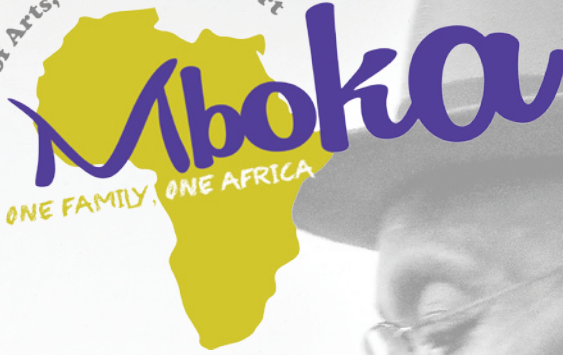


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About Mboka

The first Mboka Festival was held from 7-17 January 2017 with our guest of honour, award-winning Kenyan writer, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o as we came in with the 'new dawn' in The Gambia. In 2018, we continue to celebrate and build towards a positive and peaceful future.

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-  - join our WhatsApp group for updates/discussion
-  - daily programme & updates
-  - wish you were here!

To participate & register for Mboka 2019:
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Festival Fee is £25/ €35/ US\$35/ D1500
www.mboka-festival-fee.eventbrite.com

The Festival fee includes: free events at Mboka (events marked free*), discounts to other events and Mboka bag to be collected at Mboka Festival HQ - Asset Bantaba or Senegbambia Hotel at the Fair.

Donations: Please contact mbokafestival@gmail.com

DISTANCE TO VENUES

(From Turntable by car)	Approx.
AF - Alliance Francaise	35 mins
DH - Djeliba Hotel	20 mins
ET - Eburnjan Theatre, Bakau	30 mins
GC - The Gambia College	30 mins
GI - Gambia Tourism & Hotel Institute, Kanifing	35 mins
MH - Manduar Hub, nr. Brikama	45 mins
MR - Mymoonia restaurant	15 mins
MT - Mango Tree, Fajara	30 mins
SE - Sandele Ecolodge, Kartong	105 mins
SH - Senegambia Hotel	20 mins
SS - Senegambia Strip	20 mins

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A fantastic evening of performance in poetry with Internationally Renowned Dub Poet **LINTON KWESI JOHNSON** and the stunning jazz poet from South Africa **NATALIA MOLEBATSI** with internationally renowned kora player **TUNDE JEGEDE**



credit: Victor Dlamini

credit: Sunnara Begum

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY

Ebunjan Theatre, Bakau (behind GFA)
Start Time: 20.00

Linton Kwesi Johnson, is known and revered as the world's first reggae poet. He became the first black poet to have his work included in Penguin's Modern Classics series, *Mi Revalueshanary Fren: Selected Poems*. He has released 14 albums, published five poetry books and runs his own record label, LKJ Records, and still regularly tours around the world with the Dennis Bovell Dub Band. He has received several awards and fellowships

Natalia Molebatsi experiments with jazz and hip hop in her performance poetry. Her CDs, *Come as you are: Poems for Four Strings* and *Natalia Molebatsi & The Soul Making* are a fusion of poetry and a variety of music styles. She has performed poetry and facilitated creative writing workshops across Africa, Europe and the USA.

Tunde Jegede, world-renowned composer, producer, cellist and kora virtuoso brings a new vision to contemporary African and Western classical music. His work is a unique synthesis of classical, jazz and traditional music and embodies the legacy of the idiom; African Classical Music.

*** Update - Festival Pass Holders - Free ***

Advance

Gate: £5/D300D
Festival Pass Holders: Free
Gambian Students: D50

On the door

Gate: £8/500D
Festival Pass Holders (Update!) Free
Gambian Students: 100D

Advance tickets from Ebunjan Theatre, Asset Bantaba and Mboka Fair at Senegambia Hotel.

Guarantee your ticket!

www.eventbrite.com/e/lkj-in-the-gambia-tickets-40049606451

MBOKA PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

DAY BY DAY PROGRAMME

Date	Activity	Location/Venue	Time
6 Jan	Run4Africa 5 Km run	Manduar Development Hub	09.00
6 Jan	Festival Launch Opening event	Manduar Development Hub	16.00
6 Jan	Ninkinanka Trail	4 days River excursion (Full)	TBC
6 Jan	Mapping our Future: Youth Conference	Alliance Francaise	10.00
7 Jan	Fanal and Masquerade Competition	Senegambia Strip	20.00
9-19 Jan	Numbi Retreat and artist Collaboration Daily activities include Kemetic Yoga & artist programme facilitated by Numbi resident artists	Sandele Eco Lodge	All Day
12 Jan	Ninkinanka Trail	5 or 10 days River Excursion	TBC
12 Jan	Academic Conference	Manduar Development Hub	All Day
12 Jan	International Junior Chef of the Year Competition plus Launch of the Litfest, Bookfair, Good Market: New Dawn with performance readings, music and buffet	Senegambia Hotel	20.00
13 Jan	Hatha Yoga	Djeliba Hotel beachfront	06.45
13 Jan	Pedal Power (5 days)	Senegambia to Basse and back	TBC
13 Jan	Oware (Wuri) Tournament (Day 1); games +workshops	Mymoonia Gardens	11.00
	Bookfair: Book launches; local and international writers	Senegambia Hotel	12.00
13 Jan	Rehearsed reading 'Phillis in London' by Ade Solanke	Ebunjan Theatre	17.00
13 Jan	Linton Kwesi Johnson in performance with Tunde Jegede & Natalia Molebatsi + buffet	Ebunjan Theatre	20.00
14 Jan	Hatha Yoga	Djeliba Hotel beachfront	06.45
14 Jan	Oware (Wuri) Tournament (Day 2); games, workshops + prize giving	Mymoonia Gardens	11.00
14 Jan	Books, Art, "Good Market" Organic and Natural Products Fair Bookfair: Panel Discussion	Senegambia Hotel	12.00
14 Jan	Honouring our literary ancestors: Buchi Emecheta, Dr. Raphina Philott Almeida and Mr Musa Jallow with readings, songs and performances + buffet	Ebunjan Theatre	17.00
15 Jan	Hatha Yoga	Djeliba Hotel Beachfront	06.45
15 Jan	Books, Art, "Good Market" Organic and Natural Products Fair Bookfair: Panel Discussion, book launches from local and international writers	Senegambia Hotel	12.00
15 Jan	African Poetry Library anniversary event: launch of the Yulisa Amadu Maddy Award, (a school creative writing competition) and performances from local and international writers (poetry and fiction)	APL	19.00

Date	Activity	Location/Venue	Time
16 Jan	Hatha Yoga	Djeliba Hotel Beachfront	06.45
16 Jan	Kankurang and Masquerade Festival	Janjanburay	All Day
16 Jan	Books, Art, "Good Market" Organic and Natural Products Fair, Bookfair: Panel Discussion Book launches from local and international writers	Senegambia Hotel	12.00
16 Jan	Readings in mother tongue	TBC	TBC
17 Jan	Hatha Yoga	Djeliba Hotel Beachfront	06.45
17 Jan	Books, Art, "Good Market" Organic and Natural Products Fair Bookfair: Panel Discussion. Book launches from local and international writers	Senegambia Hotel	All Day
17 Jan	LKJ Reggae Lecture followed by interview /Q&A with Alieu Bah	The Gambia College	20.00
18 Jan	Hatha Yoga	Djeliba Hotel	06.45
18 Jan	The Clouds present Poetic Redemption	Alliance Francaise	20.00
18 Jan	Numbi Arts Open Day	Sandele Eco-Lodge	All Day
18 Jan	Books, Art, "Good Market" Organic and Natural Products Fair Bookfair: Panel Discussion	Senegambia Hotel	11.00
18 Jan	Stadium Event	STADIUM	TBC
18-19 Jan	Responsible Tourism Seminar	POSTPONED. SEE PAGE 12	
19-22 Jan	Senegambia Novelty 'Fun Run' Peace Run Barra to Dakar Run www.senegambiapaceerun.org/news		08.00

EXTRAS!

One Day Excursions - Trips to Juffure; Yaboye Home Cooking; Picnic & Wrestling Match

Two day Excursions - Community based tourism; Senegal

13-18 Jan	Creative Writing Workshops	UTG (University of The Gambia) Senegambia Hotel African Poetry Library YMCA + other venues
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13-15 Jan	Indie Book Show Africa - Filmed by Nadia Maddy	(check p.13 and online for more details and daily updates)
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The Festival fee is £25.

This will cover entrance to many of the events plus a free Mboka Festival Bag.

Some items have a gate charge.

The Dalasi rate is for Gambian citizens and residents only

* Event is Free for Festival badge holders. (Festival badge must be presented at the door)

Please check with us for new events and updates.

For more information: mbokafestival@gmail.com facebook.com/mbokafestivalgambia

DAY 1 - SATURDAY 6 JAN

Run4Africa

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/global-hands-run4africa-tickets-39374467091

Manduar Development Hub | 9.00 | Gate: TBC
Organised by Global Hands

Mboka Festival Opening Ceremony

Cultural festival brings together traditional music and dancers from The Gambia.

Manduar Development Hub | 16.00 | Gate: TBC
Organised by Global Hands in collaboration with Yaram Arts



Mapping Our Future: Gambian Youth Conference

A youth led conference on self-leadership. What are the realities and opportunities of how young people shape their future? The day will include discussions and presentations on education and work.



Alliance Francaise | 10.00 | Gate: Free
Organised by K.A.I. Youth Forum with MusuKando Creative Possibilities. Supported by SABLE Publications and African Writers Abroad

DAY 2 - SUNDAY 7 JAN

Best "Fanal" and Masquerade Competition

Fanals are luminous boats and lanterns, a once vibrant end of year practice in the Kombos, now at the risk of dying out. This is a New Year's parade and prize-winning competition for fanals, preceded by masquerades, followed by fireworks/live entertainment. The fanal custom offers a wonderful opportunity to promote and celebrate The Gambia's rich cultural heritage. Masquerades are also found in the Kombos but seldom have the opportunity to perform and be seen by a wide audience. It's a fabulous end of year cultural spectacle.

Senegambia Strip | 20.00 | Gate: Free

DAY 3 - MONDAY 8 JAN

Check our programme and social media for one of our excursions or new event



DAY 4 - TUESDAY 9 JAN

Check our programme and social media for one of our excursions or new event

Numbi Artist Retreat (9-19 Jan)

Daily activities include Kemetic Yoga Workshops with **Yirser Ra Hotep** founder of Yoga Skills and Natural Nailah. Numbi artist Collab program facilitated by Numbi resident artists and our special guest this year **Imruh Bakari** filmmaker and writer. For more info and to book, contact:

www.numbi.org/numbi-retreat/
Sandeel Eco-Lodge | All Day | numbi.org



credit: Sai Murray

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY 10 JAN

Check our programme and social media for one of our excursions or new event

DAY 7 - FRIDAY 12 JAN

International Junior Chef of the Year Competition

Organised with the Chef Association, The Gambia. The aim is to discover new culinary talents who also consider issues of local sourcing of food products and the overall sustainable consumption practices within the hospitality industry. One of the best ways to experience local culture is to taste the national dishes of the country and other international dishes given new creative twists with local ingredients. It creates employment opportunities for local farmers and encourages competition for the food sector to improve its performance. An invitation to experience the results of the competition in a fundraising dinner.

Senegambia Hotel | Time: 20.00 | Gate: TBC
Organised by Camp Africa

(See New Dawn programme on page 8. These two events have now been rolled into one! for a fantastic launch of the International Fairs!)

International Conference: Critiquing development from Southern Lenses



guest speakers in 2017

For more information visit
www.questioningthelogic.our.dmu.ac.uk

Manduar Development Hub | All Day | Gate: TBC
Organised by Global Hands

The Ninki Nanka Trail 9-20 Jan/ or 12-17 Jan

The Ninki Nanka Trail is an adventurous 5-day excursion where you can experience the oral legend of the Ninki Nanka dragon and a life along the River Gambia This year's trip is the last pilot to explore the potential of the trail. The next step will be to work with communities to develop it into a new responsible tourism business that helps diversify tourism for the benefit of local people. Trail ends after Janjanbureh Kankurang & Masquerade festival.

**Location: pick up Senegambia
12-17 Jan | Gate: £450 (5day tour)
9/10 Jan - 19/20 Jan | Gate: £600 (10 day tour)**
inc. accommodation, meals, transport & entrance fees.
Organised by Camp Africa in collaboration with Leeds Beckett University



DAY 7 – FRIDAY 12 JAN (contd)

Launch of the International Fairs: A New Dawn + International Junior Chef of the Year Competition

International and local artists – poets, singers and musicians officially open the Fair celebrating good literature, good books and good market including: **Musa Bah, Anni Domingo, Isatou Alwar Graham, Nadia Maddy, Nzinga, Koye Oyedeji, Olusola Oyeleye, Nii Parkes, Bintou Sanneh, Dorothea Smartt** plus others.

The perfect event for local and international artists to meet, greet and exchange contacts and ideas for future lifests! With buffet.

Senegambia Hotel | 20.00 | Gate: TBC
Organised by African Writers Abroad and SABLE Publications. Supported by Arts Council England



DAY 8 – SATURDAY 13 JAN

Hatha Yoga

All levels. Loose fitting clothes recommended. Bring a large towel & yoga mat if you can and water! (Mats available for hire).

**Beach- Djeliba Hotel | 06.45
Donation (for Roots Pre-school)**

Organised by African Writers Abroad and SABLE Publications

Pedal Power



A 5 day charity bicycle with overnight stays. The route covers both banks of the River Gambia from the Atlantic Ocean at Senegambia to Basse Santa Su, approx. 400kms inland and back. It is organised to support 'Youth Employment' in The Gambia. www.westafricacycling.weebly.com

**Senegambia to Basse and back |
Gate £370; D23,000**

Organised by Camp Africa and West Africa Cycling Tours

Oware Tournament, Games and workshops



Known as Wuri in The Gambia, this two day event is for Adults and children. A Mind Sports / African Board Game, Oware is probably the most arithmetical game with a mass following all over the world'. The weekend of activities will include workshops and performance. Demonstration and training in skills and tactics. Competition for beginners and versed players of the Oware game. Children can be shown a simple version of the game. Plus participation in a mini tournament or competition with prizes!

**Mymoonia Garden | 11.00am | Free
Prizes: 1st D3000 / 2nd D2000 / 3rd D1000**

The Oware Society was formed in the UK in 1995 and has been hosting and taking part in National and International Oware game Tournaments all over the world. We conduct family playing sessions from September – May at the Rich Mix in London.

International literary festival, good food fair and book fair: 13 Jan– 18 Jan

International Book Fair includes Timbooktoo Bookshop, SABLE Publications, Global Hands, Numbi Arts, Sierra Leone Writers Series and Amalion Publishing. "Good Market" at Senegambia Beach Hotel is an organic farmer's market. It



has excellent potential not only to revolutionise the organic food sector in the Gambia but also encourage an increase in interest from the international eco consumer market. Few thriving eco consumer sectors are complete in the world without a flourishing farmers' market. The Gambia, is no less in need of such a vital social, cultural and economic asset to stimulate the growth of responsible and green consumerism in the country.

Senegambia Hotel | Midday | Gate: Free

To book a stand, please email us. Bookstands and good markets stands are free. Other stands available.

Book Launches by African Writers. A Celebration of new African Literature

Introduced by **Professor Selwyn Cudjoe**, Professor of Africana Studies at Wellesley College.

A reading and conversation with poet **Ishaq Imruh Bakari** about his work. He will be interviewed by **Hassum Ceessay**. *Without Passport or Apology* is about emigration and immigration, racism and resistance, slavery and freedom. Drawing on experiences in the Caribbean, Europe and Africa, Ishaq Imruh Bakari addresses the experience of African-Caribbean migration. Ishaq Imruh Bakari is a film-maker and writer. Born in St. Kitts & Nevis, he has lived since the 1960s in the UK and in East Africa. He has many film credits to his name, two further poetry collections and African Experiences of Cinema (with Mbye Cham). He currently teaches Film Studies at the University of Winchester.

Global Hands Publishing present the launch of a new book by renowned Gambian writer, **Baba Silla** plus a presentation of other writers within the Global Hands Publishing house, founded by **Dr. Momodou Sillah**.

Senegambia Hotel | 13.00 | Free

Fairs Organised by Sable Publications and Camp Africa.

Phillis in London

A work-in-progress reading of 'Phillis in London', an original new work written and directed by award-winning playwright, **Ade Solanke**. The hidden world of African-Georgian London comes to life in the extraordinary true tale of the Gambian-born teenager sold into slavery



in America, who became the first African to publish a book of poetry. Phillis Wheatley. Prodigy, poet, celebrity and slave. This is a rehearsed reading followed by an audience discussion.

Ebunjan Theatre | 17.00 | Gate: Free

Organised by African Writers Abroad. Supported by Arts Council England

Linton Kwesi Johnson - Internationally renowned Dub Poet with Jazz infused Performance Poetry of Natalia Molebatsi and world renowned cellist and kora virtuoso Tunde Jegede

Ebunjan Theatre | 20.00 | Gate: See page 3

Organised by African Writers Abroad and Yaram Arts. Supported by Arts Council England



DAY 9 – SUNDAY 14 JAN

Hatha Yoga (See day 8)

Beach – Djeliba Hotel | 06.45 | Donation

Organised by African Writers Abroad and SABLE Publications

Oware Tournament, Games and workshops (2 days)

Mind sports /African Board Game. A two-day event is for adults and children.

The weekend of activities will include workshops and performance.

Mymoonia Restaurant | 11.00am | Free

Honouring our Literary Ancestors

An evening of celebration to honour the life and achievements of our literary ancestors Buchi Emecheta, Dr. Raphina Philott Almeida and Mr Musa Jallow

Visiting women writers and Gambian based women writers offer, readings, songs and performances for Dr. Buchi Emecheta. Special guest, **Sylvester Onwordi** (eldest son of Buchi Emecheta). **GamWriters**, family and friends offer readings and tributes for Dr. Raphina Philott Almeida and Mr Musa Jallow. With musicians and praise singers



credit: Sable LitMag

Dr. Buchi Emecheta

Born in Lagos in 1944, Buchi Emecheta rose from humble roots to become an international writer and academic. As a teenage immigrant in 1960s Britain and the single mother of five children, she struggled against poverty and the racism of the time to complete a degree in Sociology and fulfil her girlhood ambition of becoming a full time novelist. She is the author of over 20 publications, and in a career spanning thirty years received several prestigious awards, most notably the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2005, for her contribution to literature. She died in 2017

Dr. Raphina Philott Almeida studied at SOAS under the tutelage of the noted and pioneer historian of Africa, late Professor Roland Oliver. In 1972, she completed a Master of Arts Degree in Advanced History, Sociology and Political Science, at the University of Birmingham's Centre of West African. She studied under the tutorship/mentorship of the late Professor John D. Fage another pioneer of African studies in Britain. She obtained her PhD from the American University in 2014. Dr. Raphina Almeida taught at Armitage High School in Janjanbureh, St. Joseph's and St. Augustine's High Schools in Banjul, Yundum College and University of the Gambia. She also had an illustrious career in the Gambia's civil service.

Musa Jallow has published two major works of fiction and non-fiction which have found a pride of place in the shelves and hearts of many readers, at home and abroad. In 2000, he published the first edition of *Across the Scenes*, a short novel about youth exuberance, obsolesces, and anger in modern day Gambia. The book was approved as a supplementary reading text for Gambian schools. He produced three different versions of this novel for kindergarten, secondary and adult readers. He was the first Gambian author to launch his books in the provinces. In 2014, he wrote *Yahya Jammeh's Moving Legacy*, a hagiography enumerating the 'numerous' development projects of the ousted Gambian despot. He was a founding and active member of WAG. Musa Jallow was a novelist of great substance. Taken from the obituary by Hassoum Ceesay

Ebunjan Theatre | 17.00 | Gate:Free
Buffet:* £5/D250

DAY 10 - MONDAY 15 JAN

Hatha Yoga (See day 8)

Beach- Djeliba Hotel | 06.45 | Donation

Diaspora in Africa & 4th anniversary of the African Poetry Library

African Poetry Library anniversary event (**Nadia Maddy** will launch the Yulisa Amadu Maddy Award competition), A Creative writing Award for schools. Plus performances from local and international writers (poetry and fiction). Poetry readings in languages and dialects other than English including readings of LKJ poetry in Gambian languages. Poets and writers include **Dorothea Smartt, Nii Parkes, Natalia Molebatsi, Anni Domingo, Isis Amlak** and local writers.

APL | 19.00 | Free



DAY 11 - TUESDAY 16 JAN

Hatha Yoga (See day 8)

Beach - Djeliba Hotel | 06.45 | Donation

Kankurang and Masquerade Festival

Janjanbureh is well known to be the birthplace of the Kankurang masquerade in the Gambia. The Kankurang masquerade tradition forms an integral part of Mandinka initiatory rites and rituals. The term Kankurang is a combination of the Mandinka words "kango" and "Kurango" which literally translate as "voice" and "enforce", respectively. These terms could be said to refer to the empowerment of the voice in order to enforce the rules set by members of Mandinka society. In essence, the Kankurang is a central figure in a complex ritual system which comprises traditional practices linked to the initiation of young people and the protection of society and the environment.

Senegambia departure | 08.00 | Free
(travel to Janjanbureh at own cost* - festival pass holders, travel covered)

DAY 12 - WEDNESDAY 17 JAN

Hatha Yoga (See day 8)

Beach- Djeliba Hotel | 06.45 | Donation

Linton Kwesi Johnson: 'African consciousness in Reggae music'

A lecture with music and conversation with the 'Tap Natch' poet himself. After the lecture, a conversation/Q&A with **Alieu Bah**.

The Gambia College | 20.00 | Free



DAY 13 - THURSDAY 18 JAN

Hatha Yoga (see Day 8)

Beach - Djelibaba Hotel | 06.45 | Donation

Responsible Tourism Seminar on Monitoring the SDGs (Part 1)

*** Postponed to 24 April
Contact us for further information ***

The UN General Assembly declared the year 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development to foster environmental conservation and economic growth.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by world leaders in the September 2015 UN summit, officially came into force on 1 January 2016. The main goal of the workshop is to transform the theoretical blueprint of agenda 2030 to a substantive, practical and progressive direction that can provide us with the monitoring tools to guarantee an inclusive world free from poverty, exploitation and injustice. In practical terms this seminar will define how we can walk the talk and also keep track of progress using the right monitoring tools.

GTHI | 09.00 | Gate: £100; D5000 (2 days)
incl. lunch, tea & coffee breaks

Numbi Retreat Open Day Showcase

The showcase includes a selection of the different activities that have taken place during the retreat. Kemetica Yoga workshop with **Yirser Ra Hotep**. Book launch: **Imruh Bakari's** new book *Without Passport or Apology* (Smokestack Books 2017). Film Screening and conversation with **Imruh Bakari** (*Blue Notes* and *Exiled Voices* (1991)). Live performance and site-specific exhibition. One hour performance by collaborating artists: a presentation of our

collaboration at Sandele over one week. An exploration of the eco environment of Sandele and our journey through visual arts, music, poetry mapping and storytelling on home borders and migration Books, Arts and crafts stalls.



Featuring Numbi Artists, collaborators and special guests for this year including:

Desrie Thomson-George, Kinsi Abdulleh, Abiel Hagos, Yirser Ra Hotep, Daryl McCollin, Sai Murray, Nailah, Sofola Troup, Sulugman Darboe, Jainaba Sanyang, Francis Gomez, Musa FattyNoogd, LowBuba Jabang, Kebba Jouray, Mariama Manneh.

Sandele Eco Lodge | 10.00 | Gate: £10

NUMBI Arts is a space for collaborative contemporary cross-arts exchange. Numbi is Somali-originated and Africa-centered with a completely global inclusive outlook. www.numbi.org www.relaxandrejuvenate

The Clouds Poetry Collective present Poetic Redemption

Venue: Alliance Francaise

Time: 20.00

Gate: * D100

Supported by AWA and Sable Publications



DAY 14 - FRIDAY 19 JAN

Senegambia Novelty Peace Run - Barra to Dakar

The Gambia and Senegal traditionally share the same language, religion and culture. In effect they are one people in two states and therefore should aim to work together to contribute to more understanding between their peoples. The proposed **Banjul2Dakar-Run4Peace** will be one of the programmes that will contribute and support the two countries in their quest for peace in the sub region and in Africa as a whole. The Peace Run is a relay race that can raise money for your favourite charity and enter the Guinness Book of Records as the longest relay race in Africa and the second longest relay run in the world.

www.senegambiapaceerun.org/news

* the night before there will be a major event at the Stadium to launch the Peace Run.

Responsible Tourism Seminar on Monitoring the SDGs (Part 2)

Postponed to April. Contact us for further info.

GTHI | 09.00 | Gate: £100; D5000 (2 days)

CREATIVE WORKSHOP & DISCUSSION PROGRAMME

Workshops in schools will take place around the country

Workshops for all writers in poetry, fiction and drama takes place in various venues

Sat 13 Jan

Fiction workshop

Venue: TBC

Watch the play 'Phillis in London' and give

Ade Solanke, the writer/director your critical feedback

Venue: Ebunjan Theatre

Sun 14 Jan

Poetry Workshop

Venue: tbc

Mon 15 Jan

Publisher Panel

Venue: Senegambia Hotel

Poetry workshop

Venue: APL

Tues 16 Jan

Schools bookfair visit

Poetry workshop

Venue: YMCA

Wed 17 Jan

Panel discussion: Applying for competitions and creative fellowships

Venue: Senegambia Hotel

Thur 18 Jan

Creative writing workshops and Literary Panel discussion

Venue: Senegambia Hotel

Fri 19 Jan

Art and writing workshop

Venue: Mama Africa (tbc)

Workshop Co-ordinator: **Mrs Fatou Njie**
(African Homecomers Collective)

Workshop tutors:

Anni Domingo

Louisa Egbunike

Debbie Golt

Nadia Maddy

Natalia Molebatsi

Koye Oyedeji

Olusola Oyeleye

Nii Parkes

Simon Pomeroy

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A New Dawn in The Gambia. The new annual edition of SABLE LitMag featuring work created for and during the Mboka Festival. Available Summer 2018.

INDIE BOOK SHOW AFRICA

What is your favourite book by an African author?

Do you want to share you love of this book with the world?

Be ready to do a live review for Indie Book Show Africa <https://youtu.be/qRi99rXGIAI>

Nadia Maddy creator of Indie Book Show Africa is filming live in The Gambia during Mboka Festival **Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 Jan** at **Timbooktoo Bookstore, Garba Jahumpa Road, Bakau.**

So Come with your book and 3 mins of telling everyone why it is so wonderful!

Or you can buy a book from Timbooktoo and review it or come and select a poetry book by an African poet on **Monday 15 Jan** at the **African Poetry Library, @ Mango Tree in Fajara** and do your live review on the same day. For more info :7680368 or contact us on social media.



EXCURSIONS

Ida's Yaboye Home Cooking

Wear traditional outfits, go to a local market and buy local ingredients; cook and eat as local Gambians

8am – 2pm £35

River Cruise to Jufureh

The home of Alex Haley's of the famed ROOTS – The African American who discovered his roots in the Village of Jufureh

8am-5pm £40

Fatala Park and Sine Saloum Delta in Senegal

After breakfast catch the first ferry to Senegal to visit Fatala Park, cruise through the Sine Saloum Delta, sleep in a community camp; Ecou Écolodge de Keur Bamboung in Toubacouta Return to The Gambia the following day
(2 days) 5.30am – 10pm £185 (all inclusive)

South Gambia Picnic/Wrestling Match

Visit Tanjie Village Museum and then on to Paradise Beach for a picnic and to watch a local wrestling match. Don't forget your swimsuit!

9am-5pm £35

Community based Tourism (3 options)

Visit Tumanitenda - where the community owns and manages the camp

Visit Ndemban Giyorrurum Ecotourism Camp

- a home stay experience with intervention from government GTB and community initiative.

Visit Sandele Eco Lodge in Kartong -

private management with a community stake and land ownership. Sleep overnight at Sandele

Price : TBC

Excursions can be tailor made

For more info: mbokafestival@gmail.com



2017 Highlights



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BANJUL2DAKAR RUN4PEACE

A PRESIDENTIAL NOVELTY RUN FOR PEACE IN AFRICA



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