

The Gambia

The study visit is run and organised by Pam Copeland and Dr Des Bowden the directors of B&C Educational Ltd.. Pam taught in primary schools before becoming a senior university lecturer in citizenship and Des is a former head of a university geography department and has carried out research in West Africa. B&C have introduced many people to The Gambia over the last 20 years. They have built a good network of Gambian contacts in schools, NGOs and amongst the local people of The Gambia.



B&C have extensive knowledge of The Gambia and clearly worked hard to ensure that our group left with a true and lasting impression of the country, its culture and its welcoming courteous and friendly people - and unbelievable and thought provoking life experience.

Claudine

If you think that you will return from a visit to The Gambia feeling sorry for the communities in the country, you need to go and see for yourself. I came back feeling sorry that we in UK often forget to focus on what is important i respect, tolerance, good nature and getting on. Thank you B&C for an amazing experience.

Natalie

Des and Pam will :-

- provide detailed briefing (health and safety, medical, currency, clothing etc),
- provide an introduction to the culture, life and environment of The Gambia, West Africa,
- investigate the Gambian educational system by visiting schools
- encourage you to share a meal in a Gambian family's compound
- ensure you visit a range of Gambian cultural sites, including Bakau Fishing Market, Serrakunda and Banjul Markets, and the colonial capital of Banjul, Banjul Gateway, a mangrove cruise, an eco-project with solar power and micro-agriculture and much much more. For non-teachers the programme will be built to suit your needs.
- · accompany you to a range of local restaurants for your evening meals

The costs will cover:-

- all travel and seven nights' accommodation based on twin de-luxe rooms in the four star Ocean Bay Hotel, Cape Point on a bed and breakfast basis, (single rooms can be arranged at an extra cost)
- return flights from UK, 15 kgs baggage, transfers to and from hotel in The Gambia,
- ATOL protection for the flights and hotel,
- services of local guides, (trusted guides known to us)
- use of local transport,
- a full daily itinerary, with support, guidance and entrance fees.

The whole visit will cost £895 (to include the briefing meetings).

To confirm your participation please complete attached form and include a booking deposit of £100.00.

DATES

The preferred dates Saturday 24 Nov - Saturday 1 December 2018 (from Birmingham), however we cannot confirm booking until a deposit has been paid (cheque to B&C or school invoice) to us so that we can pay the holiday operators (Thomas Cook).

For more information please contact Des or Pam on <u>b-cltd@hotmail.co.uk</u> or

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