

TURACO WEEK COASTAL BIRDING PACKAGE

THE GAMBIA



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ABOUT THIS PACKAGE



8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



£775.00

**START
END**

Kotu/ Senegambia Area

**Abuko Nature Reserve & Lamin Rice
Fields** (final birding before departure)

BEST SEASON OR RECOMMENDED TRAVEL PERIOD:

Best during the northern winter birding season (approximately November–April), when migratory species are present and temperatures are comfortable for full-day birding.

POSSIBLE BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS



Green Turaco



Greater Painted-snipe



Greyish Eagle-Owl



Northern Carmine Bee-eater



Blue Malkoha



Violet Turaco



Senegal Parrot



Goliath Heron

BRIEF TOUR OVERVIEW

Designed for birders seeking a concentrated introduction to The Gambia's exceptional coastal birdlife, the Turaco Week explores forests, wetlands, mangroves, rice fields, beaches, lagoons and river systems across the western region of the country.

Led by an experienced Gambian bird guide, the tour combines productive birding sites such as Kotu Creek, Brufut Woods, Kartong Wetlands, Farasuto Forest and Abuko Nature Reserve with opportunities for bird photography, boat excursions and comfortable coastal accommodation.

With more than 550 bird species recorded in The Gambia, the itinerary offers excellent chances to encounter turacos, kingfishers, bee-eaters, raptors, herons, hornbills and many sought-after West African specialties.

HABITATS YOU WILL EXPLORE



Brufut Woods



Farasuto Forest



Rice Field



Kartong Wetland

Your **8-DAY**

BIRDING ADVENTURE AT A GLANCE



Day 1 Kotu Creek & Mangrove Boat Cruise

Explore Kotu Creek, Kotu Ponds, rice fields, and surrounding habitats before enjoying a boat excursion through mangrove-lined waterways. Excellent opportunities for waterbirds, kingfishers, herons, owls, hornbills, rollers, and waders



Day 2 Brufut Woods & Tanji Bird Reserve

Morning birding in Brufut Woods, known for forest species such as turacos, kingfishers, sunbirds, parrots, and barbets. Afternoon visit to Tanji Bird Reserve, combining coastal, lagoon, and woodland habitats with opportunities to see bee-eaters, woodpeckers, raptors, pelicans, and seabirds.



Day 3 Farasuto Forest & Photography Hide

Spend the day in Farasuto Forest, a renowned birding and photography destination featuring over 100 bird species. Highlights include Green Turaco, Greyish Eagle-Owl, nightjars, and various woodland birds observed from dedicated photography hides.



Day 4 Kartong Wetlands & Halahein River

Explore one of The Gambia's richest birding regions, searching for ducks, jacanas, herons, stilts, raptors, and other wetland species. Afternoon boat trip on the Halahein River offers close views of herons, darters, pelicans, kingfishers, and waders.



Day 5 Pirang Shrimp Farm & Bonto Forest

Visit the productive wetlands of Pirang Shrimp Farm for storks, flamingos, terns, and waterbirds. Continue to Bonto Forest in search of rare forest species including turacos, hornbills, flufftails, paradise flycatchers, and Western Red Colobus Monkeys.



Day 6



Day 7

A group of people are in a small boat on a river, surrounded by dense green foliage. The scene is peaceful and scenic, with the boat positioned in the center of the frame. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery. The foliage is thick and lush, creating a sense of being in a tropical or subtropical environment. The people in the boat are looking towards the camera, and the overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Day 8



ACCOMMODATION EXPLANATION



Guests choose their preferred coastal lodge for the duration of the tour. Each day, a licensed Bird Watchers' Association guide collects guests from their accommodation for the day's birding programme and returns them afterwards. The lodges shown below are recommended options and may be selected according to availability and traveller preference.



Lemon Creek Hotel



Senegambia Beach Hotel



Kombo Beach Hotel



Sunset Beach Hotel



Ocean Bay Hotel



Kairaba Beach Hotel



Farakunku Lodge



Marakissa River Camp

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- AIRPORT TRANSFERS (IF APPLICABLE)
- BIRDING GUIDE SERVICES
- PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
- DRIVER
- FUEL
- ENTRY FEES TO RESERVES AND PARKS
- BOAT EXCURSIONS MENTIONED IN ITINERARY

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS
- TRAVEL INSURANCE
- VISA FEES (IF APPLICABLE)
- DRINKS
- PERSONAL EXPENSES
- TIPS
- OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
- ACCOMMODATION
- MEALS



About the Bird Watchers' Association



The Bird Watchers' Association, The Gambia is the country's leading professional bird guiding organisation, representing more than 75 licensed bird guides. Working closely with the Gambia Tourism Board, the association promotes professional guiding standards, conservation awareness and exceptional bird watching experiences throughout The Gambia.

Association members are licensed annually and possess extensive field experience across the country's forests, wetlands, river systems and coastal habitats. Through tailor-made birding, photography and nature tours, the association helps visitors discover more than 550 bird species while supporting local guiding livelihoods and conservation efforts.

Visitors can choose from half-day excursions, full-day birding experiences and multi-day tours covering many of The Gambia's most important birding destinations.

HOW THE PACKAGE WORKS



TO ENQUIRE OR BOOK

Contact the Bird Watchers' Association directly by phone, WhatsApp, email or through the website. Visitors can also scan the QR code to submit an enquiry and receive availability and pricing information.

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