



Pure Justice Expedition

Gambia 2021

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Trip Information

We are so pleased that you have made the decision to become part of the Pure Justice Expedition Gambia 2021 team. Amor Europe are committed to creating opportunities for young people to serve the poor in different countries around the world. Your Gambian experience starts today as you begin to prepare for an adventure you will remember for the rest of your life. We encourage you to see this year as an opportunity to be impacted and challenged by experiencing a people and culture that is different to yours:

- A people and culture that we will have the privilege to serve
- A people and culture that we will come to love
- A people and culture that we have much to learn from

Our prayer for you is that this experience will profoundly impact you and transform your relationship with God and the way you see the world around you.

This document seeks to provide you with all the information you will need to prepare for your trip.

Gambia Programme

Sat. 23 Oct. to Sun. 31 Oct. 2021

We will fly from Manchester airport to Banjul. Once we arrive in Banjul, we take a 3 hour drive to our accommodation for the week, either a Hotel or Guest House in Soma.

Sat. 23 Oct.	Fly to Banjul, travel to Soma
Sun. 24 Oct.	Meet your Gambian peers, orientation & training
Mon. 25 Oct.	Encounter & Community Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Spiritual development➤ Serve in local villages➤ Install filters➤ Training on filter use & water hygiene
Tue. 26 Oct.	
Wed. 27 Oct.	
Thur. 28 Oct.	
Fri. 29 Oct.	
	Friday evening group reflection & celebration
Sat. 30 Oct. am	Say goodbyes to Gambian peers, pack up & leave early for a tourist activity
Sat. 30 Oct. pm	Travel back to Banjul for return flight home
Sun. 31 Oct.	Arrive back in the UK

Saturday evening we will arrive in Soma at our Hotel/Guest House, which will be basic, but provide comfortable accommodation. The accommodation will provide us with breakfast, packed lunch and dinner each day. They will also provide us with a venue for morning meetings and a place to chill and entertain ourselves each evening.

On Sunday we will meet our Gambian team. The team will be made up of our partners, the local church, teenage children & interpreters. We will spend Sunday getting to know one another, in cultural exchange and training to assemble and install the filters, and in their sustainable use and water hygiene awareness.

A Typical Day in Soma

8.00	Breakfast
8.30	Meeting
10.00	Community Action
1.00	Lunch
2.00	Community Action
6.00	Dinner
7.00	Group Reflection
8.00	Chill
10.00	Bed

Following our 7 days in Soma, we will travel back to Banjul taking in a tourist activity before returning home.

Travel and Medical Insurance

Amor Europe will provide group travel and medical insurance which is included in the cost of your trip. If you would like a copy of the insurance policy please ask your Group Leader.

Emergency Phone Numbers

At a later date, we will provide you with a phone number that your parents will be able to use should they need to contact you while you are in Gambia.

Personal Cash

We recommend you bring a small amount of money for snacks and souvenirs. The amount is completely at your discretion, although we suggest you should not bring more than £50. This can be converted into the local currency on arrival.

Health Advice

Amor Europe are not qualified to advise you on vaccinations. You should seek professional advice from your own doctor or travel clinic. Please ensure you do this early, as some vaccinations need to be taken well in advance of your trip.

Please ensure you have a yellow fever vaccination and bring your yellow fever certificate with you on the trip.

A compulsory Airport Security Fee

A compulsory Airport Security Fee must be paid upon entering and exiting the country. The fee is 20 dollars, or equivalent in euros, sterling or local currency. This will be collected via marked kiosks in Banjul International Airport. Visa credit card is accepted. Children below 2 years of age and passengers in transit are exempt.

Kit List

Each person is expected to bring the following items. It is important that these items do not take up more space than the airline will allow.

Your kit checklist...		
Item to bring	I have it!	I've packed it!
Clothes for relaxing and working in the community		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may wear short sleeved t-shirts, but no strap tops 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than just above the knee 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trousers should be loose fitting 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One warm long-sleeved top 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes should be sturdy and comfortable 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunglasses 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lip balm 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sun hat — ensure it covers neck and ears 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sunblock, sun screen (high SPF, 30 or preferably 50) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> insect repellent 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> drinking bottle (large 1.5 litre minimum) — labelled clearly with your name 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For wash and hygiene... 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> towel and flannel 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> swimming costume (no bikinis allowed) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toilet bag — containing baby wipes, antibacterial hand gel (toilet paper is provided) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More essentials... 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rain wear, kagoule 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> money pouch 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touch with spare batteries 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible, notebook, pen 		

DO NOT BRING: alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, electric or electronic gadgets (hair straighteners, hair dryers, gaming devices, tablets, etc.). We also suggest that you do not bring your mobile phone.

Money Matters

Questions about Trip Fees

What does the £1,361 cover?

Your fees covers all the following...

- **Travel Costs**
Flights to and from Gambia, plus onward travel in Gambia.
Travel between accommodation and the places we will be working in
It does NOT cover your travel costs to get your group to and from the airport in the UK.
- **Travel & Medical Insurance**
If you would like a copy of the insurance policy please ask you group leader.
- **Food & Accommodation** — while on location.
- **Materials & Tools** — 10 water filters, 20 buckets per person, and required tools for assembly and installation.
- **Just Life** — food, accommodation, and training materials

Where do I send the money raised?

Please ensure that all money goes straight to your Group Leader. Your Group Leader will send funds to Amor Europe on a monthly basis.

By when should my money be paid?

We have set the following deadline for sending in your money:

- end of February 2021 — £150
- end of May 2021 — £600
- end of August 2021 — £1050
- by the 11 September 2021 — £1,361

Please do not save it all up and send it at the last moment! We have to pay the flights, insurance and various other costs in advance, so we need to have the funds sent into us as soon as they are raised.

Gift Aid

If a UK taxpayer is able to donate, then please ask them to tick the Gift Aid box on the **Sponsor Form** or **Donation Slip**. The Gift Aid that Amor Europe receives on these donations will be used to manage the risks on exchange rate fluctuations. For this reason, Gift Aid cannot be added to the fundraising target.

Please note that donations can be Gift Aided only if they are given by tax paying persons not connected to you. Donations by your parents or immediate family, your church funds, another charity or from any other organisation cannot qualify for Gift Aid.

Please note that it is illegal for the money to be raised in small amounts and then ask a taxpayer (a non-relative) to send in a cheque for that amount using Gift Aid.

What happens if I raise more than my target amount?

Many participants will raise funds over their target. Any surplus funds will be used as follows:

Firstly, to cover any other participants who did not reach the target funds; then

Secondly, money will then go towards any of the following:

- a discretionary gift may be given to our partner in Gambia;
- funding for future Gambian trips;
- buying equipment to be stored in Gambia for future teams.

What happens if I am unable to take part after all?

You will be asked to cover any expenses incurred on your behalf, up to the target amount, unless the withdrawal is for reasons covered by the Travel Insurance.

Fundraising — Getting Started

It may seem ages until the trip but we encourage you to get started as soon as you can. Remember you can't just ask people for money without doing something in return. Keep people close to you updated on how you are doing, and don't feel that you are doing this alone. Get some help from friends, family, and supporters, and put on events and activities to raise the money.

Your Group Leader will provide **Donation Slips**, **Sponsor Forms**, and **Info Flyers** which can be used to help you raise funds. If you wish to use these in large quantities, please **ask your Group Leader for more copies**.

About Donation Slips

Ask your Group Leader for **Donation Slips**. Before giving these slips out, ensure to fill in your own name, and information about to whom to pay cheques (your Group Leader should have done this for you). You can use these slips to place on seats before you talk about your forthcoming trip in a church service, or for people to take home and to return to you with a donation at a later date. Ask all donors to seal their gift in the envelope along with the slip, ensuring that their name, address, and donation amount is recorded if they intend to Gift Aid the money (and if so, please ensure they have ticked the Gift Aid box).

About Sponsor Forms

The **Sponsor Form** can also be used to record donations, and will save you using lots of slips and envelopes. They could be used for events such as a sponsored swim, or cycle ride.

About Info Flyers

The **Info Flyers** can be used to tell people about your trip, and what the money they give will go towards.

Some fundraising hints

Ensure you know about the trip in sufficient detail to answer general questions.

Remember that the fundraising challenge is as much a part of the experience trip as the trip itself. Start it sooner rather than later to ensure you have reached your fundraising target at least two weeks before the trip starts. Remember:

- always be polite and thank people as soon as they have donated any money;
- keep track of all slips and sponsor forms;
- ensure you get any adults who pay tax in the UK to Gift Aid the money they give;
- show people the flyers and tell people they can also go to the website « amoreurope.org » for more information;
- read the Questions under “Money Matters” for more information.

Ask your Group Leader for the “Fundraising Ideas” booklet to get your creativity started.
