

A JOURNEY TO CULTURE, CONNECTION,
AND CELEBRATION

NIGERIA 2027

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS



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Lawrence McLean

Founder / CEO of AAT Trip Host

A GUIDE TO
HELP YOU KNOW
ABOUT OUR
TEAM MEMBERS

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since then, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to Africa to Ghana, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa.



Andrea McLean

Host Assistant

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style. She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers' faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around, there is always laughter.



William McLean

Host Assistant

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

THE ITINERARY

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 27TH**



USA - NIGERIA



**LAGOS HOTEL
3:00 PM CHECK IN**



**BLACK&GOLD HOST DINNER
8:00 PM**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 28TH**



LAGOS CITY TOUR

**9:00 AM
DEPART FOR CITY TOUR W/LUNCH**
• NATIONAL MUSEUM
• FELA SHRINE
• LEKKI CONVENTION CENTRE
• NIKE ART GALLERY

**5:00 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL**



**6:00 PM
OPTIONAL COOKING CLASS**

**10:00 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 29TH**



BADAGRY TOUR

**7:00 AM
DEPART FOR BADAGRY (2HR
BOAT)**

**9:00 AM
ARRIVE IN BADAGRY**
• NAMING CEREMONY
• ZANGBETO/SATO CELEBRATION

**12:00 PM
LUNCH ON BEACH**

**1:00 PM
CONTINUE BADAGRY TOUR**
• HERITAGE MUSEUM
• POINT OF NO RETURN
• FIRST STOREY BUILDING

**4:00 PM
DEPART FOR HOTEL (2HR BOAT)**

**6:00 PM
ARRIVE IN LAGOS/ TRANSFER TO
HOTEL**

THE ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 30TH



ABEOKUTA TOUR

7:00 AM

DEPART FOR TOUR (2HR TRAIN)

9:00 PM

ARRIVE IN ABEOKUTA

- OLUMO ROCK
- KAMPALA FOR BATIK EXHIBITION
- OLUSGUN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

12:00 PM

LUNCH AT LOCAL HOTEL

2:00 PM

TRAIN RIDE TO LAGOS (2HR TRAIN)

4:00 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 31ST



**ALL WHITE YACHT
(FOR THOSE WHO BOOKED)**

1:00 PM

DEPART FOR YACHT TOUR

5:00 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL



10:30 PM

DEPART FOR NY PARTY

FRIDAY
JANUARY 1ST



**DANCE CLASS
(FOR THOSE WHO BOOKED)**

2:00 PM

DEPART FOR DANCE CLASS

3:30 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL



8:00 PM

FAREWELL DINNER

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 2ND**



12:00 PM CHECK OUT

LAGOS AIRPORT
TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



NIGERIA → USA

THE EXTENSION

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 2ND**



FREE DAY

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 3RD**



7:00 AM

CHECK OUT LAGOS HOTEL



NIGERIA- BENIN CITY

10:10 AM

DEPART FOR BENIN CITY

Via Air Peace Flight P47170 (1h flight)

11:10 AM

**ARRIVE IN BENIN CITY
TRANSFER TO HOTEL FOR
LUNCH**



**1:00 PM CHECK IN
BENIN CITY HOTEL**

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 4TH**



BENIN CITY TOUR

9:00 AM

DEPART FOR BENIN CITY TOUR

- IGUN STREET
- NATIONAL MUSEUM
- OGIAMEN PALACE

12:00 PM

LUNCH AT HOTEL

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 5TH**



AKURE TOUR

8:30 AM

**DEPART FOR AKURE
(3H 30M DRIVE)**

12:00 PM

ARRIVE IN AKURE

1:30 PM

DEPART IDANDRE HILLS

6:30 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

THE EXTENSION

BENIN CITY / AKURE EXTENSION

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 6TH



BENIN CITY HOTEL
10:00 AM CHECK OUT/
TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



BENIN CITY-ABUJA

1:50 PM
DEPART FOR ABUJA
VIA AIR PEACE FLIGHT NO.
P47003 (50 MINS)

2:40 PM
ARRIVE IN ABUJA
TRANSFER TO HOTEL



4:00 PM CHECK IN
ABUJA HOTEL

THURSDAY
JANUARY 7TH



GUARA WATERFALL TOUR

9:00 AM
DEPART FOR GUARA
WATERFALL

3:00 PM
LUNCH @ ZUMA ROCK RESORT

6:00 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

FRIDAY
JANUARY 8TH



11:00AM
CHECK OUT/ TRANSFER TO
AIRPORT (ABUJA HOTEL)



ABUJA- LAGOS

1:55 PM
DEPART FOR LAGOS
VIA AIRPEACE FLIGHT NO. P4700
1 (50MINS)

12:10 PM
ARRIVE IN LAGOS TRANSFER
TO HOTEL



2:00PM CHECK IN
LAGOS HOTEL

SATURDAY
JANUARY 9TH



12:00 PM
CHECKOUT
LAGOS HOTEL
TRANSFER TO
AIRPORT



NIGERIA → USA

IN DEPTH



NATIONAL MUSEUM

Founded in 1957 by the British archaeologist Kenneth Murray, the museum holds some of the most fascinating objects telling the story of Nigerian art and culture. Located in the heart of Lagos, the museum collects, preserves, and promotes Nigeria's rich heritage to the world. Tour the building and step inside to explore the masterpieces and galleries celebrating the unique cultures of over 300 communities in Nigeria.



KALAKUTA (FELA) MUSEUM

The Kalakuta Museum in Ikeja, Lagos, derives much of its authenticity from being located in the actual three-story house where Fela lived in Kalakuta Republic, the fabled compound which, in defiance of Nigeria's military dictatorship, he declared was an independent, self-governing state. Fela lived there with his family and Egypt 80 until his passing in 1997, and the museum is packed with his personal belongings and artifacts relating to his life and career.



BATIK FABRIC EXHIBITION

Batik is a well-respected, ancient art form and craft. It is a similar process used to make African print fabric, but instead of using industrial printing machinery, it is all done by hand! The fabrics are used to make traditional African clothing as well as modern Afrocentric clothing, accessories, and homeware.



LEKKI CONSERVATION CENTER

The Lekki Conservation in Lekki is an oasis of nature within the urban chaos of Lagos, and the suspended canopy walkway that rises over the reserve is the longest in all of Africa. The canopy walkway features six towers that rise over 22 feet each. They are connected by a series of suspended (and swinging) walkways that offer a unique (if somewhat harrowing) 360-degree view of this part of the world from high above the treetops. The treetop walk stretches about 1,315 feet long (more than three and a half football fields), setting the record for the longest on the African continent.



NIKE ART GALLERY

Nike Art Gallery is an art gallery in Lagos owned by Nike Davies-Okundaye. The gallery is arguably the largest of its kind in West Africa. Housed in a five-story-tall building, it boasts a collection of about 8,000 diverse artworks from various Nigerian artists like Chief Josephine Oboh Macleod.



TRADITIONAL NAMING CEREMONY

At long last, you are finally HOME, so a celebration is in order! Upon arrival to Badagry you will be greeted by a village leader and given a new name, your African Name.



ZANGBETO CELEBRATION

The Zangbetos are the traditional security guards or policemen of their communities. They are said to form a secret society that can only be strictly attended by Zangbeto or voodoo worshipers and devotees. Zangbeto is deemed to have spiritual and magical abilities, such as swallowing splinters of glass without coming to any harm and scaring away even witches. The Zangbeto takes on a covering made from an intricate mass of tiny strands of hay, raffia, or other threadlike materials, which are sometimes dyed in very colorful hues.



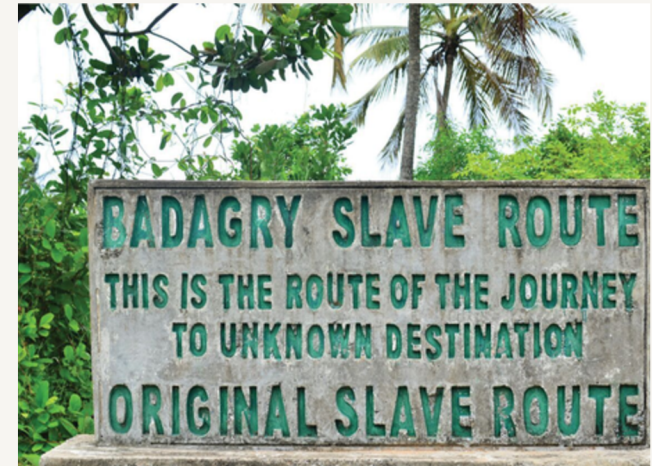
HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Badagry Heritage Museum is housed in the former district officer's office that was constructed in 1863. The museum attempts to highlight the injustice and horror of the transatlantic slave trade while also exhibiting the rich histories and cultures of Africa. There is a specific focus on the heritage of pre- and post-transatlantic slave trade in Badagry. The museum consists of eight galleries each dealing with particular themes relating to local heritage and the transatlantic slave trade.



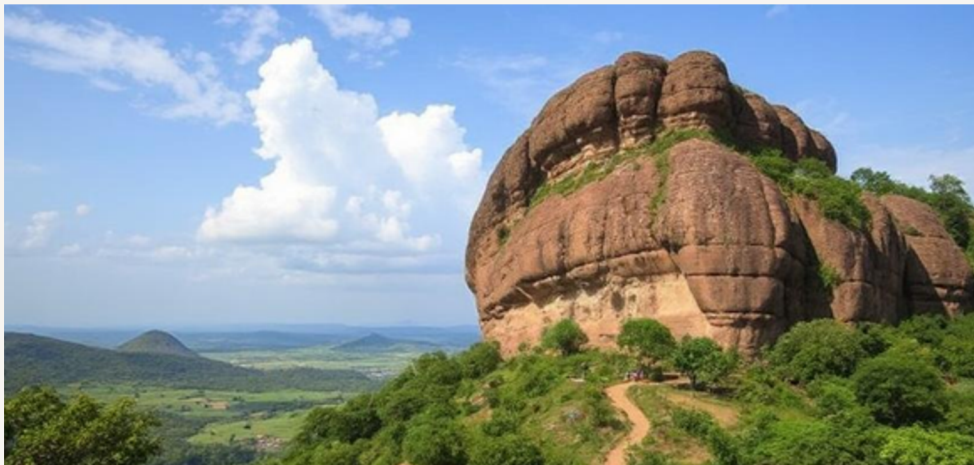
SATO DRUMMING CELEBRATION

The Sato drums are used and beaten in Akarakunmo during celebration periods, particularly at burials of very old and renowned individuals. The drum is approximately three meters tall and beaten with seven long drumsticks. Those who beat the drum must jump simultaneously at the rhythm of the drum, wear traditional attire, and perform acrobatic displays. However, the drum must be beaten by orphans. An orphan who has lost one parent can only use one hand to beat the drum, and an orphan who has lost both parents can use two hands. Who still has both parents cannot beat the drum. If he does, it has devastating consequences. The drum is hollow and must be covered.



POINT OF NO RETURN

Gberefu Island, also known as Point of No Return, is a populated historical island located in Badagry, a town and local government area of Lagos State, southwestern Nigeria. Symbolized by two poles slightly slanted towards each other and facing the Atlantic Ocean, the island was a major slave port after it was opened in 1473 during the Transatlantic Slave Trade era. According to Nigerian historians, as many as 10,000 slaves were believed to have been shipped to the Americas between 1518 and 1880 from the island.



OLUMO ROCK

Olumo Rock is a mountain in southwestern Nigeria. It is located in the city of Abeokuta, Ogun State, and was normally used as a natural fortress during inter-tribal warfare in the 19th century. Its patron spirit is venerated in the Yoruba religion as an orisha. The name "Olumo" is the combination of two words: "olu," which means "God," and "mo," which means "moulded." The combination is translated as "God has ended our sufferings and trouble."



OLUSEGUN OBASANJO PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

The Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library is a library owned by Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, a former president of Nigeria. It is a historic, tourist, and academic center established as a national archive for the preservation of documents and materials used by the president during his tenure as the president of Nigeria.



AFRICAN DANCE CLASS

Receive state-of-the-art training in multiple African dance forms, as well as learning how to play the drums, xylophone, and other instruments.



IGUN STREET

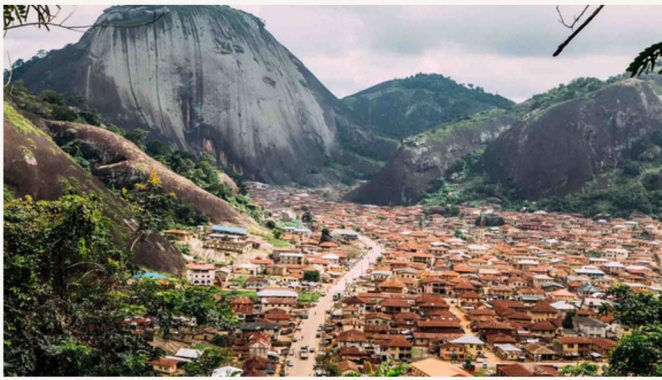
Igun Street is the quarter in Benin City, Nigeria, where the Igun Eronmwon (royal guild of the brass casters) resides and works.



ATMOSPHERE ROOFTOP

Atmosphere Rooftop is a carefully curated space that took off in 2019, boasting many Instagrammable moments and the perfect ambience needed to get you in the mood for a perfect night out.

Our space is ideal for daytime brunches, mini concerts, regular dining, and sports viewings (with a large TV screen in place). Come dine with nice views of the city and try out our signature cocktails. We take pride in being one of Nigeria's most trendy lounges with professional staff led by an accomplished manager and chef.



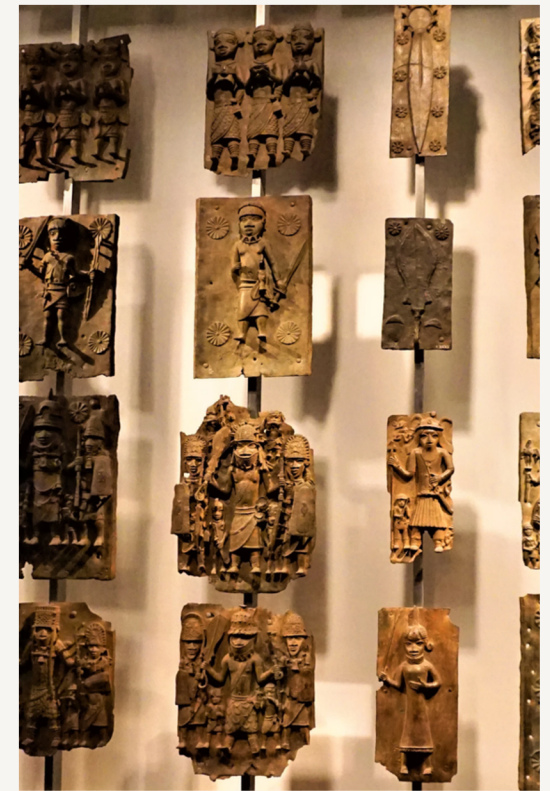
IDANRE HILLS

The Idanre Hill, or Oke Idanre, is located in Idanre town in Ondo State of southwestern Nigeria. The Idanre Hills are well-known for their landscape. Its wide variety of cultural sites such as 'Owa's Palace,' shrines, the Old Court, the Belfry, the Agboogun footprint, thunder water (Omi Apaara), and burial grounds have since brought the location fame and the nation's nomination for the UNESCO World Heritage Site shortlist. It resides 3000 ft (914.4 meters) above sea level and houses a unique ecosystem upon which the cultural landscape has integrated.



OGIAMEN ANCIENT PALACE

It is a National Monument situated within the city walls and moat (another historical monument). Built about 1130 AD, it has great significance as the only building that predates the emergence of OBASHIP in Benin political organization and the only building that survived the 1897 British expedition and siege. It was declared a National Monument on May 26th, 1959.



NATIONAL MUSEUM, BENIN CITY

The Benin City National Museum is a national museum in Benin City, Nigeria. located in the city center on King's Square. The museum has a significant number of artifacts related to the Benin Empire, such as terracotta, bronze figures, and cast iron pieces. It also has ancient art related to the early times



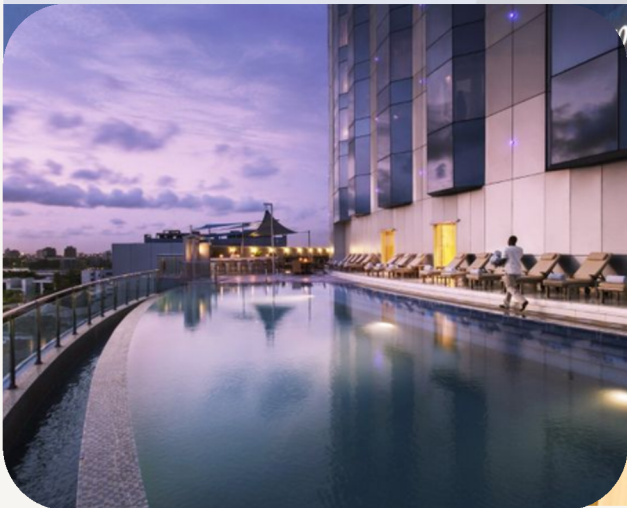
GURARA WATERFALLS

Gurara Waterfalls is located in Gurara, a local government area of Niger State, North Central Nigeria. The waterfall is approximately 30 meters in height, and it lies on the Gurara River along the Suleja-Minna Road.



ACCOMMODATION

LAGOS HOTEL



It is the tallest hospitality building in Nigeria, and with its terraces, it offers splendid views of the Lagos city, most importantly the Lagos Port and Lagos skyline.

ACCOMMODATION

BENIN CITY HOTEL



The image shows the Transcorp Hilton Abuja Hotel at dusk. The hotel is a large, modern building with a distinctive facade of vertical slats. The name "Transcorp Hilton" is visible on the upper part of the building and on a sign above the entrance. The foreground features a parking lot with some greenery and a road with a few trees. The sky is a deep blue.

ACCOMMODATION

ABUJA HOTEL

Set on picturesque landscaped gardens, our hotel sits at the heart of Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory and Abuja's commercial district. We're less than three kilometers from Abuja National Mosque and Millennium Park, within 20 minutes of the city center.



ACCOMMODATION

AKURE HOTEL

