

Guitar Holidays at Zebrabar in Senegal

March 14–21, 2027

A week of guitar, music, holidays, and fun ! Playing guitar together, singing, eating, going on excursions, and relaxing.

Everyone contributes what they can. If you can play a couple of simple melodies and feel like singing, this week is just right for you. Or are you already more advanced? Then we look forward to playing and jamming together with you.

You should be able to play a few basic chords so you can comfortably keep up and play along in the group. Guitar and vocals are at the heart of it. If anyone wants to bring percussion, a cajón, or another instrument – you are very welcome to add to the mix. Two djembes will be available.

The Music

I will upload six pieces to YouTube that I play myself and know well. From these, you can vote for your favorites – we will work on the most popular ones together.

If you like, you can also suggest a favorite piece of your own that you would love to play in the group.

Sometimes we play as a duo, sometimes in a quartet, sometimes all together. If you prefer, you can just sing on a song or jump on a djembe. The goal isn't to play every piece perfectly, but rather to create something together that wasn't there before.

At the end of the course, we will play a small farewell concert together at Zebrabar.

Schedule

Saturday, March 14 – Arrival

- Individual arrival
- Welcome dinner together
- Guitar playing: a relaxed, imperfect chance for everyone to introduce themselves musically

Sunday, March 15

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Guitar playing
- Free time: swimming, walking, reading, relaxing – or more guitar
- 2:00 PM – Lunch
- 3:00 PM – Pirogue boat trip with Ablaye
- Free time
- 7:00 PM – Dinner, followed by music

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Guitar playing
- Excursion to Saint-Louis: lunch and exploring the city
- 7:00 PM – Dinner, followed by music

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Guitar playing
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM beach walk or walk in the dunes – depending on wind and weather
- 2:00 PM – Lunch
- 7:00 PM – Dinner, followed by music

Wednesday, March 18 – Baobab Excursion

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Guitar playing
- 12:00 PM – Excursion to the big old baobab tree with a picnic and guitar playing in the dunes
- 7:00 PM – Dinner, followed by music

Thursday, March 19 – Campfire in the Inland

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Guitar playing
- 2:00 PM – Lunch
- Extended break / free time
- 5:30 PM – Trip inland
- Fire, BBQ, and making music late into the night under the moonlight

Friday, March 20 – Closing Concert

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Making music & stage setup at Zebrabar
- **Concert Part 1:** before dinner
- 7:00 PM – Dinner
- **Concert Part 2:** after dinner (featuring a guest guitarist friend for a special piece)
- Relaxing evening as the moonlight reflects in the lagoon

Saturday, March 21 – Departure

- 9:00 AM – Breakfast
- Departure depending on flight times (guests staying longer are very welcome)

INFO

- **Arrival / Airport Transfer :** The nearest airport is Dakar (DSS). From there, it is about a 3.5-hour drive to Zebrabar. Upon request, we can organize a taxi for you: approx. 70,000 FCFA (~110 €) per taxi (1–3 people) each way. While cheaper options exist, I work exclusively with long-standing, trusted drivers. After registration, a WhatsApp group will be created to help you coordinate shared flights and taxis.
- **Course Fee (excluding accommodation):** 350 €
 - **Included:** Full board at Zebrabar including filtered water (other drinks are at your own expense), excursions including food, and all music sessions.
 - **Accommodation (not included):**
 - Campsite: 6,000 FCFA (~9 €) per night (bring your own tent, mat, and gear)
 - Bungalow: between 8,000 and 25,000 FCFA (12.50–38 €) per person and night.
 - *Note:* You can find the exact selection on the Zebrabar website and state your preferred option when registering. Please book early!

Weather & Excursions

The weather here has its moods. Sometimes an ocean breeze keeps things relatively cool (25°C / 77°F) – ideal for inland trips. Other times it gets very hot (32°C / 90°F) – perfect for the beach or the lagoon.

Our excursions lead us to the city, the hinterland, the dunes, or right into the Langue de Barbarie National Park located at our camp's entrance.

Group Size

4–10 people

About Me

I have been playing guitar intensively for 15 years – usually an hour or more a day – alongside plenty of singing. Having participated in a guitar retreat myself, I am thrilled to host my very first one and can't wait to share this experience with you.

What to bring

- Your guitar (guitars can also be rented locally)
- Passport valid for 6 months beyond the date of entry
- Water shoes or sandals for walking near the water
- Camping gear (if staying in a tent: tent, sleeping mat, sleeping bag, etc.)
- Sun protection
- Insect repellent
- Good vibes