

BOU EL MOGDAD

A Timeless Journey on the Senegal River



From the elegant Saint-Louis bordering the Atlantic Ocean, to Podor, the old trading post asleep at the gates of the Sahara, experience a unique cruise in Africa aboard the Bou el Mogdad.

This mythical boat, once the only link between the populations of the River Valley, invites you today to relive the Route of the Trading Posts.

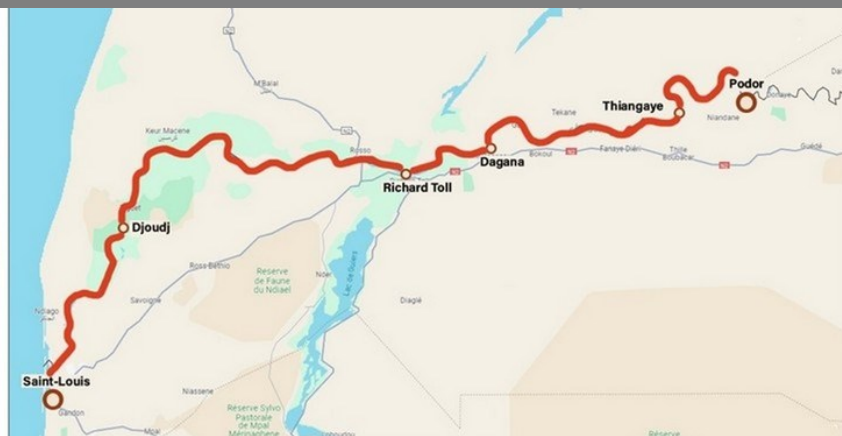
As the water flows, grandiose landscapes emerge, the riches of the fauna and flora of northern Senegal. Around the bends of the river, you meet an authentic population with unforgettable kindness, in the bush villages.

From stage to stage, the old trading posts reveal themselves, loaded with history. Take the time for discovery, for meeting, for a change of scenery, to the rhythm of the Bou el Mogdad.

Cruise Schedule 2025-2026

Departure from Saint-Louis

October: 25
November: 8 - 22
December: 6 - 20
January: 3 - 17 - 31
February: 14 - 28
March: 14 - 28
April: 11 - 25



Departure from Podor

November: 1 - 15 - 29
December: 13 - 27
January: 10 - 24
February: 7 - 21
March: 7 - 21
April: 4 - 18
May: 2

7-day and 6-night cruise - departures every Saturday from October 25, 2025 to May 2, 2026

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The Cruise



Saturday: Boarding and Visit of Saint-Louis

Lunch at Hotel La Residence (or similar) around 1pm. Boarding and settling in from 3pm.

In the afternoon, a city tour by horse-drawn carriage will allow us to discover Saint-Louis. One can feel an atmosphere that is both strange and familiar, admire the finesse of the balconies hanging on the beautiful colonial houses and follow the gradient of yellow ochre hues offered by the streets depending on the position of the sun. The North district of the island is separated from the South district by the Governance and Place Faidherbe.

Still on the island: the Town Hall and the Court House (1st judgment in 1875), the hospital (1827), the girls' high school Ameth Fall which has occupied since 1927 an old hospital dating from 1840. The famous Faidherbe Bridge (500m long), which according to legend would have been shipped to Saint-Louis in 1897 following a gigantic administrative error.

The fishing village, interesting in the morning and evening when you see the huge boats cross the bar. The Muslim cemetery in the Guet Ndar district. The graves are stakes covered with fishing nets. The Ndar Tote market located on the Langue de Barbarie.

Dinner and overnight on board.

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The Cruise



Sunday: Saint-Louis - Diama - Djoudj

We will sail the waters of the Senegal River up to the Diama dam. This dam is the limit of the salt waters that it prevents from rising. Passage of the lock and visit of the dam during the delicate maneuver.

Lunch on board, then ascent of the river along the Diouling reserve, bordered by reeds where you can see many species of birds.

Stop at the mouth of the Gorom bolong which allows access to the Djoudj National Bird Park. You will reach the pier from the boat's annex. This reserve was created in 1971.

It is the third ornithological park in the world. It extends over 16,000 ha in the delta of the Senegal River. It also exerts an irresistible attraction on the avifauna of Europe as well as that of Africa. From November to April, three million birds meet there to winter, and add to it about twenty species of mammals.

Departure for a pirogue excursion. With the engine at idle, it sinks into the heart of the Djoudj while a fantastic ballet is triggered: pink flamingos taking off in tight ranks, pelicans flying away, cormorants diving. A spectacle that is both strange and extraordinary.

Dinner and overnight on board in the large arm of the River

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The Cruise



Monday: Djoudj - Diaouar - Richard Toll

Sailing. We will continue up the waters of the river bordered by Senegal and Mauritania. The Senegalese banks are rice-growing lands and are little cultivated on the Mauritanian side.

We will see some warthogs, then we will pass in front of Rosso, a border town between Senegal and Mauritania, where pirogues and a ferry cross people, animals, and vehicles. The arrival or departure of these barges gives rise to intense, colorful, and particularly lively activities.

Lunch on board. You will arrive around 2pm at Richard-Toll (Richard's Garden) which gets its name from the fact that in colonial times in 1822, the French had made it a test site for cultural methods.

Discovery of the 'Folie du Baron Roger', a French-style castle now closed, surrounded by banco constructions, traditional architecture of the region. Visit of the town and the sugar cane factory, the CSS (Compagnie Sucrière Sénégalaise) which extends over 10,000 ha, and which is the main source of income for the locality.

Dinner and overnight on board the boat.

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The Cruise



Tuesday: Richard Toll - Dagana

Sailing from 8am in the direction of Dagana. After breakfast, a Senegalese cooking workshop will be offered.

Arrival at noon towards the mango grove that borders the village of Goumel, in a mouth of the Senegal River. Traditional lunch: fish rice or 'tief bou dien' in the middle of mango trees and palm trees.

Departure with the boat's annex for the Wolof village of Dagana called 'Capital of Walo', an old trading post from the colonial era where it was not uncommon to see at the time the Banny or the Ponty (colonial ships) loading gum or depositing soldiers.

We will visit the dyeing workshop, the market, and the school. We will then make a stop at the Fort of Dagana, today renovated into a hotel establishment, where you can enjoy its magnificent pool by the River while sipping a glass of local juice.

Return to the boat at sunset. Dinner and overnight on board

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Wednesday: Dagana - Thiangaye

With the boat's annex, we will join the banks for a 2-hour walk (round trip) in the Goumel forest. Visit a traditional Peulh village composed of oblong huts built by women. This will be an opportunity to discover many species of trees along the banks. Return to the boat.

We will go up the river to enter the heart of the African Sahel in the Toucouleur Kingdom. The beauty of the landscape and the tranquility of these waters will only be disturbed by the splashing of a few children with ochre-colored eyes, the washerwomen with their multicolored loincloths, and the herds of animals that come to drink along the banks. Lunch on board.

With our annex, we will sink into a small arm of the river. Stop and visit Toucouleur villages entirely built of earth on the steep banks of the Senegal River. These villages are the oldest villages on the river, they date from the 13th century.

Departure in the night for a mechoui dinner on the banks of the river by storm lamp.

Night on board.

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Thursday: Thiangaye - Podor

Sailing and then lunch on board.

Arrival around 2pm at Podor, an old trading post during French colonization. Today, commercial activity is no longer on the river and its stone quays eagerly await your arrival.

The trading houses that line the quays with their large inner courtyards and warehouses that contained gum arabic, firewood, ivory, and slaves, are today the remnants of a not so distant past.

You will visit its Fort built by Faïdherbe and currently being rehabilitated, and you will relive a bit of this period of history.

In the late afternoon, we will visit the old trading posts of the Cour du Fleuve and the Auberge du Tekrou, then we will go to the Fort of Podor.

Finally, those who wish can take a tour of the market and stroll through the peaceful alleys, or sit on the steps of one of these old houses to watch the sunset over the Mauritanian banks.

Dinner and overnight on board.

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The Cruise



Friday: Podor - Saint-Louis

Breakfast on board then transfer to Saint-Louis by bus.

End of our services.

Depending on the direction of the cruise, you may start the stay from Podor,
with the visits remaining the same as in the Saint-Louis - Podor direction.

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The Boat



Technical Specifications

- 52 meters long and 10 meters wide
- Riveted steel hull
- 2.5 meters draft
- 2 Sulzer 200 HP engines running at 300 rpm
- 3 generator sets
- Annex: 1 barge that can accommodate 80 passengers

Onboard Facilities

- 5 levels
- 1 indoor restaurant
- 1 outdoor lounge
- 2 bars
- 1 pool
- 1 solarium (with bar)
- 1 covered terrace
- 1 library
- 1 shop
- 1 massage room
- 1 multipurpose room (with projector and sound system)

Safety

- 1 life jacket per person
- Onboard pharmacy
- Annual merchant marine and fire safety
- Insured by AGF Senegal
- Training of the entire crew in important procedures for fire and ship abandonment

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The Cabins

The boat has 25 cabins, all of which open onto the external corridors:

- 8 **Standard** cabins with double bed
- 4 **Comfort** cabins with double bed
- 8 **Comfort** cabins with twin beds
- 3 **Comfort** cabins with double/twin bed + single bed
- 1 **Luxury** suite with double bed
- 1 **Luxury** suite with double bed and single bed



Standard cabin



Comfort cabin



Rear suite



Front suite

The Standard cabins are equipped with a sink, a fan, and storage spaces (6 toilet cabinets and 6 shower cabins are available for the occupants of the Standard cabins, on 2 levels).

The Comfort cabins and the Luxury suites are additionally equipped with a bathroom, a toilet, and air conditioning.

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Pricing 2025-2026

	Adult in All Inclusive	Promotional prices for cruises on April 25 and May 2, 2026
Standard cabin	€ 890	€ 712
<i>Single supplement</i>	<i>€ 240</i>	<i>€ 192</i>
Comfort cabin	€ 1 275	€ 1 020
<i>Single supplement</i>	<i>€ 360</i>	<i>€ 288</i>
Luxury suite	€ 1 660	€ 1 328
<i>Single supplement</i>	<i>€ 480</i>	<i>€ 384</i>

Note: The prices are calculated based on the current price of diesel; in case of a significant increase due to the global situation, we reserve the right to reflect it on the cruise pricing without exceeding a rise of more than 5% for 2026.

Included Services:

- **The excursions** as mentioned in the program
- **The full board and the “All In” package** (open bar and drinks at the table)
- **The French-speaking, English-speaking, and Spanish-speaking guide** during the excursions
- **The transfers** Saint-Louis > Boat > Saint-Louis for cruises of **6, 5, or 4 nights**

Services not included:

- **The Christmas Eve supplement** at € 60 and **New Year’s Eve** at € 90
- **The transfers** Saint-Louis > Boat > Saint-Louis for cruises less than **4 nights**

Special Conditions:

- **Full and exclusive charter** of Bou el Mogdad (for 6 days): € 44 000 (50% at booking)
- **Child from 5 to 11 years old** in half-double with adult: -30 %
(with “All Inclusive” package without alcohol)

Cancellation Policy:

If you cancel your trip, you will be charged the following cancellation fees:

- More than 90 days before the date of embarkation: **€100.00 fixed fee**
- Between 60 and 31 days before the date of embarkation: **50% of the total cost of the cruise**
- Between 30 and 15 days before the date of embarkation: **60% of the total cost of the cruise**
- Between 15 and 8 days before the date of embarkation: **75% of the total cost of the cruise**
- Less than 8 days before the date of embarkation: **100% of the total cost of the cruise**

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