

Baobab Island Paradise River Escape

📍 Kombo East, Gambia



Baobab Island sits quietly among the mangrove creeks of the Gambia River, a full day's escape from the noise of the coast. After a 9:00 AM pick-up from your hotel, you'll travel to the river and cross by traditional boat to the island itself, where the real adventure begins. A two-hour guided cruise winds through the mangrove creeks, opening onto some of the best birdwatching in the area: herons, kingfishers and other river birds, along with crabs and wildlife tucked among the mangrove roots. Your guide knows these waters well and will point out what to look for, and why the mangroves matter to The Gambia's environment, without turning the morning into a lecture. Back on the island, a proper local lunch is waiting, served with bottled water and refreshments. What you do with the rest of the afternoon is entirely up to you: swim in the calm river shallows, relax in the shade, wander along the shore with your camera, or simply do nothing at all, which on Baobab Island turns out to be surprisingly easy. It's a day built for couples, families and solo travellers who'd rather trade the busier coastal spots for mangrove creeks and a slower pace, and still be back at their hotel by early evening.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private group - max 7
Duration:
9

Language:
English, Wolof, Mandinka
Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

9:00 AM : Hotel pick-up

Your guide collects you from your hotel and you set off towards the river.

10:00 AM : Arrival & boat crossing

Arrive at the river and board a traditional boat for the crossing to Baobab Island.

10:30 AM : Mangrove creek cruise

A two-hour guided boat cruise through the winding mangrove creeks, watching for birds, crabs and other wildlife along the way.

12:30 PM : Return to the island

Back on Baobab Island, ready for lunch.

1:30 PM : Local lunch

A delicious local lunch, served with bottled water and refreshments.

2:00 PM : Free time

Swim, relax, take photographs or simply enjoy the island's peace and quiet.

3:45 PM : Return crossing

Board the boat for the crossing back to the mainland.

4:00 PM : Transfer back to hotel

Drop-off at your hotel, between 4:00 and 5:00 PM.