

NIGERIA EXPLORATORY TRIP

FEBRUARY 2026



Day 0 - Sun, 01 Feb - Arrival

Fly to Lagos on South African Airways, flight SA60 just after 15:00 direct flight if you are coming from the South Africa trip.

Or join directly from elsewhere if not doing the South Africa trip before. Wide variety of airlines from Europe, rest of Africa and the USA.

Overnight: Lagos

Day 1 - Mon, 02 Feb - Lagos

Morning boat trip to Makoko slum, afternoon visit to Fela Kuti house (museum) and learn more of Afrobeat and Fela's political activism during the military dictatorship.

Overnight: Lagos

Day 2 - Tue, 03 Feb - Lagos

Lekki Conservation Centre and Nike Art gallery, city walk and Balogun Market in the afternoon. Sundownders/Dinner at Yacht Club (if sensitive to wind bring a light jacket/sweater).

Overnight: Lagos

Day 3 – Wed, 04 Feb – Osogbo – Yoruba culture

Drive early from Lagos via Ibadan to Osogbo. Visit Susan Wenger House (if not undergoing renovation) and Osogbo Grove.

After lunch, move on to Akure.

Overnight: Akure

Day 4 – Thu, 05 Feb – Idanre Hills – workout day

Drive to Idanre early and hike the Idanre Hills and visit the Ancient Palace on top, have a picnic lunch under the big rock, and head back down. Visit the local museum to understand more of the old civilization that used to live on top of the hills.

Overnight: Akure

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Day 5 - Fri, 06 Feb - Erin Ijesha waterfall and IITA

Check out and drive back to Ibadan.

On the way, climb Erin Ijesha waterfall, first 2 or 3 levels for slackers, or all 7 levels (with normal fitness achievable in ~30 min). There are 2 routes, one very steep, free hands needed. The other a bit easier. Beautiful view from the top. Enjoy swimming in the pond of the bottom waterfall.

Check into International Institute of Tropical Agrigulture (IITA). Enjoy walking around the grounds and lake.

Overnight: Ibadan on the IITA grounds

Day 6 – Sat, 07 Feb – Lagos (for those who stay until Sunday)

Morning at leisure enjoying IITA, have generous breakfast, check out and store luggage in the bus, do a guided forest walk, learning about various indigenous species, medicinal plants, etc.

Have a drink/snack on the terrace and then head back to Lagos early afternoon.

Since we pass the airport on the way back, you can optionally fly out early this evening if you need to be awake in the office on Monday (Europe flights usually quite late).

Overnight: Lagos

Day 7 - Sun, 08 Feb (optional)

Group beach barbeque at Tarkwa Bay.

Fly out in the evening (Europe flights usually quite late).

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