

Dakar, Senegal

West Africa's vibrant Atlantic capital — the haunting history of Gorée Island, a colossal hilltop monument, teeming markets, and the rhythms of Senegalese music and teranga hospitality.

 Docked (central port)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  West African CFA Franc (XOF)  French · Wolof · some English

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port of Dakar (central)

To Gorée ferry: Short walk/taxi

Best For: History · Culture

Don't Miss: Gorée Island

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  2,000–5,000 XOF (~\$3–8 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  Yango, Heetch

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Gorée Island** — The UNESCO-listed island offshore — the House of Slaves and its 'Door of No Return,' pastel colonial houses, and a profoundly moving reflection on...
- **African Renaissance Monument** — The colossal 49 m bronze statue on a hilltop — taller than the Statue of Liberty — with sweeping views over Dakar and the Atlantic from its base.
- **City & Sandaga Market** — Downtown Plateau, the Independence Square, the Grand Mosque, and the teeming Sandaga and Kermel markets — color, textiles, music, and Senegalese...
- **Lake Retba (Pink Lake)** — The famous rose-colored salt lake northeast of the city, where salt collectors work the shallows — a striking, otherworldly half-day excursion (color...

BEST WALKS

- **Plateau & Independence Square** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — The downtown core — Place de l'Indépendance, the colonial-era Gouvernance and cathedral, and the lively streets toward the Kermel market hall.
- **Kermel Market** ~1 km · 1 hr · easy — The atmospheric covered market in a restored colonial hall — flowers, crafts, spices, and Senegalese textiles near the port.
- **Corniche viewpoints** short taxi · 1 hr · easy — The coastal Corniche road with Atlantic views, the Mosque of the Divinity at Ouakam, and the African Renaissance Monument on its hill.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:55AM–7:23PM · Jun 6:40AM–7:39PM · Aug 6:55AM–7:32PM · Sep 6:58AM–7:10PM · Oct 7:01AM–6:49PM	
Apr	77°	67°	0d		
Jun	81°	74°	1d		
Aug	84°	78°	14d		
Sep	85°	79°	12d		
Oct	87°	79°	2d		

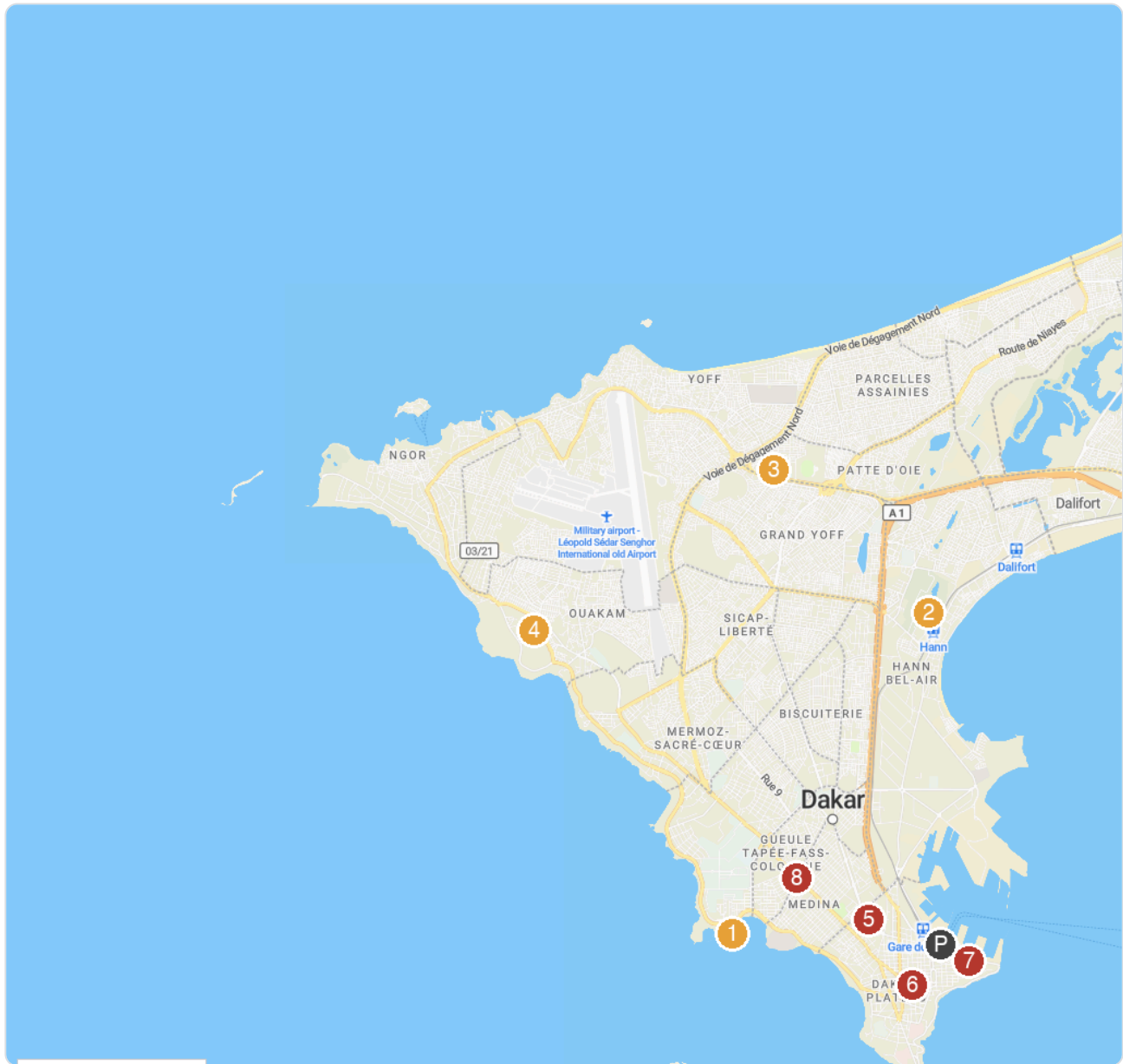
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Gorée Island is the must-do. The House of Slaves is deeply moving and the island is beautiful — go early and mind the ferry timetable if independent.
- Embrace teranga, but be firm. Senegalese hospitality is warm; vendors are persistent — a polite, firm 'non merci' and a guide keep things easy.
- Carry CFA francs. The CFA is cash-based for markets and taxis; euros are sometimes taken but at poor rates — get local currency and haggle in markets.
- A little French helps. French is the official language (Wolof is widely spoken) — basic French goodwill goes a long way, and a guide bridges the gap.
- Sun and modest dress. Dakar is hot and largely Muslim — bring sun protection and dress modestly, especially near mosques.

Dakar, Senegal — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Magic Land | Dakar's amusement park with rides and entertainment. | 2 Hann Zoological Park | A zoo showcasing West African wildlife. |
| 3 Village Des Arts | An artists' village and market for local art. | 4 African Renaissance Monument | A colossal bronze statue symbolizing African rebirth. |
| 5 Grand Mosque of Dakar | Dakar's main mosque, an important religious landmark. | 6 Leopold Sedar Senghor French Institute | A French cultural center with library and events. |
| 7 Casino du Port | A waterfront casino for gaming and entertainment. | 8 Rond-Point Sahm | A major traffic circle with a central monument. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |