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**NIGERIA**  
AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS





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# MEET THE TEAM



**Lawrence McLean**

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT  
TRIP HOST**

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, 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 the beautiful motherland, Africa, 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**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
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**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
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.

**"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."**

**– Steve Jobs**



# THE ITINERARY

## Day 1

 **USA → NIGERIA**

**ARRIVE IN LAGOS**



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



**8:00 PM**  
**AAT HOST DINNER**

## Day 2



### 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** ISLAND BREEZE @ LANDMARK

**10:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

## Day 3



### 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



## Day 4



### ABEOKUTA TOUR

- 7:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR (2hr Train)
- 9:00 AM** 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

## Day 5



### VIP @ CLUB DNA (For those who booked)

- 1:00 AM** DEPART FOR CLUB DNA
- 5:00 AM** RETURN TO HOTEL



### ILLASHE BEACH HOUSE (For those who booked)

- 1:00 PM** DEPART FOR ILLASHE (45m Boat)
- 1:45 PM** ARRIVE AT ILLASH
- 6:00 PM** DEPART FOR LAGOS (45m Boat)
- 6:45 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



# FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

## Day 6



### DANCE CLASS (For those who booked)

- 2:00 PM** DEPART FOR DANCE CLASS
- 3:30 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



### FAREWELL DINNER @ ATMOSPHERE ROOFTOP

- 8:00 PM** FAREWELL DINNER



### VIP @ MOIST (For those who booked)

- 10:00 PM** DEPART FOR MOIST
- 3:00 AM** RETURN TO HOTEL



# BENIN CITY / AKURE EXTENSION

*Day 7*

**12:00 PM CHECK OUT**

LAGOS AIRPORT  
TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

NIGERIA → USA





## Day 7



**FREE DAY**

## Day 8



LAGOS HOTEL

**7:00 AM CHECK OUT/ TRANSFER TO AIRPORT**



**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



BENIN CITY HOTEL

**1:00 PM CHECK IN**

## Day 9



### BENIN CITY TOUR

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR BENIN CITY TOUR  
• Igun Street  
• National Museum  
• Ogiame Palace

**12:00 PM** LUNCH AT HOTEL



# BENIN CITY / AKURE EXTENSION

## Day 10



### 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

## Day 11



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 (50mins)
- 2:40 PM** ARRIVE IN ABUJA  
TRANSFER TO HOTEL



ABUJA HOTEL

**4:00 PM CHECK IN**

## Day 12



### GUARA WATERFALL TOUR

- 9:00 AM** DEPART FOR GUARA WATERFALL
- 3:00 PM** LUNCH @ ZUMA ROCK RESORT
- 6:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



## Day 13



ABUJA HOTEL

**11:00 AM CHECK OUT/ TRANSFER TO AIRPORT**



ABUJA → LAGOS

**1:55 PM** DEPART FOR LAGOS  
Via Air Peace flight No. P47001 (50mins)

**12:10 PM** ARRIVE IN LAGOS  
TRANSFER TO HOTEL



LAGOS HOTEL

**2:00 PM CHECK IN**

## Day 14

**12:00 PM CHECK OUT**

LAGOS HOTEL  
TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

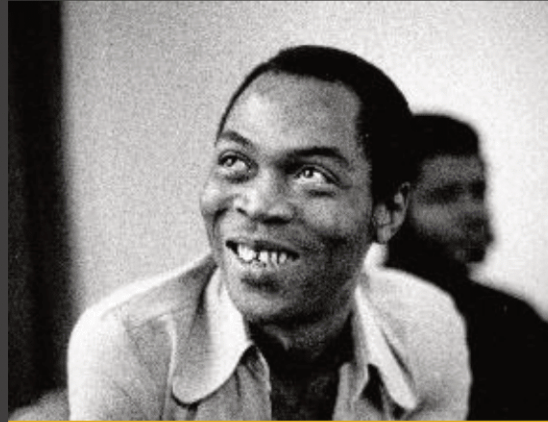
NIGERIA → USA





## ***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 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) Musuem***

The Kalakuta Museum in Ikeja, Lagos derives much of its authenticity from being located in the actual three-storey 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 artefacts relating to his life and career.



## ***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-storey 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 which can only be strictly attended by Zangbeto or voodoo worshipers and devotees. Zangbeto is deemed to have spiritistic 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 colourful hues.





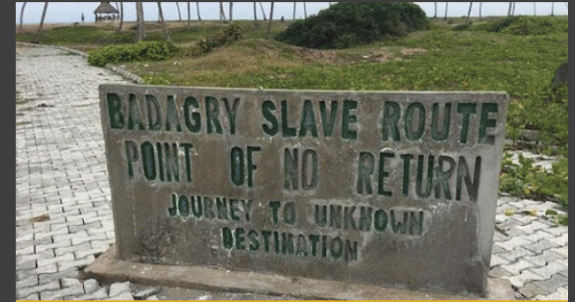
## *Sato Drumming Celebration*

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 metres 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 can not beat the drum If he does, it has devastation consequences. The drum is hollow and must be covered.



## *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, whilst 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.



## *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, South-Western 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 Trans Atlantic 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 south-western 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 which is translated as God has ended our sufferings and trouble.



## ***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.



## ***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 centre established as a national archive for the preservation of documents and materials used by the president during his tenure as the president of Nigeria.



# IN DEPTH ACCOMMODATIONS



## *Club DNA*

Club DNA is Crafted to create a formidable exquisite, luxury and Intrigue lifestyle. Their aim is focused on cultivating the premium nightlife experience. With their afro-centric twist, Club DNA has gone far in setting the pace for nightlife experience in the Lagos metropolis. They practice their experience across several destinations and are nothing like the regular, they represent a hybrid that is tastefully designed for a fulfilling night out.



## *Ilashe Private Beach House*

At this point of the trip you're probably a little worn out from all the amazing sites and partying. So we've arranged for a day at Ilashe Beach, one of the luxurious beach resorts in Nigeria. Ilashe private beach is the perfect getaway, due to its location, exclusivity and privacy. It is one of those hidden treasures in Lagos specially made for the rich and wealthy.



## *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





## *Atmosphere Rooftop*

Atmosphere Rooftop is a carefully curated space that took off in 2019 boasting many instagramable 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.



## *Moist Beach Club*

Moist Beach Club Oniru, Lagos is one of the trendiest beach clubs in Lagos with a breathtaking view of the majestic Atlantic Ocean, good food, entertainment, and an ambience depicting African arts and culture.

Moist Beach Club is one of Lagos best-kept secrets until now. Just in case you are wondering where all the big personalities in Lagos hangout, Moist Beach is the new tourist attraction in Lagos.



## *Igun Street*

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





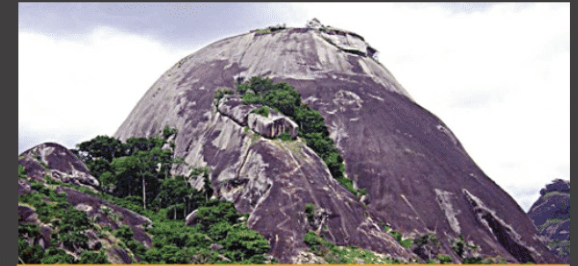
## ***National Muesuem Benin City***

The Benin City National Museum is a national museum in Benin City, Nigeria. located in the city centre 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



## ***Ogiamen Ancient Palace***

It is a National Monument situated within the city walls and Moat (another historical monument). Built about 1130AD with a great significant as the only building that predate 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 in May 26th 1959.



## ***Idanre Hills***

The Idanre Hill, or Oke Idanre is located in Idanre town in Ondo State of southwestern Nigeria. The Idanre hill is well-known for its landscape. Its wide variety on cultural sites as 'Owa's Palace', shrines, The Old Court, Belfry, 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 (914.4meters) above sea level and houses a unique ecosystem upon which the cultural landscape has Integrated.





## ***Gurara Waterfalls***

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



# ACCOMMODATIONS



## 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.



# ACCOMODATIONS



## **BENIN CITY HOTEL**

located in the heart of Benin City, the capital of Edo State in southern mid-west Nigeria. Its location is ideal for both leisure and business travelers, conveniently situated 10 minutes from the airport and a 5 minutes from Benin

Golf Course



# ACCOMMODATIONS



## 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.



# ACCOMODATIONS



AKURE HOTEL