The art crossings

Travel for Art - Immersive Journeys into African Art Ecosystems

#2 - Dakar, Sénégal

Wednesday 02/12 – Monday 07/12/ 2026

What is Art Crossings?

Art Crossings is This No Be Art's Founder Essenam's curated travel series for art professionals, artists, curators, and institutional leaders, designed to break boundaries across art communities in West Africa.

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

Why is Art Crossings different?

- Not VIP art tourism → but trust-based cultural immersion

- Not consumption → but mutual exchange

- Not postcard beauty → but lived complexity

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

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 with their counterparts.

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 The Palms Luxury Boutique 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 This No Be Art's founder - Essenam
- Private shopping sessions with acclaimed fashion designers
- Special send-off dinner prepared by a chef, connecting with handpicked Dakar artists and art professionals

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Art Crossings #1

The maiden edition of Art Crossings took 6 people- an architect, a director of an art institution, art collectors, and art lovers- to Togo and the Republic of Benin for 4 days.

We visited art institutions and met their directors, attended the Vodun Festival, met artists, enjoyed local food, attended concerts featuring international artists, explored markets, had a private shopping session with a seasoned fashion designer, shared meals, and ended each evening getting to know each others over drinks.

Rates

Payment structure
50% deposit required to secure your spot by 31st October 2026
Remaining 50% due by 13th November 2026
Deposits become non-refundable after 15th November 2026

Room type	Early bird Valid till 15/10/26	Full rate
Single Occupancy	3,270€ / pers.	3,630€ / pers.
Double Occupancy	3,000€ / pers.	3,230€ / pers.
Without Accommodation	2,390€ / pers.	2,670€ / pers.

Included: accommodation at The Palms, a 5-star boutique hotel (except for the “without accommodation package”), breakfasts & lunches, local transport, accreditations, activities, facilitation, special events, etc.

Interested? E-mail me to book your spot!

Meet The Team

Essé “Essenam” is an art consultant, curator, and founder of This No Be Art. With over a decade of experience in West Africa, she has developed relationships with artists, curators, directors, etc. During Art Crossings, she gives you access to her network.

Selorm, aka Selormjay, is a freelance photographer, filmmaker, and producer. He will immortalise this trip for us, capturing the candid moments without being intrusive.

Selorm Essenam

Do You Have Questions?

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