

## **"FROM DESERT TO OCEAN"**

### **16-DAY ITINERARY**

**1. LLEGADA A DAKAR**

Airport pickup and transfer to hotel. Night in Dakar.

**2. DAKAR – NOUAKCHOTT**

Early morning departure to cross the border between Senegal and Mauritania by boat and reach Nouakchott at night. Hotel accommodations in Nouakchott.

**3. NOUAKCHOTT – TERJIT**

We will make our way into the desert along a lovely track to Terjit, at the foot of the Mauritanidas mountain range, where an oasis with thermal springs and marvelous pools awaits us for bathing. Lodging at a guesthouse with *haimas*.

**4. TERJIT – AZOUGUI - ATAR - CHINGUETTI**

Leaving Terjit, first we will visit Azougui, the ancient capital of the Almoravids, who trekked to Spain in the eleventh century. This is now a sacred site, housing the tomb of Imam El-Hadrami. In the afternoon, we will go via Atar to Chinguetti, the seventh holy city of Islam, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Lodging at a guesthouse.

**5. CHINGUETTI – OUADANE**

From Chinguetti, our journey will take us across 120 km of *fesh-fesh*, the true sand dune desert without tracks, where we will experience the isolation of the lost cities of the desert. Once we arrive in Ouadane, we will visit the museum that displays the surprisingly glorious past of this country. Lodging at a guesthouse with *haimas*.

**6. OUADANE – GUELB ER RICHA – TINIGUI**

Early in the morning, we leave Ouadane and go to Guelb er Richat, which, according to one of the theories, is probably an ancient volcanic crater. Then we will head for Tinigui, where a family of marabouts lives next to an "enchanted" well. The marabouts are dedicated to curing the possessed and the ill with their effective techniques. Lodging at a guesthouse with *haimas*.

**7. TINIGUI - AMOGJAR – ATAR**

Leaving Tinigui, we reach Amogjar. In the Amogjar canyon, we will see prehistoric paintings from times when there were elephants, giraffes and other animals now extinct in the area. Afterwards, we will head for Atar, the current capital of the Adrar region, which is home to the largest, most colorful market in the region, with its exotic products, typical in Saharan trade. Lodging at a guesthouse.

8. **ATAR – AKJOUJT - BENICHAB**  
From the stony Adrar desert, we will leave and head towards Akjoujt in order to get to Benichab, where there is a large layer of fossil water with a depth of 90 m. Lodging in our *haima*.
9. **BENICHAB – TIOUILIT - NOUAMGHAR - TIMIRIST**  
Leaving Benichab, we will approach Tiouilit along the dunes that lead to the ocean, passing through ancient salt lakes. From there, we will go up as far as Cape Timirist, located at the entrance of the Banc d'Arguin National Park. Accommodations in our *haima*.
10. **TIMIRIST - BANC D'ARGUIN - LOUIK**  
Banc d'Arguin is one of the most important natural parks for migratory birds in the world. The park stretches along approximately 200 km of coastline and includes several islands. We will visit the park and sail with the Imraguen, a Black community of fishermen, in their rudimentary sailboats. Depending on the time of year, we will see how they fish aided by dolphins. We will also observe the different flocks of birds that populate these islands. Lodging at a guesthouse.
11. **BANC D'ARGUIN – TIOUILIT - NOUAKCHOTT**  
We will return to Nouakchott traveling along the beach. We may have to wait at the Great Dune for the tide to go out in order to cross this stretch of sand. Accommodations in a hotel.
12. **NOUAKCHOTT**  
In the morning, we will go to the fishing port to enjoy its special atmosphere, and then visit the Museum. In the afternoon, we will visit the bustling Nouakchott markets. Night at the hotel.
13. **NOUAKCHOTT – ST. LOUIS**  
From Nouakchott, we pass through Rosso and go through the border crossing process at St. Louis, a French colonial style city located on an island in the middle of the Senegal River. The city is connected to the mainland by a bridge built by the famous architect, Eiffel. Lodging at a hotel.
14. **ST. LOUIS – DAKAR**  
After strolling through St. Louis, our trip will take us back to Dakar, where we will have time to enjoy the warm ambience of the city. Lodging at a guesthouse.
15. **DAKAR**  
We will visit the island of Gorée, a historic slave trade site, and we will take a walk through the wonderful market of Dakar. At night, transfer to the airport for your flight home.
16. **RETURN TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

### **PRICE OF TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Transfers airport-hotel-airport
- Accommodations
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner(not including alcoholic beverages)
- Camping gear
- Transportation in a 4x4 vehicle
- English-/French-speaking accompanying guide
- Cook

### **DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Air ticket (check best offer)
- Visa for Mauritania
- Travel insurance
- Any other unspecified cost

### **DOCUMENTS**

- Passport with minimum six months' validity
- Obligatory visa for Mauritania
- Obligatory record of vaccination against yellow fever
- Travel insurance

### **PRICE FOR 16 DAYS**

- 1.220 U\$D per person ( ≅ 1.295 Euros)

### **MINIMUM GROUP**

- 3 people (maximum 11 people)

### **TRAVEL DATES**

- 9-1-2000 ● 9-29-2000 ● 10-13-2000 ● 10-27-2000 ●  
● 11-24-2000 ● 12-22-2000 ●

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Because we operate internationally, it is impossible for us to offer travel insurance, particularly due to the repatriation clause in the event of illness. Insurance in Mauritania is not very reliable, so we request that you purchase the obligatory travel insurance in your country of origin.

## **VISA**

You will find Mauritanian embassies at the locations on our list of [Embassies](#).

## **VACCINATION**

You must have a record of vaccination against yellow fever. As for other preventative measures, such as anti-malaria treatments, etc., we recommend that you contact the Foreign Health Service.

## **FORM OF PAYMENT**

500 U\$D upon confirming your reservation and 720 U\$D to be paid fifteen days prior to the start of the trip.

## **CONTRACT**

ONE: Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, with passport number \_\_\_\_\_ and address at \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "the Client"), is hereby hiring the trip titled "FROM DESERT TO OCEAN" from SURMI VOYAGES. B.P. 4800, Nouakchott, Mauritania (hereinafter "the Agency"), according to the attached program, for which complementary information and any appropriate modifications are provided in an appendix thereto.

TWO: The occurrence of the trip discussed herein is conditional upon the hiring thereof by at least three people. If this minimum number is not reached, the Agency shall be obliged to inform the Client of the cancellation of the trip at least fifteen days before the beginning of said trip and to return any amounts paid.

THREE: The Agency shall provide the Client, in exchange for the payment and under the terms established in Clause Five herein, with the services of an accompanying guide and cook and the transportation, accommodations, breakfast, lunch, dinner and camping gear described in the program and technical information on "FROM DESERT TO OCEAN" by SURMI VOYAGES.

The price includes neither air tickets nor airport fees, vaccination records or "extras," such as coffee, tea, alcoholic beverages, special diets, washing or ironing of clothing, optional hotel services, etc., or, in general, any other service that is not expressly indicated in the aforementioned program or technical information.

FOUR: The price of the trip discussed herein has been calculated on the basis of foreign exchange rates, so the price may be revised if changes are produced in the cost of transportation, including that of the fuel, or in the fees and taxes on certain services and in the exchange rates applied for the trip. The Client hereby accepts any possible change in the price of the trip resulting from changes such as those mentioned above. The price may only be changed up to twenty days prior to the beginning of the trip.

FIVE: The price of the trip discussed herein is equal to 1.220 U\$D (approximately 1.295 Euros) per person. Of this amount, 500 U\$D shall be paid upon signing up for the trip, and 720 U\$D shall be paid fifteen days prior to the start of the trip.

SIX: Should the Client decide not to take the trip, once having formally signed up or after having accepted any changes that may have been made, the Client will be obliged to pay SURMI VOYAGES a penalty in the following amount: a) From 14-11 days prior to the beginning of the trip, 30% of the total price of the trip; b) From 10-3 days prior to the beginning of the trip, 60% of the total price of the trip; c) Within the 48 hours prior to the beginning of the trip, 80% of the

total price of the trip; d) If the Client does not show up at the beginning of the trip, 100% of the total price.

SEVEN: The Client must take out a travel assistance insurance policy in his or her country of origin.

EIGHT: The client must carry the proper required travel documents (passport, visa, vaccination record, travel insurance).

NINE: The Client's luggage is not subject to an overland transportation contract, it being understood that the luggage is in the custody of the Client, regardless which the part of the car it is placed. Any liability for the transportation of said luggage corresponds exclusively to the Client.

TEN: SURMI VOYAGES hereby denies any responsibility for any possible delays or deficiency in the hired services, such as hotels, modes of transportation, etc. or for changes in schedules due to strikes, poor weather conditions or other causes beyond the control of SURMI VOYAGES. Nevertheless, we undertake to do everything within our reach to mitigate any problems of this type.

ELEVEN: Should the Client verify any problems or deficiency *in situ* in the rendering of the services hired, he or she must report the complaint at the location where said problem or deficiency took place and inform SURMI VOYAGES in the shortest time possible using any means that leaves a certifiable record thereof. The Client has a term of one month to file any possible claim for the failure to execute this contract or for its deficient execution.

TWELVE: The Client hereby declares that (s)he is aware of and accepts the information in this program and technical information, as well as that in each and every one of the contract's clauses and the services hired.

In witness thereof, they hereby sign this contract in duplicate at Nouakchott, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CLIENT

SURMI VOYAGES