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Editor's Note

As we all know the tourism industry is a very vast world which is not well tapped into in this part of the world.

According to the world tourism organization, this industry employs well over 77million people worldwide and in 2019 the sector contributed 10.4% to the global GDP. With the sudden entrance of the Covid-19 early 2020 this GDP was dropped by 5.5%.

With this sudden drop there is a need to look inwards as travel and movement restriction still staggers.

This inward look has given birth to exploring and showcasing our local destinations, culture, tradition, history food and arts.

Lagos is the city of excellent which inhabits lots of beautiful destinations and stories and we make sure that this edition celebrates and captures this exciting stories of living in Lagos and destinations.

Stories in this edition are what keeps us grinding and constantly on our toes as Lagos is gradually recovering from the frightening and fast-spreading new virus.

We hope that the tourism industry in the city will gradually getting back to normal as there is still a long way to go.

The magazine team is heartened by and grateful for all of the researchers and storytellers who are out there working really hard to further bring Lagos state tourism more into the lime light and setting her as the first go to tourist destination in west Africa.

Motayo Olamide.

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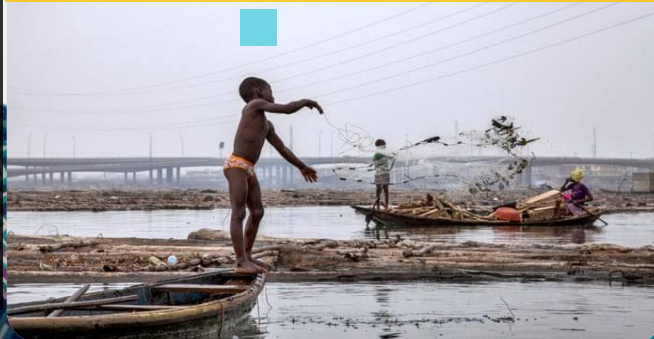
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Locally called MOLUE, Riding on this rickety bus is not for the faint hearted, as it is synonyms to the hustle and bustle of Lagos. According to Legendary FELA, a ride in this rickety bus is for the masses, where you have 44 sitting, 99 standing. It is usually a fun ride for the regulars as all sort of activities go on in this bus, such as drug peddling, gospel preaching, book selling ,alms begging or conductor having an altercation with some of his passengers. Riding on this bus is something some visitors look forward to but unfortunately the Lagos state government is trying to phase it out in making the state a mega city.



Welcome To Lagos



Third Mainland Bridge was built in 1990 which connects Lagos mainland to Lagos Island. It is a 8-lane bridge and one of the busiest in the state with thousands of vehicles commuting on it every day. It is one of the famous landmarks in Lagos, and a place you shouldn't miss if you ever find yourself in Lagos. As a Lagosian or a visitor if you are yet to come across the Third Mainland Bridge, then something must be wrong somewhere. To put it mildly, you were never in Lagos in the first place. A ride on this famous bridge gives you a scenic view of the lagoon and local fishermen and women.

ARO META as they are popularly called "The Three Wise Men" Is meant to welcome people coming into the city of Lagos. The three sculpted chiefs depicts the kind of traditional greeting in Lagos island ,(EKO).They as well represent the most important traditional white cap chieftaincy in Lagos namely IDEGO,AKARIGIERE,OGALADE. It was created by olugondu shodeinde in 1991, and commissioned by the government of Raji Rasak Jakande. As visitors come in and out of Lagos, they are fascinated by the welcome gesture of these wise men and most people pay homage to the sculpture because they believe it brings about good lucky.

These welcoming chiefs are now stationed around MKO Abiola garden around the state secretariat.

This is a typical life in MAKOKO area of Lagos State. Makoko slum in Lagos is built on stilts and was founded as a fishing village in the 19th century. Today, MAKOKO is home to people from a variety of riverine communities along Nigeria coast. The area know as MAKOKO to outsides is actually six distinct villages cut across land and water. Visitors are fascinated seeing children and women paddling canoe, fishing and swimming in the lagoon.

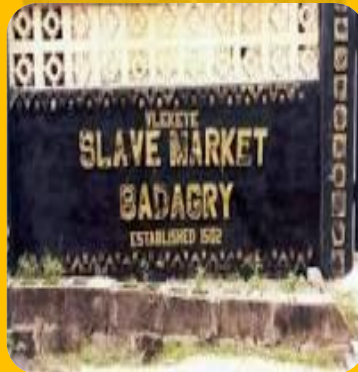
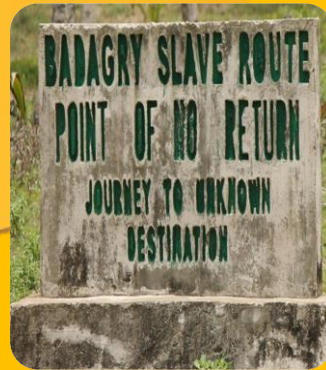


Badagary

If you are a lover of nature who enjoys natural sites and a bit of history, then Badagary should be your first go to in this beautiful state. Apart from it serving as a slave path in the history of Africans as well as the history of mankind, it is also known for the beautiful water front linked to the Atlantic Ocean. It also houses one of the largest Coconut plantation in West Africa. This ancient city ushers you into the famous Nigeria-Seme border.

One thing you can be sure of in Badagary is, there is never a dull moment in this city. Tourists can visit the following:

- ❖ The first primary school in Nigeria, St Thomas Primary school, established in 1845.
- ❖ The First Story Building in Nigeria
- ❖ Point of No Return.
- ❖ Badagry Slave Museum
- ❖ Suntan Beach
- ❖ Moobe Royal Family Slave Relics
- ❖ The Nigeria-Seme Border.
- ❖ The Nigeria French Language Village.



Lekki Conservation Centre (LCC) is a 78-hectare (190-acre) Natural Resource Conservation in Lekki, Lagos State. This is for eco-tourist and nature lover. Here you are away from the air and noise pollution of a typical Lagos city to embrace and enjoy natural air and a tropical ambience.

You can enjoy a 401-meter canopy walk in this reserve, giving you an aerial view of almost the entire forest reserve and the neighboring communities.

Some of the interesting features of the reserve are Tree House, Nature Station, Bird Hide, swamp look-out station, some animals such as Mona Monkey, Monitor lizards, crocodiles, fishes, snakes and different species of birds, insects and plants.

National Arts Theatre

This edifice called, National Arts Theatre was constructed in 1977 by the administration of the then Head of State of Nigeria, Major General Olusegun Obasanjo. The breathtaking landmark was erected to mark the Festival of Arts and Culture ([FESTAC'77](#)).



This prestigious art center has a structured collapsible stage that can be raised and collapsed to form the main bow. From a proscenium arrangement, it contains 3500 seaters but as you raise the stage, it accommodates more 1500 seat. In a whole, it can take 5000 people when all stages are collapsed.

It has 4 entrances into the hall. It has a roof-top garden for an open-air party.

It has indoors games that can keep tourist busy such as Wrestling, boxing, table tennis etc., The Art theatre also has a museum which houses some beautiful art works.



Wonderful Places In Lagos.



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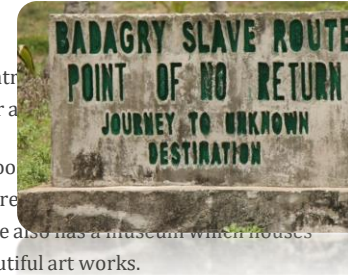
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As a tourist you will enjoy the scenic view overseeing the bridges, the beautiful landscapes, the museum, a national craft shop, an exhibition hall and a craft work shop. if you are lucky as at the time of your visit, you could enjoy a live stage performance by different art performing troupes.

As the Economic Capital of the country, buying and selling on the street of Lagos is a non stop. Most streets of Lagos never sleeps, especially in busy places like Lagos island, Surulere, Ajegunle, Agege and Apapa just to mention a few.

To keep the spirit, soul and body together for the bustle and hustle food is very important. Trust me, the street of Lagos will never disappoint you as there is always something to munch on or grab while on the move. From Mama put to local snacks.

As Lagos is heterogeneous so also are the street foods as some of them are locally migrated from other part of the country such as Okpa, Abacha Ncha(African Salad and even Suya.



Roasted Corn & Ube

Here are the best ten and common street food or snacks to look forward to next time you are in Lagos.

- ❖ Akara & Agege Bread.
- ❖ Ewa Agoyin & Agege Bread.
- ❖ Boli/e & Epa.
- ❖ Abacha Ncha.
- ❖ Fried or Roasted Yam.
- ❖ Roasted/Boiled Corn.
- ❖ Okpa
- ❖ Amala, Gbegiri & Ewedu
- ❖ Moimoi
- ❖ Tapioca



Ewa Agoyin



Fried Yam



Tapioca

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Akara



Okpa



Abacha



Bolie & Epa



Suya



**Amala
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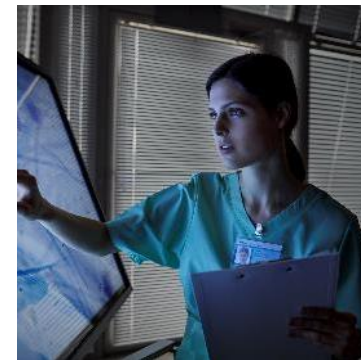
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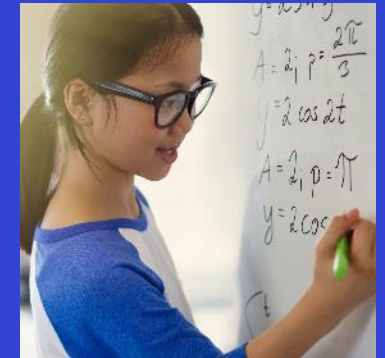
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"Nature tours is a place to experience everlasting relaxation"

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The magazine is borne out of the need to encourage Lagosians to venture into tourism life.

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