



Nigeria

THE GIANT OF AFRICA, A COUNTRY OF IMMENSE DIVERSITY, VIBRANT CULTURES, AND BREATHTAKING NATURAL BEAUTY

21-DAY TRIP

BY WEST AFRICA TRACKS



Including:

All overnight accommodations as described, breakfast, all transportation and fuel, visits mentioned in the programme, tourist taxes and fees & an English speaking guide.

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN LAGOS

Upon your arrival in Lagos, your guide will pick you up and bring you to the hotel. Dinner we will all enjoy together to get to know each other and get ready for your 3-weeks trip through Africa's most culturally diverse country.

Overnight: hotel



DAY 2: LAGOS

After breakfast we head into the vibrant and eclectic mix trying to capture the essence of Nigeria's largest city. We start our day with a visit to the bustling Lekki Conservation Centre, where we will explore elevated walkways through lush mangrove forests and we might even catch glimpses of wildlife like monkeys and birds. Next, we immerse ourselves in the history and culture of Lagos at Freedom Park, a former colonial-era prison turned cultural center, where we learn about Nigeria's struggle for independence and enjoy live music performances. Afterward, head to the Lekki Market to browse stalls selling everything from traditional fabrics and handicrafts to fresh produce and street food delicacies. If we have time left we will visit the Nike Art Gallery. We complete our day with a relaxing stroll along the picturesque Lagos waterfront, where we will watch the sunset over the Atlantic Ocean.

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DAY 3: LAGOS

We begin our day by visiting the Slave Museum, where we will delve into the harrowing legacy of the transatlantic slave trade. Explore exhibits detailing the brutal realities faced by enslaved Africans and learn about the significant role Badagry played as a major slave port. Afterward, we continue our exploration at the Point of No Return, a somber reminder of the tragic chapter in human history. Stand at the water's edge, where countless enslaved Africans boarded ships bound for the Americas, never to return to their homeland. To conclude our day, we will visit other historic sites in Badagry, such as the Brazilian Baracoon and the Agia Tree Monument, which further illuminate the region's complex history.

Overnight: hotel



DAY 4: LAGOS TO IBDAN

After breakfast we will hit the road, where urban landscapes gradually give way to scenic countryside vistas. As we traverse the well-maintained Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, we will witness the dynamic rhythm of Nigerian life unfold. Along the route, we make a pit stop at the historic town of Abeokuta to explore its iconic Olumo Rock, offering panoramic views of the surrounding plains. Finally, arrive in Ibadan, Nigeria's third-largest city, where we will spend the afternoon exploring its historic landmarks, including the University of Ibadan, Cocoa House, and Agodi Gardens.

Overnight: hotel



DAY 5: IBDAN TO OWO

Today we will be traversing through the picturesque landscapes of southwestern Nigeria. As we journey along the well-paved roads, lush greenery and rolling hills paint a serene backdrop for our adventure. We will make a stop at the Olumirin Waterfalls before we head to the historic town of Owo, known for its ancient palace and intricate terracotta sculptures, offering a glimpse into the region's rich cultural heritage.

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DAY 6: OWO TO ABUJA

The road from Owo to Abuja offers a diverse and scenic journey through the heart of Nigeria. Departing from Owo, we will initially encounter well-maintained highways surrounded by lush vegetation and occasional small villages. As the journey progresses, the landscape transitions to rolling hills and open plains, providing breathtaking views of the Nigerian countryside. Along the way, we will pass through towns and cities such as Okene and Lokoja, each offering unique glimpses of local life and culture. Finally, the road culminates in Abuja, Nigeria's modern capital. But before we go to the hotel, we pass by Zuma Rock, a striking geological formation that stands as a prominent symbol of the country's natural beauty.

Overnight: hotel



DAY 7: ABUJA

We start our day with a visit to the National Mosque, a magnificent architectural masterpiece adorned with intricate designs and towering minarets, offering a glimpse into Nigeria's Islamic heritage. Next, we immerse ourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of the Arts and Crafts Village, where local artisans showcase their talents through traditional crafts and artwork. Afterward, venture to the serene surroundings of Millennium Park, where lush greenery and tranquil ponds provide a peaceful retreat from the bustling city. To end the day, we take a trip to the iconic Aso Rock, a massive granite outcrop that offers panoramic views of Abuja's skyline and serves as a symbolic landmark of Nigeria's political power.

Overnight: hotel



DAY 8: ABUJA TO JOS

Today we leave Abuja behind and drive to Jos. Our journey will first take us towards the Gurara Falls, and the landscape transitions to rocky terrain and arid plains, with occasional glimpses of rural villages and farmland. Upon reaching Gurara Falls, we can marvel at the majestic cascades and enjoy the serene natural surroundings before continuing on to Jos. From Gurara Falls to Jos, the road winds through rugged terrain and mountainous regions, offering breathtaking vistas of the surrounding landscape.

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**DAY 9:
JOS**

We begin our day with a visit to the Jos Museum, where artifacts and exhibits showcase the rich history and diverse cultures of Plateau State. Next, we venture to the picturesque Jos Wildlife Park, home to a variety of indigenous species including lions, leopards, and chimpanzees. We will enjoy a leisurely stroll through the park's lush vegetation and tranquil surroundings, soaking in the sights and sounds of the African wilderness. As the day draws to a close, ascend to the summit of Shere Hills, a scenic overlook that offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Watch the sunset cast a golden glow over the city below, illuminating the beauty of Jos against the backdrop of the rugged Plateau State.

Overnight: hotel



**DAY 10:
JOS TO MAKURDI**

Departing from Jos, we will initially follow well-maintained highways that wind through rolling hills and picturesque valleys, providing stunning views of the surrounding countryside. As the journey progresses towards Riyom Rock, the terrain may become more rugged, with rocky outcrops and dense vegetation lining the roadside. Upon reaching Riyom Rock, we can marvel at the imposing granite formation that rises majestically from the earth, offering a dramatic backdrop against the sky. Continuing onward to Makurdi, the road may wind through lush farmland and small villages, offering yet another glimpse of rural life in Nigeria. As we approach Makurdi, the landscape opens up into vast plains dotted with clusters of trees and occasional rivers or streams.

Overnight: hotel



**DAY 11:
MAKURDI TO ENUGU**

Another day on the road will bring us through farmland and small villages. As the journey progresses towards Udi Hills, the terrain becomes more rugged, with rolling hills and dense vegetation lining the roadside. Upon reaching Udi Hills, we can marvel at the breathtaking vistas and panoramic views that stretch across the surrounding countryside. Continuing onward to Enugu, the road may wind through valleys and river valleys, offering glimpses of the region's diverse ecosystems and wildlife.

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**DAY 12:
ENUGU**

After breakfast we start our day with a visit to the Enugu Museum, where artifacts and exhibits showcase the rich history and diverse cultures of the region. Next, we venture to the scenic Milken Hill, a popular viewpoint offering panoramic vistas of the cityscape below. Afterward, we immerse ourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Ogbete Main Market, one of the largest markets in Enugu. Browse through stalls selling a variety of goods, including fresh produce, traditional crafts, clothing, and souvenirs. Engage with local vendors and experience the bustling energy of the market. Another cultural immersion will be during our visit to the Nike Lake Resort, a serene oasis nestled by a picturesque lake. Take a leisurely stroll along the waterfront, enjoy boat rides, or simply relax amidst the tranquil surroundings. We end the day with a visit to the Awlum Waterfall, located just a short drive from Enugu.

Overnight: hotel



**DAY 13:
ENUGU TO OWERRI**

Today we will drive from Enugu to Owerri with a stop at the Ogbunike Caves. Departing from Enugu, we will initially follow well-maintained highways that wind through lush countryside, providing scenic views of rolling hills and small villages along the way. As we reach the Ogbunike Caves, the terrain becomes more rugged, with winding roads leading through dense forests and rocky outcrops. We will join a tour of this natural wonder, exploring the network of caves and caverns that have been formed over centuries. Afterward we continue onward to Owerri where we will have the afternoon to relax and unwind at the Ngwoma Forest Park.

Overnight: Hotel



**DAY 14:
OWERRI**

We start our day with a visit to the Mbari Cultural and Art Center, a vibrant hub of Igbo culture and heritage. Explore the intricately designed sculptures and artifacts that adorn the center, offering insights into the rich traditions of the Igbo people. In the afternoon, we will visit Oguta Lake, one of the largest natural lakes in Nigeria. Embark on a serene boat ride across the tranquil waters, taking in panoramic views of the surrounding greenery and picturesque landscapes. As you glide along the lake, keep an eye out for diverse bird species and aquatic life that call this ecosystem home.

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**DAY 15:
OWERRI TO
CALABAR**

Departing from Owerri, we will initially follow the road that winds through the lush landscapes of southeastern Nigeria, passing through charming villages and towns along the way. Upon reaching the Botanical Gardens in Nekede, we will explore the flowers and diverse plant species that thrive within this serene oasis. We continue our road and as we approach Calabar, the landscape transitions to coastal plains, offering glimpses of the sparkling waters of the Cross River and the bustling activity of the city's waterfront.

Overnight: hotel



**DAY 16:
CALABAR**

We start our day with a visit to the Calabar Museum, located in the heart of the city. Explore the exhibits showcasing the history, culture, and traditions of the Cross River State, providing insights into the region's rich heritage. Then we head to the nearby Slave History Museum, situated within the historic Duke Town district. Learn about the transatlantic slave trade and the impact it had on the region, as well as the resilience of the people who resisted enslavement. Then we will explore the vibrant streets of Calabar's Old Town, known for its colonial-era architecture and bustling markets. Followed by a cultural performance at the Calabar Cultural Centre.

Overnight: Hotel



**DAY 17:
CALABAR**

A one hour drive will take us to Kwa Falls. We trek through the lush rainforest to reach the spectacular waterfall, where you can swim in the refreshing pools and admire the natural beauty of the surroundings. Then we return to Calabar and visit the Drill Ranch, a conservation center dedicated to protecting endangered drill monkeys. Take a guided tour of the sanctuary, learn about the conservation efforts, and observe these fascinating primates in their natural habitat. We end our day with a sunset cruise along the Cross River.

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**DAY 18:
CALABAR TO
PORT HARCOURT**

Today we hit the road again towards Port Harcourt. The road will take us through rolling hills and open plains, with occasional views of rivers and streams that dot the landscape. It will also pass through dense forests and coastal areas, until we hit the urban areas, with bustling streets and modern infrastructure signaling the arrival in the city. We will spend the afternoon at Port Harcourt Tourist Beach where we will relax and join the local beachgoers with trying delicious snacks and refreshments from the beachside vendors, like grilled seafood or refreshing coconut water. We watch the sunset as it paints the sky in brilliant shades of orange and pink.

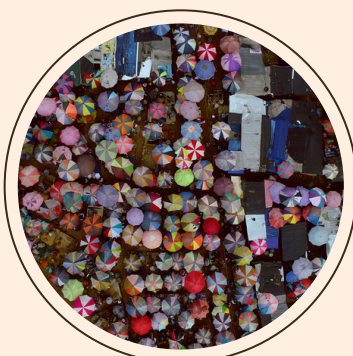
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**DAY 19:
PORT HARCOURT**

Today we will visit Finima Nature Park, a sanctuary of lush mangrove forests, winding boardwalks, and diverse wildlife. Explore the tranquil surroundings and meandering along shaded trails while birdwatching. We continue our adventure to Bonny Island Beach, where stretches of powdery sand and azure waters beckon for relaxation and recreation. Take a refreshing dip in the crystalline waters for a swim or a snorkeling trip. As the day draws to a close, savor once again the magical moment of witnessing the sun sink below the horizon, painting the sky in vibrant hues of orange and pink.

Overnight: Hotel



**DAY 20:
PORT HARCOURT**

After breakfast we head to Isaac Boro Park, a tranquil green space in the heart of the city. The park has quite some monuments and sculptures, which pay tribute to the region's history and heritage. Then we explore the bustling markets, such as Mile 1 Market or Oil Mill Market, where we will browse through a variety of goods including fresh produce, clothing, accessories, and crafts. After lunch we visit the Rivers State Museum, showcasing artifacts, photographs, and artworks that highlight the diverse heritage of Port Harcourt and its people. Then we take a boat ride on the Bonny river enjoying views of the river and surrounding landscape. The last night of our trip we will be accompanied by live music.

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**DAY 21:
RETURN HOME**



Today the trip has come to an end, we have explored many places in Nigeria. Your guide will bring you to the airport in time to catch your flight to your next destination.