We fly clients direct by charter flight from Dakar to a small owner run lodge that sits quietly on the Atlantic ocean with golden palm fringed beaches and warm emerald green waters.

Stop overs in Morocco on Royal Air Maroc flights can also now be arranged. Please contact us for details.

How to Book

If you would like to go ahead please contact us on: info@timbesttravel.com / Tel: 0207 591 0300 for our **Booking Form, Terms & Conditions** and **Country Information**.

Payment: We accept: bank to bank transfers, switch/debit cards, cheques.
Credit cards and American Express are subject to 2% charges.

A **non refundable deposit** is required to hold flights and arrangements. If a minimum of 4 people do not book the set departure the deposit is refundable.

The balance is due 6 weeks prior to departure.

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Sauti Za Busara Zanzibar February 2009; Nagaur Fair Thar Desert India February 2009
Habanos Cigar Festival Cuba February 2009; Tapati Easter Island February 2009;
Saint Louis Jazz Festival Senegal May 2009; Fes Sacred Music Festival Morocco June 2009;
Barunga Festival Northern Territory Australia June 2009;
Inti Raymi/Festival of the Sun Peru June 2009