**Global Pan African Conference (G-PAC)**

**Conference 25 & 26 May 2020**

**Accommodation, Flights, Visas, Vaccinations**

**Visas**

Latest information issued 22 September 2019 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs(below).

It does not apply to those with USA passports.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians abroad has announced that in line with the new free visa policy adopted by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Gambia is now a free visa zone for all chartered and scheduled flights. The new visa policy applies to citizens from all Commonwealth countries, European Union countries, all African countries and Baltic States. Similarly, Belgian citizens are allowed to travel to The Gambia with their identity cards. The ministry also informed all the diplomatic missions, community and international organisation that visa upon arrival attracts no charges.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/TheGambia.html>

<https://sn.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/traveling-to-senegal/>

**Vaccinations**

Malaria tablets – a must – although many people take just natural medication instead but Gambian mosquitos, especially on the river can be vicious!

Yellow fever – recommended (usually say that it is only needed if coming from a country that has Yellow Fever –Senegal has Yellow Fever

It’s expensive but it does last for 20 years

Typhoid

Hepatitis

Meningitis – it is not ‘essential’  but a fellow regular traveler to The Gambia contracted it and had to spend time in hospital and, so it is worth getting advice on this.

WHO guidelines are good But of course - proper medical advice should also be taken.

**Accommodation**

Mboka Festival are using the Metzy Residence Hotel and Hypolink Apartment Village. If they become full, the conference organisers will secure an overflow hotel of similar standard and price. The first stage is to complete the reservation form and send to us. No payments are required to reserve. The hotel reservation form can be downloaded from our website

**Please make sure that you inform us of any special needs**

Metzy Residence Hotel (Conference Hotel)

Single occupancy£46 / U$60 incl. continental breakfast & free 24 hour wifi

Double occupancy £62/ U$80 incl. continental breakfast & free 24 hour wifi

Hypolink Village:

(Walking distance to Metzy Hotel)

(These are double beds not twin beds)

**1 room Double bedded Apartment**: £50/ U$64 (includes breakfast)

**2 rooms Double bedded Apartment**: £86 / U$110 (includes breakfast)

**Flights  into Banjul International Airport**

Within Africa

Kenya Airways

SN Brussells

Ethiopian Airlines

Kenya Airlines

RAM

Turkish Airlines

From USA

Flights into Banjul

From: New York

SN Brussels

RAM

Turkish Airlines

TAP Portugal

Turkish Airlines have a wide network transiting Istanbul

TAP Portugal depart from Washington DC

**From Europe**

Gambia Experience – from London Gatwick Tuesday only (direct)

via London into Gatwick Airport/overnight stay at own cost. From about 60 at airport

TAP – Air Portugal

Vueling (via Barcelona) for long stopovers offer lounge tickets for euros 24 Lounge ticket is suggested

Tui (via Amsterdam)

SN Brussels ( via Brussel)

Laudamotion (Dusseldorf-Banjul)

Turkish Airlines (via Istanbul)

Royal Air Maroc (RAM) via Morrocco

Please check luggage allowance and stopover allowances

(Some of the airlines include a free stopover; if the stopover is overnight/more than 6 hours they have to provide a hotel)

**Flights into Dakar**

There are more options into Dakar

For some airlines you can also check to do an open jaw (into Banjul, out of Dakar)

The organisers cannot be held responsible and cannot make any recommendations for any flight bookings made on the airlines suggested on this list. We are just informing you of what we know is available

**Transfers between airport and hotel**

For arrivals into Banjul airport the transfers between airport- hotel is free to be arranged by Mboka Festival (Gambia Experience include a free stopover to hotels)

For Arrivals into Dakar there will be a charge based on the number of people ( approx a 7 hour road journey)

**Excursions**

The information for tours will also be uploaded onto the site this year

The Dakar trip all inclusive cost will be approximately £350/US$455 (tbc -this is on the high side) and will include

A visit to the Museum of Black Civilizations and an optional visit to Goree Island or the Dak’Art Biennale

3 days, 4 nights

(there may be a 2 day 3 night option which we are checking).

Other excursions in The Gambia will be on offer

Useful, independent information site

Accessgambia.com

BOOKING FORMS FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE [WWW.MBOKAFESTIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.MBOKAFESTIVAL.ORG). OR REQUEST THEM FROM [MBOKAFESTIVAL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MBOKAFESTIVAL@GMAIL.COM)

**Conference Package**

Includes :

Souvenir conference bag with conference pack and souvenir brochure

Airport transfers, transport to conference (if needed), Welcome reception, lunches, refreshments, Farewell dinner,

Conference registration From £50/$65-£300/$390

<https://mboka-global-panafrican-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>

**or visit our website to download the conference registration and hotel accommodation forms.**

[**https://www.mbokafestival.org/global-pan-african-conference.html**](https://www.mbokafestival.org/global-pan-african-conference.html)

**This is the link for the whats app group for those attending the conference. It’s optional to join as we will still send out information by email. However, it is recommended to join the group before arrival in The Gambia.**

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ETEe0lhaHc9COiDM3Ozy9V>

We look forward to your participation in the 1st Bi- Annual G-PAC Conference