



Nigeria tour

February 22-29, 2020 - 1 place remaining

March 21-28, 2020 - Full

November 21-28, 2020 - Full

December 5-12, 2020 - 11 places remaining

£1,845

Deposit £350

Intro

2020 will see the launch of our first two dedicated tours to Nigeria!

Please note, unlike our other tours, the pricing of this trip is based on a single room per group member. Outside of Lagos it is very tough to find twin rooms, so the tour is arranged on the basis of single rooms. If you are travelling as a couple, in a double bed, we may be able to offer a reduced rate.

Day 1

Arrival into Lagos, Nigeria's largest city. Our local driver will be there to meet you at the airport and transfer you to our hotel.

Overnight in Lagos.

Day 2

After breakfast we'll head out for a tour of Lagos Island. We'll explore the Afro-Brazilian Quarter with its unique architecture, and if possible the National Museum. We next head west to visit several historical sites in the town of Badagry, a former key slaving port.

Overnight in Badagry.

Day 3

The following morning we head north to the Yoruba city of Abeokuta, the capital of Ogun State. We'll see the Olumo Rock, the town's key attraction; which is believed to be the site where the Egba clan hid during the Yoruba wars. The rock also features the remains of some old settlements and on occasion worshippers will be present at the shrine collecting donations.

Overnight in Abeokuta

Day 4

After breakfast we depart for Ile-Ife, home of the Oduduwa. Once we reach the town we will make a visit to the traditional head of the kingdom and spiritual leader of the Yoruba. We then head to the Oranmijan Staff and other historical sites of the Osun State.

Overnight in Ile-Ife

Day 5

In the morning we will continue on to the city of Osogbo, home to one of Nigeria's few UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We'll have time to explore the Sacred Grove of Osun with its fantastic sculptures of the Yoruba deities hidden throughout the trees. If we're lucky, monkeys can be found running around the site as well. Next we head to an Orisha temple where Ife priestesses will teach us about their beliefs.

Overnight in Osogbo

Day 6

After breakfast we drive on to Ilorin, a mainly Muslim city with a mixed culture from the Yoruba and Fulani dynasties. We'll visit the pottery and weaving quarter and then in the afternoon the Palace of the Emir of Ilorin.

Overnight in Ilorin

Day 7

After breakfast we will depart Ilorin for Lagos, stopping for lunch en-route. We arrive back into Lagos late afternoon.

Overnight in Lagos.

Day 8

Today our tour ends; we also include a transfer to the airport if required.

Extension

We may run a brief whistle stop extension through Benin, Togo and Ghana at the end of this tour depending on interest. Please note, this would be a semi-research extension. We've previously travelled this route in the other direction, from Ghana to Nigeria, but not from Nigeria to Ghana.

Includes:

- A single room per group member
- English speaking local guide and drivers
- Lupine tour leader throughout
- Entry fees for sites on itinerary
- Nigerian visa support
- All breakfasts
- Accommodation and transport
- Airport pickup and drop off

Excludes:

- Lunches and Dinners
- Camera fees at some sites
- Nigerian visa
- International flights to and from Lagos

FAQ

Do I need a visa?

Almost all nationalities need a visa for Nigeria, except for some West African passports. If you have any Nigerian ancestry, this can usually simplify the visa process.

Where do I fly to?

Lagos Airport (LOS) is well connected to Europe and North America with direct flights to London Heathrow (BA and Virgin Atlantic), Amsterdam (KLM), Paris (Air France), Frankfurt (Lufthansa), New York (Delta) and Atlanta (Delta), plus many other connections in Africa and the Middle East.

Is Nigeria safe?

Nigeria as a whole has a varying security situation. All areas of our tour are currently listed as green by the UK Foreign Office and we do not intend to pass into any yellow or red areas.

What is the group size?

For our initial 2020 tour of Nigeria, the maximum group size is 11 plus the Lupine tour leader, local guide and driver.

Why will we not visit the capital city, Abuja?

Whilst Abuja has been Nigeria's capital since 1991, Lagos has always been the cultural centre of Nigeria and is still its most populous city, despite no longer being the capital city. Lagos Airport offers far better connections for people to begin and end the tour and also provides straightforward options for overland trips on to Benin, Togo and Ghana.

Do I need antimalarials or a Yellow Fever certificate?

Yes, you'll need antimalarials throughout the trip. Nigeria does also require a valid Yellow Fever Certificate to enter the country. For other vaccinations, we recommend you contact your local travel clinic or doctor/nurse for up to date advice.

Tour map

