



SENEGAL 2027

SERVICE, LEARNING AND FUN

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SENEGAL WEST AFRICA



SENEGAL

Senegal is a small country comprised of 95% Muslims and 5% Christians. The others are a mix of religions.

LOGISTICS

- We will be guests of the United Methodist Church in Senegal (L'Église Méthodiste Unie au Sénégal or EMUS)
- EMUS Dakar often hosts groups of Americans for service projects, so we will be assisting with several well-established programs
- Their team members will provide us with transportation, translation and other services during the trip.
- You will interact with the people who live in Senegal and learn to see their country from their eyes. Your service project will make a meaningful contribution to their lives.

LOGISTICS

- The week of January 17, 2027 includes the MLK holiday. The weather is warm and dry during this time – like September in Chicago.
- We will have single occupancy rooms but can accommodate double occupancy for couples.
- Meals will be cooked for us by people from the community who are trained to cook for Americans or will be at restaurants that cater to tourists.
- They will accommodate allergies. Senegalese food is heavily influenced by French culinary traditions and is delicious!

LOGISTICS

- We will book our own flights. EMUS team members will pick us up at the airport in Dakar and take us to our hotel.
- If your flight arrives early on Saturday, you can join us for a trip to the grocery and a walk around the hotel area in the afternoon. Saturday evening we'll have dinner with the EMUS team.
- Sunday will will attend church in the morning. In the afternoon, we may visit a market, museum or private beach and those who wish to have clothing made will visit a fabric store and be measured on Sunday.
- We will visit Goree Island during our trip where we will learn about the slave trade and visit an artist village.

LOGISTICS

- Monday through Friday will be project work days
- You can pick the project(s) you work on
- Some teams may spend one day in a remote area delivering shortened versions of our projects and learning about rural life
- Saturday you may choose to fly home or stay another night or two at a hotel on the coast (at your own expense), then fly home Sunday or Monday.

NOT COVERED COSTS

- Your souvenirs and incidentals
- Travel insurance
- Laundry
- Vaccinations, passport fee, etc.
- Airport transportation on the US side
- Extra nights/meals at our hotel or a resort

SENEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Currently, U.S. citizens do not need a visa to visit Senegal for stays of less than 90 days. However, there are other requirements to enter Senegal, including:

- **Passport:** A passport valid for at least six months on entry with one blank visa page
- **Proof of onward/return flights:** Proof that you have onward or return flights
- **Proof of sufficient funds:** Proof that you have enough funds for your intended length of stay
- **Proof of purpose of trip:** Documents showing the purpose of your trip – We will get a letter from EMUS

VACCINES & MALARIA

- Things you may wonder about:
 - Vaccines:
 - Tetanus up to date
 - Yellow fever vaccination: A current yellow fever vaccination
 - Meningitis vaccination: Highly recommended if you are arriving from or have recently traveled to an endemic area
 - Hepatitis A recommended
 - Malaria prophylaxis (Malarone)
 - Bring your prescriptions for anything you take
 - Malarone and alcohol don't mix for some people

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 - **WOMEN'S SKILL CENTER (2 PROJECTS)**
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PROJECTS

VBS



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- People on this team will chose a pre-packaged Vacation Bible School curriculum from Cokesbury.
- Local women will work with you and translate for you as needed
- This team will meet several times before the trip to plan activities, they will also meet by Zoom with our hosts to iron out details





Womens' Skill Center



PROJECT ONE: BUSINESS SKILLS FOR PRISONERS

- This project focuses on women who are about to get out of prison.
- We will teach customer interviewing and innovation
- We will have translators for French, Wolof and Serer

PROJECT TWO: ONLINE SKILLS

- Work with women who have established businesses to find ways to use local social media to promote their businesses and skills. These women may be professionals or have established locations.





COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE



PROJECT: SUPPLIES AND TRAINING

We will not provide direct health care, however we will train health care workers in basic first aid, contraception and CPR.

- Potentially travel to one or more of the rural clinics or feeding centers to distribute supplies and food.



PROJECTS YOU SUGGEST

- If you have a specialized skill set or have an idea for another project, please let us know
- The Church has final approval for all projects since some may not be feasible in their situation
- You should plan to provide all the supplies needed for your project
- Past skill-based projects included music lessons, cooking lessons, training people to work as servers at resorts, agriculture, UMC Pastor / Deacon training and infant/child care training.



ABOUT SENEGAL

SENEGAL FACTS

- Senegal became a colony of France in the 19th century. It was granted independence from France in 1960.
- Most Senegalese are Sunni Muslims with Sufi influences. French is the common European language.
- Major ethnic groups / languages
 - 43.3% Wolof
 - 23.8% Fula
 - 14.7% Serer

DAKAR IS A MODERN CITY



WITH BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

