

SENEGAL: TERANGA

Senegalese hospitality, Teranga, is known internationally. The Senegalese are a kind, sweet people who open their homes and hearts to us when we visit. Our friends in Senegal have become our family and we look forward to the day when we can have student exchanges coming to the US.



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Real experiences with real people
- Individually designed experiences
- Sabar & Djembe Drum lessons while at Sobobade, an artist retreat, with Senegalese musicians
- Sabar & Djembe Dance lessons at Sobobade with Abdou Sarr
- Horseback riding in the Sahel
- Unique hotels
- Visits in Dakar, Yoff, St. Louis, Toubab Diallo, Thies and other communities
- Support for individual projects
- Tony Vacca, artistic director in US
- Massamba Diop, artistic director in Senegal
- Connections with Baaba Maal & his band, Daande Lenol
- Co-director, Jean Butler of AAE, Inc.
- Form lasting friendships

ABOUT SENEGAL

Senegal, a former French Colony on the West coast of Africa, became independent in 1960 and is predominantly a Muslim country. The official language is French. The capital city of Dakar is at the western-most point of the continent. Senegal ranges from hot, dry desert to the North, Sahel grasslands and a more tropical climate South of The Gambia, which Senegal surrounds. The beaches and coasts we visit are beautiful. Many languages & dialects are spoken, but our trip focuses on the common language of music.



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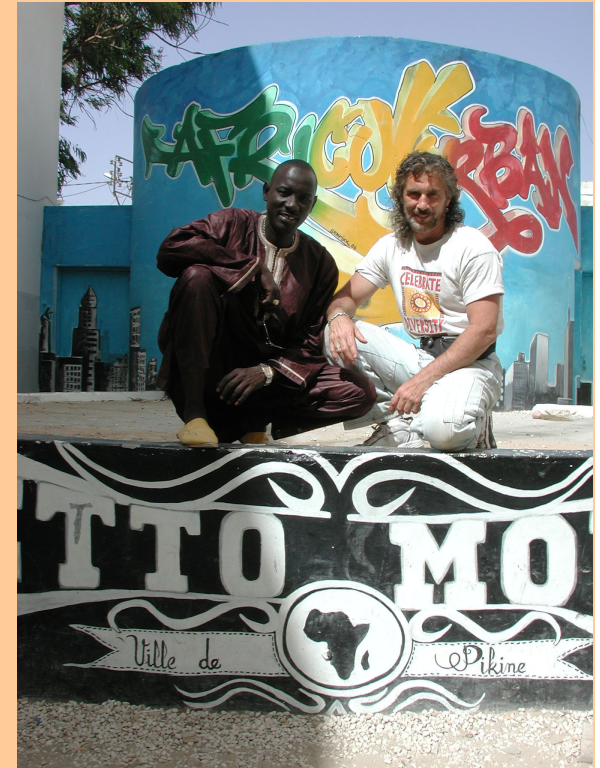
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CONTACT US TODAY TO DISCUSS YOUR TRIP TO SENEGAL!
We want to take you to Senegal.

The Senegal-America Project



2011-12 Drum and Dance Cultural Exchange
15 days

December 27, 2011 – January 11, 2012

An Inspirational, Life changing Adventure!
Global Education Through the Arts
Education Through Exploration

PRESENTED BY:

Arts Are Essential, Inc.
Tony Vacca's World Rhythms



This is what education should look like.

**BRING YOUR CURRICULUM TO LIFE!
DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT, VISION OR
LIFE LONG DREAM?**

Our **goal** is to provide you with the arts/cultural experience you want. This trip can be Professional Development for educators and music teachers, global education of cultures, immersion in the arts, or awareness of the social structure and challenges Senegal faces. The trip can support fulfilling a dream or vision of personal or professional growth that the professional artist-educator may have, such as studying with or recording with internationally known Senegalese musicians.

We support volunteer opportunities and facilitate development & oversight of service projects.

Current Projects:

- ** **Building and Supporting a Senegalese School**
- ** **Health Care Initiatives around malaria, diabetes, and hypertension**

OVERVIEW

What is The Senegal-America Project? The SAP, which was founded by Tony Vacca and Massamba Diop, is co-directed by Jean Butler and Tony Vacca. Our trip can have several different goals: **Student Exchanges, Professional Development and Projects and Visions.** We take small groups of students, artists and educators to Senegal to experience its people and culture in family, friends and professional settings. With our Senegalese friends and decades of experience traveling to Senegal, you are in good hands to relax and enjoy the entire experience. We customize the experience to each group of travelers.

What are you waiting for? Haven't you always wanted to travel to Africa with friends and artists?

The **SENEGAL-AMERICA PROJECT** is an expandable, up-close-and-personal model for practicing the most essential and obvious principal of human interactions, that **we are all connected.** The primary goal of the Project is to bring people together in meaningful collaborations that create transformational responses to what we share of common issues and common ground.

Arts Are Essential, Inc. is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 based in Massachusetts. All donations to AAE, Inc. for The Senegal-America Project are fully tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS. Financial support will go toward our educational and health care initiatives and allow us to offer scholarships for very deserving artists/ educators & students to travel with us.

**You don't have to travel to Africa to participate in or support our initiatives.
Thank you!**



What does it cost?

**December 27th, 2011 to January 11th, 2012
Fee is \$2100**

The Fee Includes:

- all lodging for 15 days
- 3 meals per day during the trip
- in country transport
- entry to cultural events
- all group expenses in Senegal

Does not include airfare.

Optional

Assistance with recording projects or the purchase of instruments
Baaba Maal – meet and attend a performance if available
Private lessons and interviews with Baru Sall and other Senegalese musicians from Baaba's band Daande Lenol.

