**Beautiful AFRICA, senegal: The delta of sine saloum**

Enjoy long and unforgettable gallops along the beach
Explore a mixture of countryside and landscapes; desert savannah and baobab trees, mangroves, lagoons, paradises of thousands of birds
Enjoy authentic meetings with local farmers, herders, craftsman, fisherman living in traditional villages where the hospitality is spontaneous and genuine
Responsible and sustainable tourism

* **Day 1: ARRIVAL IN DAKAR - SOUSSANE**

Fly to Dakar. Flights are not included but can be booked on request. You will be met at the airport by a driver from our partners farm and transferred from the airport to Sarène horse farm (1h30), the start point of your ride.

On your arrival at the farm, you will be offered a light snack, then you will be able to rest and relax and explore the farm before your first day riding.

* **Day 2: SOUSSANE - MBODIENE - 5 and a half hours riding**

After breakfast, you will be taken to meet the horses and take your first ride. You will have lunch at Sarène Farm, and then your ride will begin. You will ride through the acacias forest of Nianing and remote scrubland villages enjoying all three paces.

You will spend the night at La Thiossane Lodge, facing the lagoon.

* **Day 3: MBODIENE - FADIAL - 6 hours riding**

You will wake up to a breakfast opposite Mbodiene lagoon and head out on the day's ride. The morning's route will take you on a path between land and sea where you will have the chance to observe all manner of birds along the length of the lagoon - cormorants, spoon bills, cranes, flamingoes, herons and hundreds of pelicans...

Beyond the lagoon, you will see stretching out ahead a vast wild beach. For lunch, you will picnic out in the bush at the foot of a baobab tree. A trip to the isle of shells is also on the cards; this island is entirely made-up layers of shells and the roads are strewn with them. The creation of the island, according to traditional tales, is due to the accumulation of shell waste thrown out by the villagers over the course of the centuries. The island is linked to the coast by a wooden bridge.

You will then ride at the Baobab Lodge, Fadial, where you will spend the night.

* **Day 4: FADIAL - PALMARIN - 4 hours riding**

On the day's ride, you will discover the Sacred Baobab tree of Fadial; this tree has a circumference of around 26.18m. Then you will ride through the dried lake beds and swamps by passing through a secret passage through the mangrove trees. Depending on the tide, you may cross to the beach by swimming with your horse to reach Palmarin beach for some spectacular long gallops. You will arrive at your ecolodge for the night in time for dinner.

The rest of the day is yours to do with as you please, including the chance to swim with the horses in the ocean. You will spend the night in the lodge.

* **Day 5: PALMARIN - NIASSAM - 5 and a half hours riding**

After breakfast, you will ride out towards the beach to Djifer point, then through the bolongs - a channel of saltwater characteristic to the coastal regions of Senegal. Their banks are usually lined with mangrove trees, partially covered at high tide and home to a large variety of birds. You will spend your day's ride continuing to explore the Palmarin reserve.

After your picnic lunch, you will explore the bolongs in a pirogue, a type of dugout canoe. You will have dinner and spend the night in an ecolodge.

* **Day 6: NIASSAM - SIMAL - 7 and a half hours riding**

You will head out for a long day in the saddle to explore the Senegalese brush. You will ride through the trees and outback villages. After 4 hours riding, you will stop for your lunch in the Samba Dia forest. You will then ride passed the villages of Yayème and Djilorbefore reaching Simal, found on the banks of the lagoon in the heart of lush vegetation.

You will spend the night in an ecolodge.

* **Day 7: SIMAL - SOUSSANE - 7 and a half hours riding**

The day's ride will be the last long stretch in the saddle. You will ride passed the remote village of the brush and through Balabougou forest.

You will ride at speed between the villages for this final day before stopping for your picnic lunch at Ndofane.

Towards the end of the afternoon, you will arrive back at the farm where you will have dinner and spend the night.

* **Day 8: SOUSSANE - BANDIA - DAKAR**

After breakfast on the farm, you will be taken to the weekly market in Sandiara. The market is large and thriving with animals - sheep, goat, horned zebu, fruit and vegetables, gourds and incense - it will be a perfect chance to pick up some souvenirs!

You will return to the farm for lunch before heading out in the car to the Bandia Reserve where you will encounter large African mammals in 3500 hectares of grandiose nature. Your visit will be guided by a specialist to the area. You will then be transferred to the airport for your flight back home.

* **Day 9: ARRIVE HOME**

You will arrive home early in the morning.

Possible extension on the coast:

If you would like to extend your visit to see more of Senegal, we can help you organise an extension for a few days by the sea. Your hotel would have direct access to the beach and you would be able to explore the magnificent surrounding gardens with a variety of trees, a relaxing swimming pool, refined cuisine from the on location chef and their team with candlelight alfresco dinners. Situated at Nianing, a few kilometres from the farm at Sarène, we will help you organise the whole stay!

**Price £1,415 excluding flights**

- The above price is per adult in a standard double room

- The departure of this ride can be guaranteed for a group of 2 riders with the payment a supplementary charge of c. €100/£85, per person.

- Transfers are included from and to Dakar airport on Saturdays. If you choose to arrive earlier or depart later, a private transfer can be organised: €30/£27 from the airport, or €50/£45 from Dakar, each way.

**Price includes:**

**Support Team**

1 English-speaking horse guide

**Logistics**

1 groom
1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle per rider
1 cook
1 vehicle and driver

**Inland Transport**

Return airport transfers - extra charge if after midnight

**Accommodation**

Eco-lodge accommodation

**Meals**

Full board from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 8

**Price doesn't include:**

**Meals**

Meals before your arrival at the farm on day 1 and those on your return to the airport on day 8 are not included in the above listed price.

**Transport**

Airport transfers if the arrival/ departure times are different to those of the first person to sign up for the ride: approx. £45 / person
Airport taxes
International flights

**Extras**

Tips to the local team

**Insurance**

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation.