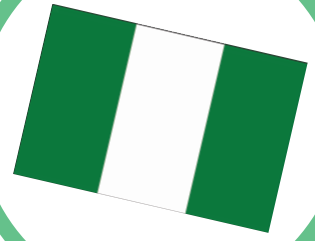


# Nigeria Information Sheet



**Capital city:** Abuja

**Population:** Approximately 200 million people

**Currency:** Nigerian Naira (NGN)

**Official language/s:** English (other major languages spoken include: Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Fulfulde, Ibibio, Kanuri, and Tiv)

## Where Is Nigeria?

Nigeria is a country located in West Africa. If you look at a map of Africa, Nigeria is in the western part, close to the Atlantic ocean. It's a big country with bustling cities, lush forests and wide rivers. Nigeria is known for its diverse cultures, delicious food and rich history. It's a place filled with warmth and excitement.

## What Is the Landscape Like?

Nigeria's landscape has lots of variety. Along the coast, you'll find stunning beaches with soft sand and sparkling blue water. As you travel inland, you'll see thick forests filled with tall trees and then, there are wide-open plains where animals like elephants and giraffes roam freely. If you visit places like Jos, you'll see amazing hills and mountains. And don't forget about the rivers like the mighty Niger river, the longest river in Africa, which flows through the country. With all this natural beauty, however, you'll also find big cities like Lagos and Abuja, bustling with skyscrapers and busy streets.

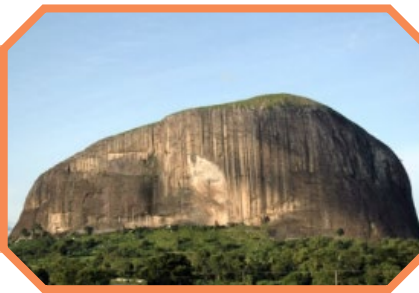


## The Capital City of Nigeria

Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria, is a bustling place filled with exciting landmarks! One of the most famous is Aso Rock, a massive rock formation that stands proudly overlooking the city. It's like a natural wonder right in the heart of the bustling metropolis! Nearby, you'll find the National Mosque, a beautiful place where people gather to pray and admire its stunning architecture. Then there's the Millennium Tower, a tall and shiny building that lights up the sky at night, almost like a beacon of hope for the city. And let's not forget about Eagle Square, where important events and celebrations take place, bringing the whole city together in joy and excitement.



**The National Mosque,  
Abuja**



**Aso Rock**



**An arts and crafts  
market in Abuja**

## People and Culture



There are around 250 different ethnic groups in Nigeria! Each group has its own special customs and language. The biggest ones are the Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo and Fulani. Most people speak Hausa, but English is the language used by the government. Nigeria is also a place where people have different religions. About half are Muslim and nearly half are Christian. As well as in cities, many Nigerian people live in the countryside where you can find open fields, farms and villages. Nigeria is also famous for its delicious food, like jollof rice, pounded yam with egusi soup and suya, a spicy meat skewer.



## Climate and Animal Life

Nigeria has a diverse climate with lots of different types of landscapes and homes for animals. Along the coast, there are swamps and mangrove trees. In the southwest, there are tropical rainforests with lots of trees and plants. In the middle of Nigeria, you can find woodlands and open grasslands where animals like to roam. Towards the north, it gets drier, and you'll see more grasses and scattered trees. In the past, Nigeria was home to many animals like antelopes, giraffes, lions and elephants, as well as monkeys, gorillas and chimpanzees. Most of them now live in special places called national parks. Nigeria also has other wild animals like snakes, crocodiles and hippos. You can find ostriches and storks in the grasslands, while colourful parrots and toucans make their homes in the forests.



### Did You Know...?

- Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa, meaning it has more people than any other country on the continent!
- Nigeria has over 500 different languages spoken throughout the country.
- Nigeria is known for its Nollywood film industry, which produces lots of exciting films watched by people all over Africa.
- Football is the most popular sport in the country, with many talented players competing internationally.