

Tanji Fishing Village & Costal Heritage Experience

📍 Tanji Fishing Village, The Gambia



Tanji is one of the busiest working fishing villages on the Gambian coast, and there's no better way to understand the country's relationship with the sea than watching it in action. This half-day visit trades postcard beaches for something rawer and considerably more interesting. Once you arrive, a guide leads you through the fish landing site just as boats are coming in, their hulls painted in the bright colours Gambian fishermen are known for. From there it's a close look at the whole process: sorting, smoking, and drying fish using methods that have barely changed in generations, and a clear sense of how central this industry is to local livelihoods. There's time afterwards to wander the market, strike up conversations with people who work here every day, and take in a side of Gambian life that has nothing to do with tourism. Photographers tend to do particularly well here, especially on the afternoon departure, when the light softens and the boats return with the sunset behind them over the Atlantic. Whether you choose the morning or the golden-hour afternoon slot, Tanji offers one of the most genuine, unfiltered experiences on the coast.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private group - max 7

Duration:
4

Language:
English, Restricted Spanish available on selected dates only

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

10:30 AM : Welcome & Introduction

Arrive at Tanji Fishing Village and receive a welcome briefing from your guide.

10:45 AM : Guided Village Tour

Explore the fishing village and fish landing site with your guide.

11:30 AM : Traditional Fish Processing

Learn about traditional fishing methods and fish processing techniques.

12:15 PM : Free Time & Market

Explore the market, meet members of the local community, and take photographs at your own pace.

1:00 PM : Refreshments

Relax with bottled water and refreshments before heading back.

1:30 PM : Departure

2:00 PM : Tour Concludes