

# Senegal



Senegal is a country in West Africa that is bordered by The Gambia, Mauritania, Mali, Guinea and Guinea Bissau. Its capital is Dakar and it has a population of 15,736,368. Its climate is tropical, hot and humid, with a rainy season from May to November and a dry season from December to April.

## Languages

While French is the official language, several other languages are widely spoken, including Wolof, Pular, Jola, Mandinka, Serer and Soninke.

## Nationality

Senegalese

## Currency

West African CFA Franc



## Ethnic Groups

The ethnic groups that make up Senegal's population are 37.1% Wolof, 26.2% Pular, 17% Serer, 5.6% Mandinka, 4.5% Jola and 1.4% Soninke. The largest ethnic group, the Wolof, are concentrated along the northern coast and are predominantly Muslim. Migrants from Lebanon and Syria who arrived during the world wars and Lebanon's civil war make up less than 1% of the population

Senegal's national symbol is a lion.

## Major Sites

- Lake Retba
- Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary
- Langue de Barbarie
- Nikolo-Koba National Park
- Gorée Island
- Delta of Sine Saloum
- Senegal River
- Petite Côte

## Independence Day

April 4, 1960

Senegal's national colors are red, yellow and green.

