

Lamin Lodge

📍 Lamin Village, The Gambia



Lamin Lodge is one of those places that regulars keep recommending long after their trip ends, and a morning spent cruising its mangrove creeks explains why. This half-day escape trades the busy coast for slow water, quiet villages, and a wooden lodge that seems to grow straight out of the mangroves themselves. The outing starts on a traditional boat, winding through the creeks towards the village of Daranka. Along the way stands the Elephant Tree, a vast old Silk Cotton Tree that's hard to miss and harder to forget. In the village itself, a guided walk takes in the women's vegetable gardens, traditional rice fields, and fish ponds, offering a genuine sense of how the community sustains itself. The return cruise brings you back to Lamin Lodge, where the famous Internet Tree and the lodge's own eccentric charm are worth lingering over. A stop at the Women's Oyster Processing Centre rounds things off, a small but important project where local women harvest and prepare oysters from the surrounding mangroves. It's an easy, unhurried few hours, and one of the more atmospheric ways to see a side of The Gambia that most beach holidays miss entirely.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private group - max 7

Duration:
4

Language:
English, Restricted Spanish available on selected dates only

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

10:45 AM : Welcome & Boat Boarding

Arrive at Lamin Lodge and board a traditional boat for the journey ahead.

11:00 AM : Boat Cruise to Daranka Village

Cruise through the winding mangrove creeks on the way to the peaceful village of Daranka.

11:30 AM : The Elephant Tree

Admire the famous Elephant Tree, also known as the Silk Cotton Tree, one of the oldest and most impressive trees in the area.

11:45 AM : Guided Village Walk

Walk through the village, including the women's vegetable gardens, traditional rice fields, and local fish ponds.

12:30 PM : Return Cruise to Lamin Lodge

Cruise back through the mangrove waterways towards Lamin Lodge.

12:50 PM : Lamin Lodge & the Internet Tree

Explore the iconic wooden restaurant built high among the mangroves and visit the famous Internet Tree.

1:15 PM : Women's Oyster Processing Centre

Learn how local women harvest, prepare, and process oysters from the mangrove forests, and the role this project plays in supporting local families.

2:00 PM : Tour Concludes