

Fathala Wildlife Reserve Safari

📍 Fathala Wildlife Reserve, near Toubacouta, Fatick Region, Senegal



Fathala Wildlife Reserve lies just across the border in Senegal, a short crossing from The Gambia and a world away from it once you're inside the park gates. This full-day safari is one of the most popular cross-border trips from The Gambia, and it earns that reputation honestly. The morning begins with a river crossing into Senegal, passports in hand, followed by a scenic drive through the countryside towards the reserve. It's a proper sense of arrival: different flags, different landscape, the same warm West African welcome. Inside Fathala, a guided game drive takes you through open bush and woodland where giraffe, zebra, antelope, buffalo, monkeys and warthogs are regularly spotted, with the occasional rhino sighting for the fortunate few. The day also includes the reserve's well-known Walk with Lions experience, available on selected dates and subject to park regulations. A relaxed breakfast and lunch keep the day comfortable throughout, with plenty of time for photographs before the drive and crossing back to the coast. It's a day that rewards wildlife enthusiasts, photographers, and anyone travelling as a couple, family or on their own who wants a genuine safari without leaving West Africa.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private group - max 7

Duration:
10

Language:
English, Restricted Spanish available on selected dates only

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

8:00 AM : River crossing into Senegal

A ferry crossing over the River Gambia, followed by the border crossing into Senegal, passports ready.

9:30 AM : Scenic drive to Fathala

A comfortable drive through the Senegalese countryside leads to the gates of Fathala Wildlife Reserve.

10:30 AM : Guided safari game drive

An open-vehicle game drive through the reserve, with giraffe, zebra, antelope, buffalo, monkeys and warthogs regularly seen, and rhino sightings possible.

12:30 PM : Lunch break

A relaxed lunch at the reserve, with bottled water and refreshments.

1:30 PM : Walk with Lions

Included in your safari, the reserve's **Walk with Lions experience** takes place on selected dates, subject to availability and park regulations.

2:30 PM : Free time and photography

Time to take in the reserve at your own pace and capture a few last photographs before departure.

3:30 PM : Return journey begins

The drive back to the border, followed by the ferry crossing back into The Gambia.

5:30 PM : Arrival back on the coast

Arrival back on the coast in the late afternoon, at approximately 5:30 PM.