

Georgetown Janjanbureh

📍 Central River Region, The Gambia



Few places in The Gambia feel as far removed from the coast as Janjanbureh, and this two-day journey into the country's interior is built around that sense of discovery. It combines the kind of ancient history you don't expect to find on a beach holiday with a proper river safari and a night spent somewhere genuinely quiet. The first day heads inland to a traditional village for a real look at rural Gambian life, before continuing to the Wassu Stone Circles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose origins are still debated by archaeologists. A two-hour boat safari on the River Gambia follows, opening up sightings of hippos, chimpanzees, crocodiles, monkeys and a long list of bird species, all from the water. The day ends at a riverside lodge, with dinner and a night under a sky far darker than anything along the coast. Day two belongs to Janjanbureh itself, once known as Georgetown, an island town whose colonial-era buildings still carry real weight. The Governor's Residence, the Underground Tunnel, the Freedom Tree and the old Slave Warehouse each tell a different part of a difficult and important history, brought to life by a guide who knows the town well. It's a slower, more immersive side of The Gambia than most itineraries reach, and it rewards travellers happy to give it a full two days.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private group - max 7

Language:
English, Restricted Spanish available on selected dates only

Duration:
2

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

7:00 AM : Day 1 - Meet & Greet

Meet your guide and set off into the Gambian countryside.

9:30 AM : Day 1 - Traditional Village Visit

Stop at a local village for a genuine look at traditional Gambian culture and daily life.

11:00 AM : Day 1 - Wassu Stone Circles

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site and museum to learn about the mysterious ancient stone circles.

2:00 PM : Day 1 - Kuntaur & Boat Safari

Enjoy a two-hour boat safari through River Gambia National Park, keeping an eye out for hippos, chimpanzees, crocodiles, monkeys and a variety of birds.

5:30 PM : Day 1 - Lodge Check-in

Check into your riverside lodge, enjoy dinner, and relax for the evening.

8:00 AM : Day 2 - Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast before setting off to explore historic Janjanbureh.

9:00 AM : Day 2 - Janjanbureh Heritage Tour

Visit the Governor's Residence, the Underground Tunnel, the Freedom Tree, and the former Slave Warehouse, and learn about the town's fascinating history.

11:30 AM : Day 2 - Return Journey

Begin the scenic drive back to the coast.

5:00 PM : Day 2 - Tour Concludes

Arrive back with unforgettable memories of The Gambia's heritage, wildlife, and culture.