

Abene

Abene is a traditional fishing village on the Atlantic Ocean located in the South part of Senegal, in the region of Casamance where inhabitants subsist mostly on fishing and agriculture. The typical fishing boats, called "pirogues" lay out each day in order to go fishing. The main languages are: french, wolof, mandinka, jola and some english.



The atmosphere in Abéné is far from mass tourism and at first glance there does not appear to be much there - One main street surrounded with low houses, simple restaurants and shops selling fruits and vegetables, household utensils, handicrafts such as batik and wooden objects, fabrics and jewelry and a few "campements" (bed and breakfast). But here you get the opportunity to get close the local culture and the vibrant music scene. An annual 10-day music and dance festival in Abéné begins at the end of December and extends into the New Year. Musicians and artists from all over the world gather here to enjoy!

Nature invites you to stroll along the mile-long, pristine beaches and through the village's tropical greenery. The region is known for its many mango trees, eucalyptus, palm trees and huge fromage-trees.

Abene is famous for the sacred tree, the mighty Ceiba - "Bantam Wora". It is actually six trees grown together and it represents a fusion of islamic and animist beliefs - Just like in Senegal where christians and muslims, jola, mandinka, wolof and other ethnic groups and religions are living and growing strongly together.



Campement Les Baobabs

Beautiful campsite with 8 traditional round-houses in the heart of a green garden directly at the beach-side. The en-suite accomodations are simple and cheerful, with canopy-beds, plugs, fans and mosquito-nets, the beach-bar/restaurant has sat-tv and wifi.

