

Coconut Island – Jinack Island

📍 Jinack Island (Niji), Lower Niumi, North Bank Region, Gambia



Coconut Island, better known locally as Jinack Island, sits quietly on The Gambia's North Bank, cut off from the mainland by the river and, in many ways, by time itself. This full-day adventure crosses the Gambia River by ferry and continues by 4-wheel drive to reach a place that still moves at its own pace. The day opens with a proper Gambian breakfast at a local restaurant near the Banjul Ferry Terminal, setting you up for the crossing ahead. The ferry ride itself is part of the appeal, a slow, scenic passage across the river before a 4-wheel drive picks up the journey on the North Bank and carries you onward to the island. On Jinack Island, a guided walk through the local village introduces you to the community and its coconut groves, where farming still follows methods passed down through generations. It is an unhurried, genuine look at island life, far removed from anything staged for visitors. Lunch is served at a beachfront restaurant, after which the rest of the afternoon is yours: swim in the Atlantic, stretch out on the sand, or wander the shoreline with a camera. It is a day built for couples, families and solo travellers drawn to The Gambia's quieter side, one river crossing away from the coast.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private group - max 7

Duration:
11

Language:
English, Restricted Spanish available on selected dates only

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

7:45 AM : Banjul Ferry Terminal & breakfast

The day starts with a traditional Gambian breakfast at a local restaurant near the ferry terminal, a good, unhurried start before the crossing.

8:30 AM : Ferry crossing to the North Bank

A scenic ferry crossing over the River Gambia, with open water views back towards Banjul and out across the estuary.

9:30 AM : 4-wheel drive to Jinack Island

A comfortable 4-wheel drive vehicle covers the tracks and countryside of the North Bank on the way to Jinack Island.

10:30 AM : Village and coconut groves

A guided visit through the local village introduces the community, its traditions and its coconut groves, offering a genuine look at everyday island life and small-scale farming.

1:00 PM : Lunch at the beach

A freshly prepared lunch at a beachfront restaurant, served with bottled water and refreshments.

2:00 PM : Free time on the beach

Swim in the Atlantic, relax on the sand, or explore the shoreline with a camera while the island's pace sets in.

4:00 PM : Departure from Jinack Island

The return journey begins by 4-wheel drive and ferry, retracing the route back across the river.

5:30 PM : Arrival back on the coast

Arrival back on the coast in the early evening, at approximately 5:30 PM.