

The art crossings

Travel for Art
Immersive Journeys into
African Art Ecosystems



#2 Dakar, Sénégal

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What It Is

Art Crossings is my curated travel series for art professionals, artists, curators, and institutional leaders, designed to break boundaries in the worlds of art communities across West Africa.

This is not art tourism. This is relational cultural exchange – an invitation into spaces rarely open to outsiders.

Why It's Different

You're not travelling as a tourist. You're being welcomed into my network of relationships that allows for genuine exchange, not just observation.

- **Not VIP art tourism → but trust-based cultural immersion**
- **Not consumption → but mutual exchange**
- **Not postcard beauty → but lived complexity**

Why Dakar, Why Now?

November 2026 marks the 16th edition of the Dakar Biennale, a major event of the West African art scene. This edition is scheduled for November 19 to December 19, 2026.

During the Dakar Biennale, the Senegalese capital becomes the place to be for art lovers. In addition to the official international art exhibition held in the former Palais de Justice, a wide variety of art-related events take place across the city. It is the perfect moment to discover Dakar while meeting artists, discovering art spaces, and enjoying Senegalese food.

For Whom

Exclusively designed for art collectors and established art professionals – artists, curators, directors, and cultural leaders – seeking not just to see, but to connect.

Only 8 participants will be accepted to ensure intimacy and meaningful exchange.

A Complete Experience

From the moment you land in Dakar, we handle everything for you so you can focus entirely on the experience.

Through my insider network, you'll experience:

- Airport pick-up
- Local transport in a private A/C minibus
- Five nights in a carefully selected 5-star hotel
- Daily breakfast and lunch
- Curated local gastronomic experiences
- Private, curated tours - access to artists' studios, galleries and cultural spaces
- Guided immersion in the Dakar Biennale – with cultural context to deepen understanding
- Accreditations for the biennale and entry fees to museums and cultural sites
- Support from a dedicated team and a photographer
- A curated gift pack of artisanal, locally sourced items to carry the spirit of the journey home
- Curation and facilitation by me - Essenam
- Private shopping sessions with acclaimed fashion designers
- Special send-off dinner prepared by a chef, connecting with handpicked Dakar artists and art professionals

Rate & Confirmation

• Single occupancy

Early bird (until 22 September): 3,270€ per person

Full rate: 3,630€ per person

• Double occupancy

Early bird (until 22 September): 3,000€ per person

Full rate: 3,230€ per person

• Without accommodation

Early bird: 1,195€

Full rate: 1,335€

Rates include: accommodation, meals, local transport, accreditations, activities, facilitation, etc.

Payment structure

50% deposit required to secure your spot by 30 September 2026

Remaining 50% due by 15 October 2026

Deposits become non-refundable after 1 October 2026