



# Cacheu: history and legacy

Cacheu is a **historic city** located in the **northern coastal region** of Guinea-Bissau, on the **banks of the Cacheu River**. Founded by the Portuguese in the **17th century**.

It became a **key port** for the transatlantic **slave trade**. It was one of the main **embarkation points** to the Americas.



# Historical role



## 17th Century

Portuguese founding and establishment as a commercial port.



## Colonial Era

Centre of the slave trade to Brazil and the Americas.



## 21st Century

Symbol of historical memory and African cultural resistance.

# Contemporary Cacheu



## Local market

Traditional commercial centre where ancestral customs are preserved.



## Fishermen

Fishing remains a fundamental part of the local economy.



## Natural environment

The **tranquility** and natural beauty complement its **rich history**.