

# Pre-Booking Travel Guide



## Senegal *and* The Gambia




Essential Pre-Travel Tips for a  
Seamless and Exciting Journey





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# Introduction

## Thank you for attending our Virtual Trip Info Session!

We know this unique opportunity to connect to the rich tapestry of African history, traditions, people, and natural beauty of Senegal and The Gambia is exciting. Similarly, we know it can also feel a bit overwhelming, especially if it's your first international journey.

This Pre-Booking Travel Guide was created with you in mind. It provides valuable information and insights from experienced travelers to support and empower you to confidently decide to join us on one of our life-changing trips.



Whether you are an experienced traveler or this is your first time venturing internationally, we are here to support you every step of the way. Our dedicated team ensures strives to make planning for your travel experience seamless.





# Passport CHECKLIST



**Your U.S. passport is your ticket to the world!**

Keeping in mind that we leave for Africa in November, here is what you must do.

**DONT  
FORGET**



**MAKE SURE TO APPLY FOR OR HAVE A PASSPORT**

## Your first passport?

If you have never had a U.S. passport and plan to travel in November, it is recommended to apply for a passport at least 4-6 months in advance.

Applying in ensures sufficient time to receive your passport well before our planned departure in November.

**Note:** *The U.S. Department of State's website indicates much shorter processing times than our recommendation. Expedited and urgent processing times are available for an additional fee, if needed.*

## Checklist to Apply for the First Time

**CLICK HERE**

To access links and videos to each topic below to get your first passport!



- ☐ Fill out your form online and print it
- ☐ Get evidence of U.S. citizenship (and a photocopy)
- ☐ Get a photo ID (and a photocopy)
- ☐ Provide a passport photo
- ☐ Calculate fees (Passport Book is \$165)
- ☐ Find a location to apply
- ☐ Track your status

## Already have a Passport?

If you have a passport, check the date but need to renew or replace it,

## Checklist for Current or Previous Passport Holders

- ☐ Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond our travel date as a precaution

**CLICK HERE**

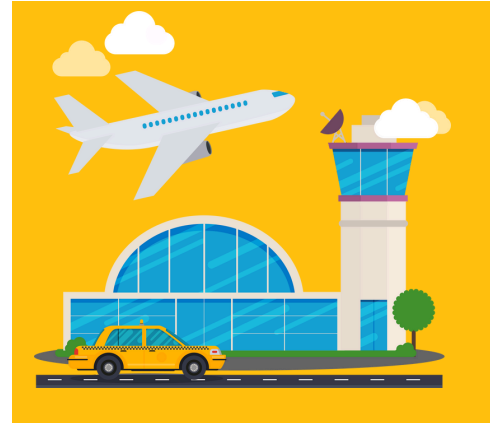
TO ACCESS DIRECTIONS TO  
RENEW YOUR PASSPORT



# Researching Flights

## CHECKLIST

Securing your first international flight can feel uncertain, but with our guidance, you'll soon feel confident and excited about your upcoming travel to Africa.



### EXPLORE FLIGHT OPTIONS

#### Checklist to Research Flight Options

☐ Pick the Trip Option works best for you

**Option 1** > *15 Days.* **Senegal AND The Gambia**

**Option 2** > *7 Days.* **Senegal Only**

**Option 3** > *8 Days.* **The Gambia Only**



[See Trip Itineraries at AfroDiscoveries.com](https://afrodiscoveries.com)

☐ Review the **All-Inclusive Trip Itinerary** on our website [here](https://afrodiscoveries.com), which includes detailed flight dates for each available option

☐ Research flights and choose your preferred itinerary

**Want Assistance?**

**We are happy to help you find a flight that best suits your needs.** We can also share details about our flights if you prefer to travel with us. Feel free to contact us at [info@AfroDiscoveries.com](mailto:info@AfroDiscoveries.com) to schedule a phone or virtual meeting.

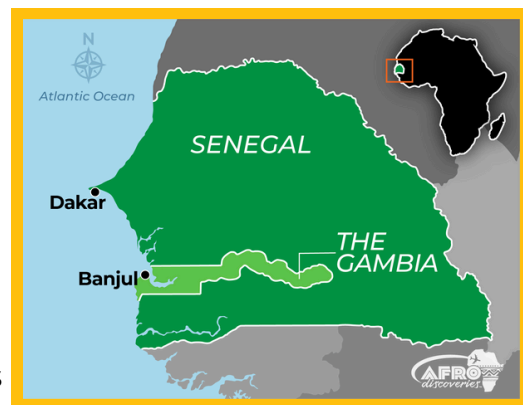


# Discover Senegal & The Gambia

## CHECKLIST



Learn about the vibrant tapestry of Senegal and The Gambia through a myriad of resources waiting to be discovered. Immerse yourself in rich narratives and cultural insights found in books, newspapers, and engaging documentaries. Let captivating movies transport you to these captivating destinations, offering glimpses into their unique landscapes and traditions. Consult expert travel guides for essential tips and insider knowledge to make your journey an unforgettable exploration of West African charm and allure.



### POWERFUL MOVIES & DOCUMENTARIES

- ☐ ***Black Girl" (La Noire de...)*** directed by Ousmane Sembène. A film that explores post-colonial identity and migration.
- ☐ ***Hyenas*** by Djibril Diop Mambéty, offering a unique view of Senegalese society.
- ☐ ***Roots*** by Alex Haley: Although partly fictional, it offers a deep historical perspective on the origins of the author's family in The Gambia.
- ☐ ***The Gambia: Africa's Smiling Coast***: A documentary that highlights the country's culture, landscapes, and history.
- ☐ ***Hand of Fate***: A Gambian film that dives into local traditions and contemporary issues.

### GOOD READS

- ☐ ***So Long a Letter*** by Mariama Bâ: A classic novel that provides insights into Senegalese society and culture.
- ☐ ***God's Bits of Wood*** by Ousmane Sembène: A powerful story about a railway strike in colonial Senegal.
- ☐ ***The Gambia: The Untold Dictator Yahya Jammeh's Story*** by Haruna Touray: Offers an in-depth look at recent political history.

### INFORMATIVE TRAVEL SITES

- ☐ ***The Voice® Newspaper***, a registered newspaper circulating in The Gambia and can be found at [voicegambia.com](http://voicegambia.com)
- ☐ ***Lonely Planet***, a comprehensive guide with sections dedicated to Senegal and The Gambia. Visit [lonelyplanet.com/senegal](http://lonelyplanet.com/senegal) and [lonelyplanet.com/the-gambia](http://lonelyplanet.com/the-gambia)
- ☐ ***YouTube***: Look for travel vlogs and documentaries about Senegal and The Gambia.
- ☐ ***Official Tourism Websites***: Check the official sites for Senegal and The Gambia for up-to-date travel information and cultural insights.

### HELPFUL LANGUAGE LEARNING APPS

- ☐ ***Duolingo*** or ***Babbel***: Use these apps to learn basic French phrases for Senegal and greetings in Wolof, Mandinka, or Fula languages for The Gambia.

# Join Us ~ Book Today!

## CHECKLIST

We invite you to book your next adventure with us and experience the cultural richness and natural beauty of Senegal and The Gambia. Whether you're seeking to reconnect firsthand with your roots, explore historical landmarks, experience traditional African arts and music, indulging in delicious cuisine, or engage with local communities, our curated all-inclusive tours provide a profound and enriching experience.



**Reserve your spot!**



### Booking Your Journey in 4 Simple Steps

- ☐ Navigate to the Prices & Booking page of our website [here](#).
- ☐ Complete the Booking Form.
  1. Choose Your Travel Trip Preferences.
  2. Pick Your Preferred Payment Option.
  3. Complete and Submit the Booking Form
  4. Pay Your Selected Payment Option: We will send an invoice within one week of submitting the booking form.

# Wait For It... **There's More!**

**Once you book your trip with Afro Discoveries, you will also receive:**

Our comprehensive  
Trip Travel Guide  
packed with all the  
essential information  
and tips you need to  
prepare for the trip

*and*

An invitation to  
attend **TWO** virtual  
pre-trip meet-ups to  
get to know your  
fellow travelers and  
discuss travel plans



# Book Your Flight CHECKLIST

**DONT  
FORGET**



## Checklist To Book Your Flight

**Want  
Assistance?**

**When you are ready, we are happy to help you find the flight that best suits your needs or share our flight itinerary. Simple contact us at [info@AfroDiscoveries.com](mailto:info@AfroDiscoveries.com).**

- ☐ Book your roundtrip flight through a reputable airline or travel agency.
- ☐ Check your email for a confirmation from the airline or travel agency. Verify all details, including travel dates, times, and passenger information
- ☐ Print a copy of your itinerary for easy access during travel. Save a digital copy on your smartphone or tablet.
- ☐ Email your itinerary to Afro Discoveries at [info@AfroDiscoveries.com](mailto:info@AfroDiscoveries.com) for complimentary airport pick-up and drop-off arrangements in Africa

## Notes







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