

VISITORS' GUIDE 2014

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WELCOME TO LAGOSPHOTO FESTIVAL 2014

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Lagos is the most populous city in Nigeria and possibly Africa with an estimated population of 21 million people. It is also the main city in the south-western part of Nigeria. Formerly the capital city of Nigeria from 1914 to 1991, Lagos has expanded to a megacity in less than 50 years.

Lagos is also Nigeria's economic focal point generating a significant portion of the country's GDP. Lagos also has one of the highest standards of living in Nigeria and in Africa . Lagos is gradually becoming a major tourist destination being one of the largest cities in Africa and in the world with the development of attractions such as the Eyo Carnival, Felabration and LagosPhoto Festival to name a few.

Currently Lagos is primarily known as a business-oriented and a fast paced community. Lagos is arguably one of the most diverse cities in Nigeria with a population of people made up of different ethnicities, religions and beliefs and as a result tends to be more accommodating and tolerant of diversity than some other States in Nigeria. Lagos is the second fastest growing city in Africa and the seventh fastest in the world containing some of the most extreme urban environments in the world.

The above description is not enough to depict the modern jungle that is Lagos. To know Lagos you have to be in Lagos. The city of Lagos also exposes you to the spirit and culture of a developing West African Nation.

OCTOBER EVENTS IN LAGOS

03/10/14 Bovi: Man On Fire Eko Hotel & Suites 6:00 PM

13/10/14 - 19/10/14 Felabration Freedom Park/The New Afrika Shrine

24/10/14 LagosPhoto Private Viewing Exhibition 6:00 PM

25/10/14 LagosPhoto Grand Opening Reception 6:00 PM

26/10/2014 LagosPhoto Press Day Escalator Entrance, Eko Hotel & Suites 12:00 PM

26/10/2014 Miliki Opening Reception Miliki (7b Etim Inyang Crescent, Victoria Island) 6:00 PM

27/10/14 Omenka Opening Reception Omenka Gallery (24 Ikoyi Crescent, Ikoyi) 6:00 PM

28/10/14 Stranger Opening Reception Stranger Lagos (3 Hakeem Dickson Street, Lekki Phase One) 6:00 PM

29/10/14 - 01/11/14 GTBank Lagos Fashion & Design Week Eko Hotel & Suites. 11:00 AM

30/10/14 African Artists' Foundation Opening Reception African Artists' Foundation (54 Raymond Njoku Street, Ikoyi) 6:00 PM

ABOUT LAGOSPHOTO FESTIVAL

LagosPhoto is the first and only international photography festival in Nigeria. Founded by African Artists' Founded in 2010, LagosPhoto aims to establish a community for contemporary photography that will unite local and international artists through images that encapsulate individual experiences and identities across Africa. It also aims to use the medium of photography to address social issues and capture the essence of Africa from a holistic and historical perspective.

LagosPhoto Festival is part of an on-going project designed to use art intervention in public spaces. This year's edition features the works of 40 contemporary photographers in both indoor and outdoor spaces around Lagos as well as a Summer School photography workshop for budding photographers and a photographic workshop for children.

LagosPhoto 2010, the maiden edition of LagosPhoto Festival titled 'No Judgement; Africa Under the Prism' sought to address the alarming state of Afropessimism seen in international media. The aim of the festival was for Africa to tell her own stories and portray all sides of the story from a unique and non-sensationalised perspective.

LagosPhoto 2011, themed 'What's next Africa?-The Hidden Stories', aimed at using the power of photography to represent the hidden stories on the continent as opposed to the overly represented, sensationalised images commonly exhibited locally, internationally and in popular media.

LagosPhoto 2012, 'Seven Days in the Life of Lagos', featured twenty-nine local and international photographers. It aimed to capture the essence of the city of Lagos, exploring what makes it unique and portraying it as the business and creative hub of Nigeria that it is.

LagosPhoto 2013, 'The Megacity and the Non-City' represented two dominant modes of photographic expression, that of the documentary tradition and the expanded realm of image-based practices incorporating conceptual and new media strategies.

LagosPhoto 2014, 'Staging Reality, Documenting Fiction', examines contemporary photographers working in Africa that toe the line between photography and truth, incorporating conceptual practices and performative strategies that expand traditional photographic approaches and techniques.

HOW TO GET AROUND IN LAGOS

One of the easiest ways to get around is by taxi. Typically, taxis cost more than buses. With the yellow taxi cabs one is expected to negotiate the price before entering and pay on arrival. Taxis can be found almost everywhere, and the new cabs have numbers on the vehicle which one may call for a pick-up. There are several cab companies servicing Lagos, using both metered and fixed fares, and they generally accept cash: EASYTAXI - 15 Wole Olateju street, Lekki Phase 1, VI

http://www.easytaxi.com/ng Red Cab Taxi Service +234 700 073 3222.

There are also car rental facilities available. Some of these facilities include:

Hertz Car Rental - 12 Keffi Street, SW Ikoyi. 01-2703700 Novo Car Rentals - 2nd floor, UBA Building, Plot 22B, Idowu Taylor Street, Victoria Island, Lagos. 01-270 2047

For travelling short distances, you can use motorbike taxi know as an okada. These motorbikes are quick, cheap and save a lot of walking but they also can be dangerous. Safety helmets are a must at all times for both the rider and passenger. Safer and equally cheap methods are the Rickshaws. You can rent them for single use or share with other passengers, which takes longer. Just let the driver know if you prefer a single journey fare without sharing. By law, okadas are forbidden to work after dark (7pm) for safety reasons. Avoid taking an okada for long distances, while it's raining and in the night since majority of the mainland is devoid of street lights.

WHAT TO DO IN LAGOS

SUPERMARKETS AND MARKETS

Prince Ebeano Supermarket House B, Block A9, Plot 1 Obafemi Anibaba Street, Off Admiralty Way, Lekki Phase 1 012951023

Goodies 192 Awolowo Rd, Ikoyi 012670623

So Fresh Neighbourhood Market 92 Awolowo Road, Ikoyi 0806 286 8430

Park'n'Shop No. 37, Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island

Lekki Art Market

Lagos Island Market

Spar Supermarket

The Home Shop Plus 018447957 http://thehomeshopplus.com

Museums, Galleries and Conservatories

Lekki Conservation Centre Lekki Conservation Centre Road, Lekki Peninsula 08033272796

Kalakuta Fela Museum 18, Gbemisola Street, Ikeja

Omenka Gallery 24, Ikoyi Crescent, Ikoyi

The African Artists' Foundation 54, Raymond Njoku Street, Ikoyi

A White Space 58, Raymond Njoku Street, Ikoyi

The Nimbus Gallery 7, Maitama Sule Street, Ikoyi

The Federal Printing Press 9, Broad Street, Lagos Island

Alliance Francaise 239, Herbert Macaulay Street, Alagomeji, Yaba

Stranger Lagos 3 Hakeem Dickson Street, Lekki Phase One Lagos Bogobiri 9, Maitama Sule Street off Awolowo Road, Ikoyi

Watersworth Gallery 3B Unity Close off Africa Lane, Lekki Phase I, Lagos 0809 9990921

Red Door Gallery 51b Bishop Oluwole Street, Victoria Island, Lagos

Art Twenty One Eko Hotel & Suites

Art Cafe No. 282 Akin Olugbade Street, Victoria Island

Others

Eko Atlantique National Theatre National Stadium MUSON Centre

Beaches

Bar Beach Tarkwa Bay Eleko Beach Kuramo Waters Akodo Beach Coconut Beach Elegushi Beach

MIND, BODY AND SOUL

Adiya Spa 7a, Ogunyemi Street, Off Oniru Palace, Ligali Ayorinde, Victoria Island. 07040960213

Apples and Oranges 10 Balarabe Musa, Crescent off Samuel Manuwa Street (Opposite 1004 Flats), Victoria Island. 08171099968

Barazahi (spa, fitness centre) No. 16, Fola Osibo Street, Lekki Phase 1 08137895911

Bellezza Cosmetics and Spa No. 12b, Fatai Idowu Arobieke Street, Lekki 07082978030

Blow Dry Bar 19A Olosa Street, Off Karimu Kotun Street, VI

Clear Essence California Spa & Welness Resort 13, Alexander Road, Ikoyi 08085867565, 08085867581

The BMS Spa & Gym 4, Magbon Close, Off Macpherson Avenue, Ikoyi 01-7735303, 08038540869

ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOPPING

Genesis Deluxe Cinema The Palms Shopping Mall, Lekki Expressway, Lekki

GET Arena Plot 6 Abila Oniru/BIS way, Oniru Estate off Ozumba Mbadiwe Victoria Island.

Empire Sports Elegushi beachfront, Ikate Lekki

The Palms Shopping Mall #2, 1 Bisway St, Lagos 01 271 4484

Lekki Leisure Lake Okunde Blue Water Tourism Scheme, Lekki.

Federal Palace Casino 6-8 Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island 014528300

Accessories '4' U No. 21a, Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island,

Silverbird Cinema Silverbird Galleria, Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island 012706361 Terra Kulture Plot 1376, Tiamiyu Savage Street, Victoria Island 012700599

Freedom Park Old Prison Ground, Broad Street, Lagos Island

XO Wine Shop No. 82, Raymond Njokwu Street, Off Awolowo Road, Ikoyi 0803746686

NIGHTLIFE

Escape 234B Adeola Odeku Street V/I 08180211111

Ember Creek 32 Awolowo Rd, Ikoyi 08037218719

G-Lounge Oniru Estate, off Ozumba Mbadiwe, opposite Oriental Hotel, just after Mobil filling station 0803 3055 959

Maddox Restaurant and Club 28 Ademola Adetokunbo Street, Victoria Island 0708 2735 360 Prive 5b Karimu Kotun, off Akin Adesola St. Victoria Island 0814 7203 088

355 Restaurant and Lounge 9A, Oko-Awo Street, Victoria Island 0809 4656494

Sip Restaurant and Lounge 11B, Akin Adesola Street, Victoria Island

Rhapsody's 19A Agoro Odiyan Street, Victoria Island 0708 0680 164

Kudeta Lounge Rooftop, 4th floor, Mega Plaza 14, Idowu Martins Street, Victoria Island 0806 004 0401

New Afrika Shrine 1 Nerdc Road, Agidingbi, Ikeja 0803 7125 939, 0818 4633 481

Sky Lounge & Restaurant Penthouse, Eko Hotel & Suites

For more info visit: www.lostinlagos.com and http://nothingtodoinlagos.tumblr.com/

WHERE TO EAT IN IKOYI/VICTORIA ISLAND

African

Bogobiri 7 Maitama Sule Street, Ikoyi 01-2707437

Yellow Chilli 27 Oju Olobun Close, Victoria Island 01-7232666 or 0803 307 1804

Terra Kulture Plot 137 Tiamiyu Savage Street, Victoria Island 01-2700599

Ghana High (Spicy Food) King George V, Off Awolowo Road, Lagos 0807 258 6275 or 0700 777 0000

Delta Kitchen 1 Abagbon Close off Adeola Odeku, Victoria Island 08023408026

Glover Court Suya (Spicy) Glover Road, Off Alfred Rewanne Way

Café And Casual Dining

Chocolat Royal 267A, AIM Plaza, Etim Inyang Crescent, Victoria Island 01-2717575

Paris Deli 11B Akin Adesola Street, Victoria Island 0803 855 5557

Ocean Basket Plot 1392, Tiamiyu Savage Street, Victoria Island 0816059182

Café Neo 2nd Floor Dream Plaza, 7 Bishop Aboyade Cole Street, Victoria Island +234 704 612 1845

Johnny Rockets 1411 Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island 0817 588 1155

Yogurt Frenzy 1310, Karimu Kotun, Victoria Island 0803 8797 393

Café Maison 25 Adelowo Adedeji St, Off Admiralty Road, Lekki phase 1 0805 800 5000, 0816 000 0300 Ice Cream Factory 5 Admiralty Way, Lekki Phase 1 0809 395 8099

Kuramo Sports Cafe Eko Hotel & Suites

Chinese Cuisine

Mr. Chang 126 Awolowo Road, Ikoyi 01-2717575

Jade Palace 49B Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island 0806 619 7893

Pearl Garden 10A, Tiamiyu Savage Street, Victoria Island 01-2708889 or 01-7358533

Japanese Cuisine

Izanagi Sushi 19B Idejo Street off Adeola Odeku, Victoria Island 0706 222 2222

Indian Cuisine

Sherlaton Indian Cuisine 2-3 Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island 01-760 1873 Spice Route 36 Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island 0808 020 8080

Continental

Orela Grill House 114 Awolowo Road, Ikoyi 08151088427

Bar Campione 13 Kasumu Ekemode Street, Victoria Island 08190519516

Fusion 1C Ozumba Mbadiwe Street, Victoria Island 0807 777 7778

The Wheatbaker 4, Onitolo Road(Lawrence Road), Ikoyi 01-2773560

Dining Outdoors

Freedom Park Old Prison Ground, Broad Street, Lagos.

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