

DESTINATION JANJANBUREH



A CULTURAL OASIS

JANJANGBUREH IS THE GEM OF GAMBIA TRADITION



Janjangbureh, home of the Kankurang, is an Island town in the heart of the Gambia the is endowed with rich history, culture, adventure, and community.

Youth of Janjangbureh are now on the forefront of putting the 3 named Island in the spotlight by offering tours and services

that would take you through the depths of Janjangbureh's rich culture, history, tradition, and breath-taking nature.

Janjangbureh, also referred to as Georgetown or McCarthy Island is a hidden heaven, waiting to be explored. It offers unique experiences, sites and activities that would leave you always wanting to come back for more.

And the Island's annual Kankurang Festival is the icing on the cake.

An exotic mixture of history and cultural traditions. Visitors are introduced to Gambia's masking traditions, Kankurangs, and rituals of initiation.

Janjangbureh is designated by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity.

JANJANGBUREH KANKURANG FESTIVAL

The Janjangbureh Kankurang and Masquerade Festival provides a unique and scintillating experience to visitors.

The main purpose of the festival is to showcase the unique cultural expression of the Kankurang and other masking traditions of West Africa so that the Island will gain visibility and attract more and more visitors who would like to experience spectacularly authentic culture.

Understanding the Purpose and expected outcomes of Janjangbureh Kankurang Festival, there is growing evidence of demand for new forms of tourism which are more culturally, and community based. **Many people now want experiences rather than sights. Doing, rather than looking. And taking part, rather than acting as a spectator.**



JANJANGBUREH CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURS

CULTURAL TOUR

Discover The Fascinating Culture of Janjangbureh On this intriguing, intimate walking tour.

We start by visiting Tinyangsite:



Tinyangsite is a sacred forest where the spirit of the community is said to repose. This is where the rituals associated with initiation traditions and the famous Kankurang for which Janjangbureh is renowned, take place.



NEXT, WALK-THROUGH TOWN TO EXPERIENCE:



Beautiful local Hair braiding. D250 per person



Stop at the historic trading house converted into a restaurant to sample traditional drinks such as wonjo (hibiscus), baobab, dahar, (tamarind), ginger juice and other local treats.



A traditional compound to chat with an Ngansingba



Tie and die workshop with Janjangbureh women craft association - D3,500



Visit the local Silversmith and get to experience how he makes accessories with silver, and get yourself a beautiful souvenir

HISTORICAL TOUR

We will take you back in time to the heyday of Janjangbureh when the Island was newly acquired by the British Government and became the capital of the protectorate of The Gambia in 1889.

Our experienced guides will narrate the fascinating stories in depth.



We start at an arts mural painted by local artists, illustrating the history of the town and the people.



The Historic and Charming District of Georgetown

The heart of the colonial settlement which served as and continues to be the seat of government officials, including the regional Governor's residence along with the Post Office Treasury and Prison.





The Freedom Tree (Foroyaa Soto)

The place where Liberated Africans first camped when they arrived on the island.



Armitage School

The first and only boarding school in the country since 1927.



The Colonial Cemetery

Headstones from British officials' clergy and liberated African settlers.



The Site of Fort George

A mud fortification with a garrison used for protection by the British.



Owen Street

Venture into the local trading shops housed in old colonial buildings.

Price

Price - **D2,000**

Kangkurang Museum - **D100** per person

Nyansimba – **D500** per group



COMMUNITY BASED TOURISM TOURS

Visit Jamali

Jamali is a traditional Fula agricultural village with beautiful traditional architecture. Guided visits to this village include an interactive discussion with the village chief, a visit to the wood carver's compound, a lovely walk around the women's organic garden, and tasting delicious groundnut rice pudding. It is a great opportunity for your guests to learn about traditional agricultural practices and the characteristics of Peule culture through their language, dress, music, dance, food and wooden crafts.



Price

Vegetable domoda is **D300** per person

All other activities will be **D4,850**



Visit Tabanani

Tabanani is an exciting village experience offering guests the opportunity to see and join in with Mandinka greetings, dances and other cultural practices. Upon arrival guests are welcomed by a Kankurang welcoming ceremony – the Kankurang being an initiatory rite practiced by Mandinka communities associated with the transition to manhood and full membership of the community. The Kankurang and other regional masquerades are now on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The cultural experience then continues with a guided walk in the village where guests learn to cook delicious Gambian local foods, meet local artisans, have a go at making a palm leaf fan and then the chance to dance with the Kanyaleng women’s group. The Kanyaleng is a very special group of women who take part in spiritual or ritual activities for barren women, as well as provide unique cultural entertainment at wedding, naming and other local ceremonies.



Hiking Tour

Go for a long walk on a beautiful trail with our professional guide and get to learn about the different stories of places, trees and birds. Learn while keeping fit.



Price

Kunkiling forest park - **D3,000** per group

Penchun island - **D3,000**

Kumbajerr end of island and Dandu - **D2,000** per group



Kayaking Tour

Experience the natural river flow on a Single or double Person kayak and paddle on the river Gambia while you view the beautiful scenery.



Price



Kayaking - **D400** per person 2hours
Round the island - **D1,500** per person
Basse trip per day - **D3,500**

Cycling Tour

Pedal your favorite bike along the beautiful trails in the villages. Go for a long ride with a professional guide, enjoy, exercise and share experience.



Price **D500** per person



Night Entertainment

Enjoy a thrilling night performance with the mysterious “jambajabally”. A night masquerade who sings and dances, sure to give you a thriller of an experience.



Price



D3000
per person



SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP

These walking tours are supported by the National Council for Arts and Culture in partnership with the International Trade Centre and the European Union through the Youth Empowerment Project. YEP aims to strengthen existing youth development systems, structures and services to create employment opportunities for youth and communities.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Time of tours: 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Duration of tours: appx. 3 hours

What to bring: sunscreen, water, spending cash

What to wear: hat, comfortable shoes

Meeting Point: Janjanbureh Tourist Information Centre



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