

"ALL OF MAURITANIA"

30-DAY ITINERARY

1. ARRIVAL AT 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

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.

4. NOUAKCHOTT - TOUILIT - NOUAMGHAR - TIMIRIST

We will leave Nouakchott going up the coast, passing the "Great Dune". Depending on the time of day, we may have to wait for the tide to go out in order to drive past this stretch to reach the fishing town of Touilit, with its colorful canoes at the edge of the sea. Following a stop in Touilit, we will move on to Nouamghar and finally Timirist, at the entrance of Banc d'Arguin National Park. Lodging in *haimas*.

5. BANC D'ARGUIN - LOUIK

Banc d'Arguin is one of the most important natural parks in the world for migratory birds. The park stretches along approximately 200 kilometers of coastline and includes several islands. We will visit the park and sail with the Imragen, 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 in Louik.

6. LOUIK - NOUADHIBOU

From Louik, we go up into the desert at Nouadhibou, the second largest city in Mauritania, dedicated primarily to fishing and mining commerce. We will visit Cap Blanc, an extension of the Banc d'Arguin Park, where monk seals which are in danger of extinction, can be seen. Accommodations at a hotel.

7. NOUADHIBOU - CHOUM

We leave Nouadhibou for Choum venturing onto the "Train of the Desert," the longest (over 2 kilometers), heaviest train in the world. It carries iron and minerals from Zouerate to the port at Nouadhibou. In Choum, we will admire the white clay decorations on the houses painted by the women with their fingers. Lodging in *haimas*.

8. CHOUM - TERJIT

From Choum, we will move on 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*.

9. 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.

10. CHINGUETTI - OUADANE

From Chinguetti, our journey will take us across 120 km of *fesh-fesh*, the true sand dune desert with no 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*.

11. OUADANE - TINIGUI

In the morning we will ride on camels and then we will leave 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*.

12. TINIGUI - AMOGJAR - ATAR

Leaving Tinigui, we reach Amogjar. In the Amogjar canyon, we will see prehistoric paintings from the time when there were elephants, giraffes and other animals now extinct in this 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 to Saharan trade. Lodging at a guesthouse.

13. ATAR - TAGANT DESERT

After preparing for the next few days' journey, we will leave for the Tagant Desert. Lodging in a *haima*.

14. TAGANT DESERT

We will cross the desert and mountains, dunes and plains experiencing the total silence of the desert. Lodging in a *haima*.

15. TAGANT DESERT - TIDJIKJA

Following the unforgettable desert crossing, we reach Tidjika, a city founded in 1680 by the Moorish tribe "Idawali". Tidjika has a special architectural style, its buildings adorned with geometric paintings and gargoyles. In Tidjika we will also take a ride around the largest palm grove in Mauritania. Lodging at a guesthouse.

16. TIDJIKJA - LEKHCHEB

Leaving Tidjika, on the way to Tichit, we take a practically invisible track to Lekhcheb, village built around wells. Lodging in *haimas*.

17. LEKHCHEB - ZIG

The theme of these travel days being "from dune to dune and well to well", we make our way to Zig. Our visit will be a grand event for the guardian of its well as, he lives in great solitude and receives very few visitors.. lodging in *haimas*.

18. ZIG - TICHIT

From Tidjika, our journey will take us to Tichit, a city filled with history, where we will see well-preserved houses with the typical doors and decorations Tagant. The city is divided into two areas: in the north reside the Shurfas in their houses of green stone and in the south, reside the Masana in their red houses. Lodging in *haimas*.

19. TICHIT - ARATANE - TAGOURARET

In order to reach Oualata tomorrow, we will leave Tichit and travel along a series of mountains called Dhar Tichit and Dhar Oualata. Aratane and Tagouraret are small oases where water is not always available. Lodging in *haimas*.

20. TAGOURARET - OUALATA

From Tagouraret we continue to Oualata, considered to be the most beautiful city in Mauritania because of the spectacular decorations on the houses in the old quarter. Besides having been an important center for caravans, it is still home to one of the most important Quranic schools in the

Islamic world, which exclusively admits only twenty students. Lodging in *haimas*.

21. OUALATA

We will spend the day in this city to discover all of its charms and rest up from the rough desert roads. Lodging in *haimas*.

22. OUALATA - NEMA - AYOUN - KIFFA

From Oualata, we will head for Nema, the beginning or the end of the "Road of Hope," the name of the asphalted road from Nouakchott to Nema. From there, we will travel to Ayoun, the capital of the Hodh el-Gharbi region. In the afternoon, we end the day in Kiffa, the capital of the region of Assaba, where there is a lovely market, famous for its local handicrafts. Lodging at a hotel.

23. KIFFA – SELIBABI

From Kiffa, we will leave the "Road of Hope" behind to set off on the road to Selibabi, a city at the southern point of Mauritania, between Senegal and Mali, where the atmosphere is very different from what we will have seen up to now. Accommodations in *haimas*.

24. SELIBABI - KAÉDI

From Selibabi, we will move on to Kaédi, a city on the banks of the Senegal River, where the Black African culture of the Sahel region predominates over that of the Moorish culture. This is especially evident in the allure of its marketplace. Lodging at a guesthouse.

25. KAÉDI

We will spend this day traveling by canoe. We will go down the Senegal River for several hours observing the lifestyle, very different from that of the desert, along the shores of this enormous river. Lodging at a guesthouse.

26. KAÉDI - BOGUÉ - ROSSO - KEUR MASSÈNE

We leave Kaédi to set out on the trip back through Bogué and Rosso to later reach Keur Massène, a village in the hunting region. Lodging in *haimas*.

27. KEUR MASSÈNE - DIAWLING PARK - ST. LOUIS

In the morning, we will visit Diawling Natural Park and take a swim in the Atlantic. We will then cross the border and head to 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 guesthouse.

28. ST. LOUIS – DAKAR

After strolling through St. Louis, we will head back to Dakar, where we will have time to enjoy the warm ambience of the city. Lodging at a guesthouse.

29. 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.

30. 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 30 DAYS

- 2.070 U\$D per person (\cong 2.195 Euros)

MINIMUM GROUP

- 6 people (maximum 11 people)

TRAVEL DATES

● 11-10-2000 ● 12-15-2000 ●

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

900 U\$D upon confirming your reservation and 1.170 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 "ALL OF MAURITANIA" 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 six 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 "ALL OF MAURITANIA" 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 2.070 U\$D (approximately 2.195 Euros) per person. Of this amount, 900 U\$D shall be paid upon signing up for the trip, and 1.170 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