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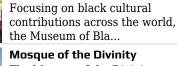
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The Cape Verde Peninsula sticks out westward into the Atlantic Ocean, reaching from the Old World to the New, harbouring the westernmost city on the African mainland: Dakar. A city that represents Africa's development better than almost any other, Dakar boasts the comforts and luxuries of modern living, while firmly keeping a grasp on its history and traditions. The bustling markets of downtown are juxtaposed with the laid-back pace of Île de Gorée and the surrounding beaches, making a visit to Dakar a fascinating experience of contrasts.

NOTE: This Guide has been limited to 20 points of interest per section. For the full guide, please visit <u>ArrivalGuides.com</u>



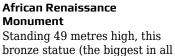




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THE CITY



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Dakar has been for centuries a vital hub for travel and commerce, connecting Africa, Europe and the Americas. Once an important point for the Atlantic slave trade because of its strategic location, it still holds an important position for trade, transport and communication.

Dakar's rich cultural heritage and a diverse and often difficult colonial history have bred a unique social blend that incorporates European, North African and West African elements, but stands out from all three. It is a blossoming city with a vibrant art scene, exciting diversity and enough natural wonders in the vicinity to warrant a few day trips. The mix of cultures is clearly visible in every aspect of the city, from the art and architecture to the cuisine and religious practices, and every quartier holds new things to discover.

DO & SEE



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Giant bronze statues, fantastic art museums, mosques, cathedrals and tons of fascinating history mean that you're sure to find plenty to do in Dakar. If you feel like exploring a bit further outside the city, attractions like the pink Lake Retba, the Village des Tortues, and the nearby Gorée Island make for great day trips.

Museum of Black Civilizations



Focusing on black cultural contributions across the world, the Museum of Black Civilizations is spread across four floors and

features sections like "The Cradle of Humanity", a collection of human remains found in Africa, and "Africa Now", which focuses on contemporary art made by black artists.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com Address: Mousse Diop Road, Senegal Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-7pm Phone: +221 77 763 80 80 Internet: www.mcn.sn Email: mcn@mcn.sn

Mosque of the Divinity



The Mosque of the Divinity outside of Dakar fuses modernism and traditional Islamic architecture. With its two towers, it provides the

perfect lookout point over the vast ocean waters washing over Senegal -- it remains an important pilgrimage site despite the tourism appeal. For an even more breathtaking panorama, venture out onto the cliffs surrounding the mosque.

Photo: Lukas Hlavac/Shutterstock.com Address: Ouakam, Dakar

African Renaissance Monument



Standing 49 metres high, this bronze statue (the biggest in all Africa) commemorates the end of slavery and the reemergence of the

African continent after the oppressive European rule. This impressive sight has been the subject of criticism and controversy, but is nonetheless worth a visit.

Photo: Dereje/Shutterstock.com Address: Ouakam, Dakar

Théodore Monod African Art Museum



Théodore Monod African Art Museum, once called IFAN Museum of African Arts, was promoted by Senegal's first president Léopold Senghor. It is

one of the oldest and most important art museums in West Africa, containing artworks from across

Francophone Africa and boasting collections by

contemporary African and diaspora artists. It also functions as a research institute for the study of African culture.

Photo: Eric Haglund/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Rue Place 18, Dakar Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 9.00-17.00 Phone: +221 33 823 92 68 Internet: ifan.ucad.sn Email: ifan@ucad.edu.sn

lle de Gorée



Gorée Island used to be an important centre for the transport of slaves headed to America. It now boasts some impressive colonial

architecture (though much of it is in ruins) and the House of Slaves museum. The island is small enough to explore on foot, and visitors can enjoy a drink on the beach or shop for local art.

Photo: Oksana Ph/Shutterstock.com Address: Ile de Gorée

Public Transport: Ferries depart all day from the terminal north of Place de l'Independance every hour or two hours. The journey takes around 20 minutes.

House of Slaves



The House of Slaves is a museum and memorial to the Atlantic slave trade on Gorée Island. The Door of No Return memorialises the final

exit point of the slaves from Africa. Though the exact number of slaves who actually departed from here is debated, a visit is an important and solemn experience.

Photo: rweisswald/Shutterstock.com Address: Gorée Island, Dakar Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.30-12.00 and 15.00-18.00 Phone: +221 77 649 38 24

Le Village des Tortues (The Turtoises' Village)



Located about 35 km east of Dakar, this small part of the botanical reserve of Noflaye is home to 11 species of turtles. It is a research institute, as well

as a facility that protects these endangered species and releases young turtles into the wild.

Photo: sinerji/Shutterstock.com Address: Sangalkam, Noflaye, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 9.00-18.00 Phone: +221 78 434 90 48 Internet: www.tortuesenegal.com Email: sos.tortuesenegal@gmail.com

Grand Mosque of Dakar



This richly decorated mosque is one of the largest and most important religious buildings in the country. It is located right in the

bustling neighbourhood of the Medina, among lively streets, cafes and markets.

Photo: Homo Cosmicos/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenue Malick Sy, Dakar

Médina



This popular neighbourhood is always vibrant and full of life. Street markets, bustling cafes, cramped homes, and tiny shops give this

quartier a constant buzz, and the locals give it life and colour.

Photo: Leonie Broekstra/Shutterstock.com

Address: Médina, Dakar

Hann Park and Zoo



These public park is a green oasis right in the heart of the city. It hosts three arboretums featuring a wide sample of Senegalese flora, as

well as a zoo that is home to over 130 animals.

Photo: tj.haslam/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Parc Forestier de Hann, Dakar Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8.30-6:30 Phone: +221 33 831 01 01

Lake Retba



Lake Retba is called by locals "Lac Rose", which means "pink lake". The reason is that it contains a very high concentration of cyanobacteria, which

gives the water a strong pink colour, making a truly unique sight. Visitors can also see workers collecting salt from the lake in the traditional manner.

Photo: Anton_Ivanov/Shutterstock.com Address: Lake Retba, Senegal Internet: www.lakeretba.com More Info: 40 km north of Dakar. The easiest way to reach the site is by car or taxi.

Village des Arts



Senegal's best emerging and established artists, photographers, sculptors and painters create and display their works in this large garden area and in

the adjoined gallery.

Photo: Zadorozhnyi Viktor/Shutterstock.com Address: Village des Arts, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 11.00-18.00 Phone: +221 77 527 85 83

Place de l'Indépendance



Place de l'Indépendance, a central square surrounded by colonial buildings, is the very heart of the city. It's the best place to start

exploring the city centre.

Photo: Serigne diagne/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Place de l'Indépendance, Dakar

Palais Présidentiel

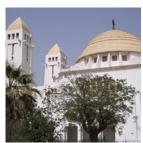


The Presidential Palace, also known as Palace of the republic, is home to the Senegalese Head of State. Though visitors are not allowed to enter the

palace, this impressive neoclassical building is worth seeing. The structure from 1907 is surrounded by lush stately gardens and guards in their colonial-style uniforms.

Photo: Bess Sadler/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped) Address: 6 Avenue du Pr. L. Sedar Senghor, Dakar Phone: +221 33 880 80 80

Our Lady of Victories Cathedral



This big majestic cathedral consecrated in 1936 is the hub of Catholicism in Senegal. Visits are quiet and peaceful, and local

devouts can often be seen lighting candles or silently seated in prayer.

Photo: Salvador Aznar/Shutterstock.com Address: Boulevard de la Republique, Dakar

Océanium



Océanium is an environmental agency that organises different types of ecologically friendly excursions and diving lessons. They're

devoted to promoting ecotourism and conscious travelling.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com Address: Rte de la Cornichem Estate, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 8.00-18.00 Phone: +221 33 842 40 52 Internet: www.oceaniumdakar.com Email: contact@oceaniumdakar.com

Layen Mausoleum



Yoff village is a strongly religious community, where drinking and smoking are forbidden, and visitors are expected to dress appropriately.

This mausoleum is dedicated to Saidi Limamou Laye, the founder of the Layene Muslim brotherhood, and its location on the beach and sand floor make for an interesting visit.

Photo: antpun/Shutterstock.com Address: Yoff Layene, Dakar

DINING



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Like its population, Senegal's cuisine draws from North African, French and Portuguese influences, all of which are mixed with local ingredients and the gastronomic traditions of the country's diverse ethnic groups. Fish is an important part of the food here, as are lamb, peas, peanuts, cous cous and lentils. Also, be sure to try some of the delicious juices made with fresh fruit like mango and soursop.

La Cabane du Pêcheur



La Cabane du Pêcheur is a great seafood restaurant with a beach-side location, always offering the day's freshest catches on the

menu. Favourites include marlin steaks, fried balahoo or crayfish, all accompanied by rice, legumes and salad.

Photo: kuvona/Shutterstock.com Address: Plage de Ngor, Ndeureuhnou, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 9.00-23.00 Phone: +221 33 820 7675 Email: contact@cabanedupecheur.net

Ali Baba



Even though Ali Baba is a fast food restaurant, visiting it on a Saturday afternoon proves to be a cultural experience, as it is a favourite among

locals who flock here to enjoy Senegalese sandwiches stuffed with French fries and drowned in sauce. Also on the menu are burgers, pizza, Greek and Mediterranean food.

Photo: f9photos/Shutterstock.com Address: 23 Avenue Georges Pompidou, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 8.00-late Phone: +221 822 5297

Chez Loutcha



Mafé is a meat stew cooked in peanut sauce with rice, a delicious local dish, and the specialty of Chez Loutcha. This restaurant is already very

popular among locals, and tourists will be have the chance to try some authentic Senegalese cuisine at reasonable prices.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com Address: 101 Rue Moussé Diop, Dakar Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 12.00-23.00 Phone: +221 33 821 0302

La Fourchette



La Fourchette is a prime example of fine dining in Dakar. Here, European haute cuisine with an Asian twist is accompanied by lively

performances of local music for a truly multicultural gastronomic feast.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com Address: 4 Rue Parent, Dakar Opening hours: Monday-Friday 11.00-14.30 and 19.30-23.00, Saturday 19.30-23.00 Phone: +221 33 821 88 87 Internet: www.fourchettedakar.com Email: fourchette@fourchettedakar.com

Lagon 1



Few restaurants boast such an idyllic a location as Lagon 1, with tables on a pier overlooking the Atlantic and Gorée Island off in the distance. If you

prefer, you can also in the elegantly furnished dining room. A fine menu awaits you here, with plenty of fresh seafood, renowned desserts and well-mixed cocktails.

Photo: Yeko Photo Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Route de la Corniche Est, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 9.00-00.00 Phone: +221 33 821 53 22 Internet: www.lelagondakar.com Email: lelagon@orange.sn

Le Patio



Locals come to Le Patio to enjoy the fine dining, sip tasty cocktails and socialise. This is a classy place, as made evident by the lighting, decor,

cuisine and prices. At night, it turns into a lively nightclub where partygoers dance until early morning.

Photo: Anton Violin/Shutterstock.com Address: 9 Route de Ngor, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 19.00-late Phone: +221 33 820 5823 Internet: www.lepatio-dakar.com

Noflaye Beach



Dakar's beaches have been becoming more and more popular, and restaurants like Noflaye Beach are only speeding up the process. Offering

French and European cuisine by the beach in a cosy wooden interior, this place has all you need to enjoy a pleasant meal.

Photo: Insight Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Route de la Corniche des Almadies, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 10.00-22.00 Phone: +221 33 820 3032

CAFES



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Coffee culture in Dakar has its quirks. There's nothing quite like buying a tiny plastic cup of extra sweetened coffee from a street vendor. But as the city has become ever more cosmopolitan and worldly, and as international influences have become more and more a part of life in the Senegalese capital, Western style cafes have been popping up throughout the city. Below are some suggestions for those wanting to escape the hustle of the city to enjoy a hot coffee, a quick snack or a creamy dessert.

Simone Cafe



Simone Cafe is a Brazilian dessert house in the heart of Dakar. They serve Brazilian snacks and coffee along with a selection of delicious

cakes and cheesecakes. If you prefer, you can also order tea, soda or regular coffee, but the desserts are definitely not to be missed.

Photo: Olyina/Shutterstock.com Address: Mermoz Villa, Dakar Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12.00-19.00 Phone: +221 33 825 11 98 Internet: www.simonecafe.com/en/restaurant Email: info@simonecafe.com

Times Cafe



If you're looking to escape the hustle and bustle of downtown for a bit, pop into Times Cafe. It makes for a refreshing respite from the hectic

life outside and allows you to recharge with a hot coffee, some American style fast food, or some local dishes, such as thieboudienne, namely fish with rice and tomato sauce.

Photo: Dima Sobko/Shutterstock.com Address: 27 Leopold Sedar Senghor, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 8.00-23.00 Phone: +221 33 821 21 68

Sweet Coffee



Offering good snacks and dishes, like sandwiches, salads and pizza, as well as tasty coffee and desserts, Sweet Coffee is a local favourite. Groups

of youngsters gather here for milkshakes, ice

cream, socialising and hookah smoking in the outdoor seating area for hours and hours.

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com Address: Route des Almadies, Dakar Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 9.00-23.00 Phone: +221 33 820 90 09

Presse Cafe



This widely renowned Canadian chain of cafes has opened a branch in Dakar, recognising the great potential of this emergent city. Bringing

their great coffee recipes and a good selection of simple food, like wraps and sandwiches, Press Cafe has been drawing crowds since its opening.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com Address: 108 Rue Carnot, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 6.00-00.00 Phone: +221 33 821 05 79 Internet: www.pressecafe.net Email: frial@pressecafe.sn

Nescafe Stands



For a truly Senegalese coffee experience be sure to visit one of the many Nescafe vendors sprinkled throughout the city. They sell sweetened

coffee in tiny plastic cups for next to nothing, and can really be found just about anywhere. Linger for a chat with the vendor and the locals if you feel like it.

Photo: Mardre/Shutterstock.com Address: Dakar

Cafe Touba



Don't pass up the chance to try Cafe Touba, a typical coffee drink in which the beans are ground with djar, a type of black pepper, served

black and with tons of sugar. It is said to have stomach-soothing effects, as well as apgrodesiac, and even medicinal, qualities, tasting both sweet and spicy. It can be bought at stands found throughout the city.

Photo: Boumen Japet/Shutterstock.com Address: Dakar

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Dakar boasts some of the best, liveliest and most varied nightlife in West Africa. Bars provide cool and refreshing drinks, while nightclubs keep the crowds dancing till morning. The selection of musical and cultural events is staggering, with concerts, movies and performances always available throughout the city.

Phare des Mamelles



Phare des Mamelles is a restaurant and bar in front of Les Mamelles Lighthouse, an important and scenic spot in the outskirts of Dakar. Every

weekend, visitors can dance under the stars to live music and DJ sets.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com Address: Mamelles, Route de l'Aeroport, Dakar Opening hours: Thursday-Saturday 19.00-01.00 Phone: +221 77 343 42 42 Internet: www.pharedesmamelles.com Email: contact@pharedesmamelles.com

Bayékou



Bayékou has a roof terrace with a stunning view over the Atlantic and Ngor Island. This is the place to go for a happy hour or after dinner

drinks. They offer standard cocktails and long drinks as well as lighter options like wine, beer, soft drinks and mocktails. In addition to being a bar and lounge, Bayékou is also a classy restaurant.

Photo: Ollyy/Shutterstock.com Address: Near Plage de Ngor, Dakar Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 18.00-02.00 Phone: +221 77 681 38 88 Email: bayekoudk@gmail.com

Le Thiossane



Mbalax, the fusion of jazz, soul, and rock with traditional drumming and dancing, is the musical life-force of Senegal, and there is no better place to enjoy it than Le Thiossane, owned by Youssou N'Dour, one of the country's best and most beloved musicians.

Photo: Fresnel/Shutterstock.com Address: Rue 10, Dakar Phone: +221 33 824 7078

Institut Français de Senegal



This wonderful arts centre is one of the city's most important arenas for culture and art. The facilities are impressive, housing exhibition rooms,

a small cinema, workshops, a cafe and a shop, as well as an open-air stage. It is a great place to catch a performance of traditional music and dance.

Photo: Fer Gregory/Shutterstock.com Address: 89 Rue Joseph Gomis, Dakar Phone: +221 33 823 03 20 Internet: www.institutfrancais-senegal.com Email: info@institutfrancais-senegal.com

Kadjinol Station



Kadjinol Station is a lounge/bar with a relaxed vibe and a passion for cinema. Patrons can enjoy a film for free while eating a meal or sipping a

refreshing drink. The selection of movies is always interesting, including also titles from world cinema and some old classics.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 Avenue Albert Sarrault x Salva, Plateau, Dakar Phone: +221 33 842 86 62

Théâtre Daniel Sorano



The Théâtre Daniel Sorano, the national theatre of Senegal, is a hub of music and culture in the country. It hosts performances of the

Instrumental Ensemble, the National Ballet of Senegal and the National Theatre of Senegal. Therefore, here you can always enjoy a world-class program.

Photo: Andrey_Kuzmin/Shutterstock.com Address: Rue de la République, Plateau, Dakar Phone: +221 33 822 17 15

SHOPPING



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The best shopping to be found in Dakar is at the abundant and colourful markets all around the city. Some specialize in certain types of products, like fabrics or local produce, while others seem to offer just about anything you can think of. Be sure to haggle to ensure getting the best possible price, and beware of pickpockets, who tend to take advantage of the hectic bustle of markets.

Marché Sandaga



Marché Sandaga in the city centre is the largest market in Dakar. Both locals and tourists come here to buy anything they need from clothes and

shoes to local products and souvenirs. Soak up the vibrant atmosphere of the market and be ready to bargain before you purchase.

Photo: i_am_zews/Shutterstock.com Address: Sandaga, Dakar

Marché Soumbédioune



Marché Soumbédioune a good spot for souvenir hunting. It is a market in the area of Médina where local artisans and craftsmen sell their

creations, for instance wooden masks, jewellery, clothes, leather goods, pottery or paintings. Due to its proximity to the sea, you'll see many fishermen selling their catch here (which can be grilled to-order on the spot at one of the market's several grilling stations).

Photo: Fresnel/Shutterstock.com Address: Route de la Corniche O, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 8.00-19.00

Marché HLM



Vibrant and colourful fabrics line the maze of stalls that compose the Marché HLM, the best market in town to buy traditional African

textiles. High-quality prints, embroidery, silk and more are available at very decent prices, along with all kinds of accessories. Photo: ChiccoDodiFC/Shutterstock.com Address: H.L.M 5, Dakar

Marché Kermel



Marché Kermel is a food and souvenir market housed in a beautiful circular building in downtown Dakar. It showcases Senegal's

great wealth of fruits, vegetables, grains and meats, as well as the day's freshest catches, all available at very affordable prices. Outside the building you'll find the souvenir stalls selling jewelry, masks, sculptures and more.

Photo: elxeneize/Shutterstock.com Address: Rue de Essarts, Dakar

Sea Plaza



Sea Plaza is a modern and sleek shopping centre that gathers everything one might expect: an impressive amount of international

clothes shops and major brands, restaurants, a supermarket, pharmacies, and a flashy casino.

Photo: AS photo studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Route Corniche Ouest, Fann, Dakar Opening hours: Sunday-Friday 10.00-20.00, Saturday 10.00-21.00 Phone: +221 33 859 89 62

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Citizens of the following countries can visit Senegal visa-free for a stay of up to 90 days: European Union citizens, Benin, Brazil, Burkina

Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Korea, Togo, Tunisia, United States. They need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months from the date of arrival.

Visa for up to 90 days can be obtained upon arrival by citizens of 69 countries and territories including Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic,Egypt, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Monaco, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Russia, Seychelles, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe. They need a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

Note that evidence of return or onward travel

may have to be presented in order to enter the country. A certificate of vaccination against yellow fever might also be necessary if travelling from endemic countries.

If you're not sure whether or not to apply for a visa, we recommend that you contact the embassy or consulate in your country.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com Internet: www.diplomatie.gouv.sn

Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Dakar is during the dry season, namely from November to May, when the average temperature is around 20°/68°F and

rain is basically non-existent. Of course, this is also high season. From June to October it's wet season, with hot, humid days and frequent rainfall. During this period, you can find good deals and still have a pleasant stay, but note that some business may be closed.

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Léopold Sédar Senghor International Airport



Léopold Sédar Senghor International Airport (DKR) is located in the area of Yoff, in the northwest part of town. It is the main air travel hub

of the country and handles numerous flight to major international destinations in Africa and Europe, as well as to New York.

If you haven't arranged for airport pickup, taxis are your best bet to get to the city. There is a taxi stand outside the terminal, but many illegal taxi drivers will try to offer rides before you can

get there. Ignore them and only take the registered taxis. Bus number 8 also goes to the city from the airport. It is much cheaper than a taxi, but can also take much longer.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Yoff, Dakar Phone: +221 33 869 50 50

Public Transport



Dakar's public bus system is called Dakar Dem Dikk. It is relatively reliable and very affordable, but the bus network can be very difficult to figure out

if you're not already familiar with it. Be sure to ask a local if you're not sure which bus to take to get where you're going.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Internet: www.demdikk.com

Taxi



Taxis are ubiquitous in Dakar and can be flagged down anywhere. They are fast and safe as well, but you must haggle and agree on the fare before

getting in. Taxis can also be caught in front of major hotels. They are usually yellow and black with a printed number on the side.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



There are several post offices in Dakar. Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: 12 Boulevard El Hadji Djily Mbaye, Dakar Opening hours: Daily 8.00-18.00

Pharmacy



Pharmacie Mandela: 12 Avenue Nelson Mandela, Plateau, Dakar Open 24h +221 33 821 21 72 Pharmacie Guigon: Avenue G. Pompidou,

Dakar

Monday-Saturday 8.00-23.00 +221 33 823 03 33

Pharmacie Mame Oumy Gueye 125 Sacré çoeur 3 Pyrotechnie, Lot 87, Dakar Monday-Saturday 8.30-23.00, Sunday 9.00-22.00 +221 33 825 59 99

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +221 Area code: 8

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V / 50 Hz Type of power sockets: C / D / E / K

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population City: 1,056 million

Currency West African CFA franc 1 XOF = 100 centimes

Opening hours

Most businesses and shops generally open at about 8:30am and close around 7:30-8:30pm. Some establishments may close for a few hours during the early afternoon. Some places may also open on Sunday morning, and others will remain closed on Mondays.

Newspapers

Enquete Plus La Gazette Le Quotidien Le Soleil Sud Quotidien Wal Fadjri

Emergency numbers

Police: 17 Fire: 18 Medical: 33 889 1515