# 5 days itinerary

#### Day 1

After Breakfast we start at 7 am at Kotu area, at the famous Bridge where you can have your first boat trip, then continue on nature walk around the rice fields, Golf course and the surroundings species like Blue Breasted, Kingfisher, Piapiac, Starlings, Lizard Buzzards Hornbills and many more the list can go up 60 to 80 species just around Kotu. Lunch break at noon then later continue in the afternoon till late evening return to Hotel for dinner later in the Evening.



## Day 2

We will start early at 7 am in the morning after breakfast drive to Brufut woods 10 kilometres from you hotel for half day trip. It will take us under 25 minutes to the wood land a community forest where we will walk through the most interesting areas within the forest and its surroundings birding around the woods, later we will converge at a woodland bar area for cold drinks and coffees while attending some of the species coming to the drinking point created for the most exotic species, like Green and Violet Turacos, Grey Headed Bristle bills, Pygmy Kingfishers, yellow Throated Leafloves, Yellow White Eye. In the area the expected species are Long Tailed Nightjars, Klaas' Cuckoo Diederick Cuckoo, Shikra, Red Necked Falcon, Black Shouldered Kites, White Faced Scoops Owl and many more. At 12;30pm we will proceed further to Tanji Eco lodge at distance of 5 kilometres only 15 minutes' drive for lunch break by the drinking pool ideal for photographing birds like Sulphur Breasted Bushrike, African Silverbills, western Blue Bills, yellow crowned Gonolek and many more. After lunch we will then continue to lagoons by the sea via the exterior of the forest looking for Four Banded Sandgrouse, Swallow Tailed Bee Eater, Osprey, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Pied Hornbill and some waders mainly migrants at the Beach side too till late evening we will return back to the Hotel for dinner.



### Day 3

After breakfast we will be heading to Farasutu Forest for a day trip lunch at Sitajoyeh Lodge in the Island, We will visit the community Forest this is about 30 kilometres drive, this area consist of wood land with Gallery forest and farm lands, also there are riverine stretches along the forest edges making it a favourite site for some migratory birds. Expected species to be African Wood Owl, Greyish Eagle Owl, Grey Headed Bristle Bill, Vieillot's Barbet, yellow - Bellied - Hyliota, Black Wood Hoopoe, Stripe Kingfisher, Bruce's Green Pigeon, Yellow Penduline Tit, Cardinal Wood Pecker, Brown Backed Wood Pecker, Fine-spotted Wood Pecker, Buff- Spotted Wood Pecker and many more. We will rap our day by sitting in a hide at one of the local photo hide in the area to close photos of wonderful species like Green headed Sun Bird, Purple Glossy Starling, Splendid Glossy Starling, Klaas' Cuckoo, Black Faced Fire Finch, Brown Naked Parrot and many more. We will go back to the Hotel for the last and final night



#### Day 4

Early Morning after Breakfast we depart at 7 am from the Hotel on a 25 minutes' drive on a 20 kilometre Journey to Abuko Nature Reserve is a reserve consist of gallery forest with canopies and semi wooded scrubby areas with some under growths forages with streams across some points ideal for species like Black Crake, Western Blue Bill, Common Wattled Eye, African Goshawk, Violet and Green Turacos Palmnutt Vulture, Giant Kingfisher, Oriole Warbler, Black Necked Weaver, little Greenbul, and many more. we will later go out of the reserve to Tambi wetland just the opposite site of the Nature Reserve to have couple of hours there within the rice fields and women vegetable gardens which harbour spectacular species like Dwarf and Little Bitterns, Black Crake, African Crake, Lizard Buzzard, Pearl Spotted Owlet, Squacco Heron and many more. At 1 pm we will return to the coast for Lunch break at Kotu one of the best Restaurants along the Beach, after Lunch break we will go to Katchummey woods on the South Coast of The Gambia where we will continue to add our list among the species are Giant, Blue Breasted, malachite and Pied Kingfishers, Sacred Ibis, African Spoonbill, Yellow Billed and Black kites, yellow Billed Stork, greater Paint Snipe, Black Egret, Little Bee Eater, Blue Bellied Roller and Broad billed Roller and off cause many more. We will return back to your Hotel later in the evening for dinner.



#### Day 5

Early breakfast from the Hotel start our day at 7am to Marakissa woods and area going all the way to Darslame and Seffoe Wetland diving about 45 minutes, after midday we will drive later back to the Camp for lunch break while we will taking good advantage of water jars organised by the Lodge within the premises where different species of birds visits, from Violet Turacos, Yellow Throated Leafloves, Lesser, Spotted and Greater Honey Guides, Malachite, Blue Breasted and Giant Kingfishers, Palmnutt Vulture, African Harrier Hawk. Later we will head back in to the woods of Penyem 10 kilometres from the Camp for the rest of the day these habitats consist of semi- savanna wood lands with some big trees and Gallery forest with farmlands and rice fields and gardens. Species expected to see are White Breasted Cuckoo Shrike, Red Shouldered Cuckoo Shrike, African Scoops Owl, African Gold Oriole, Shinning Blue Kingfisher, Grey Headed Kingfisher, Lizard Buzzard and many more we will return back to the Hotel rapping up the five days tour.

