TOURISM
ARTS AND CULTURE
CALENDAR
OF EVENTS
2019

An events guide for the media & tourists
**Ali Baba’s January 1st Concert**

Date: January 1st | Venue: Eko Convention Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos.

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**Pro. Akin Euba Symposium & Tribute Concert**

Date: January 16 & 17 | Venue: Unilag & Muson Centre, Lagos

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**Ebi Epe Festival**

Date: January – April | Venue: Epe, Lagos.
Celebrating Epe Indigenous culture, tradition & occupation

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**Wazobia FM Carnival**

Date: February 26th — 27th | Venue: Muri Okunola Park Victoria Island, Lagos.
The Ministry endorses this carnival by an influential media group with a view to draw attention to Muri Okunola Park as an emerging choice venue.
**Lagos City Marathon**
Date: February 2nd  | Venue: Eko Hotel & Suites
150,000 participants expected to participate in the marathon and to discover the arts and cultural landscape of the city.

**Social Media Week, Lagos**
Date: February 4th – 8th
Venue: Innovation Stage, Landmark Centre, V.I, Lagos.

**Dance Gathering Lagos**
Date: 20th – 24th
Venue: Glover Memorial Hall and Freedom Park, Lagos.

**Lagos Theatre Festival**
Date: February 25th – March 3rd  | Venue: Freedom Park, Lagos Island
One of the most important theatre events featuring drama, music, workshops and much more with hundreds of volunteers being recruited and several theatre presentations and troupes, powered by the British Council.
Kulturecentrik
Date: holds in March, June, September and December | Venue: Airport Hotel, Ikeja
A special quarterly performance fiesta of music, poetry, dance and comedy, specifically designed to spice up activities in Ikeja. A floating stage is an added attraction.

Eko International Film Festival
Date: March 11th – 16th

VHOOLINK Annual Live event
Date: March 15th | Venue: Eko Hotel & Suites, Victoria Island
An exhibition on tourism development geared towards attracting investors for tourism & development in Africa and supported by United Nations World Tourism organisations.
iREP International Film Festival
Date: March 21st - 25th | Venue: Freedom Park, Nigeria Film Coperation, ikoyi | Afrinolly Hub, Oregun, Lagos
• Arguably the most important documentary film festival that has put Lagos on the world map as a key destination in motion picture matters.

World Theatre Day
Date: March 27th
Lagos comes alive with commissioned stage plays
• Freedom Park • Terra Kulture Arena • Muson Centre
• In partnership with NANTAP, MOPAN and Terra Kulture.
• Special presentation by LSCAC troupe.

Gidi Culture Festival
Date: Saturday, March 30th | Venue: Hard Rock Café Beach Front
An annual Pre–Easter music and arts event in Lagos, the 5th in the series.
The Coconut Heritage Festival (Agunke Festival)
Date – April | Venue: Badagry
Inspired by the Spirit of endowment of cultural and natural heritage for which Badagry is known nationwide. It is a festival to celebrate coconut, the wonder crop in a carnival of traditional, cultural and contemporary dance, exhibition, games, art and craft in the ancient city of Badagry.

Egungun Festival
Date: April | Venue: Ikeja and Lagos Island
The Egungun festival, also known as Odun Egungun, is a religious and cultural custom usually celebrated in Lagos. The event will witness display of colours, drums, traditional dance steps by families and adherents.

Lagos Boat Regatta
Date: April 21st | Venue: Oyinkan Abayomi Drive, Ikoyi, Lagos. Aqua-tourism event to host water communities in the state and boat clubs in a cultural display on the lagoon.
The Lagos Carnival (Fanti)
Date: Easter Monday April 22nd | Venue:
• A Lagoscentric Easter Special
• In collaboration with various carnival groups

International Creativity And Innovation Day
Date: April 21st | Venue:
• Promoting creativity, talents in arts, culture & entertainment
• To be driven by Lagos State Council for Arts & Culture

World Dance Day
Date: April 28 | Venues: Lagos State Council for Arts and Culture Hall, Ikeja, Lagos in collaboration with Guild of Nigerian Dancers (Eko GOND)

Lagos International Jazz Festival
Celebrating International Jazz Day with leading Jazz promoters in Lagos.
Date: April 30th | Venues: Eko Theatre, Freedom Park, Prest Jazz Club, Muson Centre.
The Lagos Comedy Festival
(Incorporating Lagos Laughs and Ibile Comedy Challenge)
Date: May 5th | Venue: Eko Theatre, Opebi
- Celebrating the Word Laughter Day

International Museum Day
Date – May 18th | Venue: Badagry Heritage Museum
Promoting the values of museums and preservation of arts and gallery spaces.

World Culture Day Celebration
Date: May 21st | Venue: Council for Arts & Culture
To commemorate the World Culture Day and raise awareness for the people to attend to indigenous values and ethos.
World Music Day
Date: June | Venue:
In collaboration with THE LAGOS HIGH SCHOOLS MUSIC CHALLENGE and MAKE MUSIC INITIATIVE
Finale on June 21

ARISE Fashion Show
Date: June | Venue: ThisDay Dome

Lagos Film Fest
Date: June | Venue: Eko Theatres in Epe, Badagry, Opebi and Igando
...bringing box office hits to locals

African Movie Academy Awards (AMAA)
Date: June | Venue: Eko Convention Centre
The awards are aimed at honouring and promoting excellence in the African movie industry as well as uniting the African continent through arts and culture.
Oshoroko Fishing Festival
Date: July | Venue: Oshoroko Town, Ibeju Lekki, Lagos.

Lagos State Food Festival
(Taste of Lagos)
Date: July
An exhibition and fair showcasing the rich local foods of Lagos State
**Children Summer Cultural Festival**
Date: August | Venue: Lagos State Council for Arts and Culture Hall, Ikeja

**Badagry Heritage Festival**
- A week-long festival that involves all coastline communities along Badagry axis of Lagos State. It brings about re-union, exhibition of cultural heritage and promotes the diverse tourism products from Badagry, Lagos State.
- The event will be co-hosted by all LG/LCDAs in the division

**Isese Day**
Date: August | Venue:
- Elaborate event for all cultural and traditional activities.

**ZANGBETO**
Traditional masquerade festival in Badagry
International Day For The Remembrance Of Slave Trade And Its Abolition
Date – 23rd August | Venue: Badagry
- It is an event to commemorate the remembrance of the tragedy of Trans-Atlantic slave trade. It reflects on the historic causes, the methods and consequences of slave trade

Lagos-Biennial by Akete Art Foundation
Date: 26th October – 23rd November
Theme: How to build a lagoon with just a bottle of wine

The Lagos Festival of Plays
Date: August | Venue: Eko Theatres in Epe, Badagry, Opebi & Igando
- 8 Plays (Four new plays to be commissioned) • 8 Venues
- 16 Performances
- This is designed as a “Back to the Stage” Initiative to draw audiences back to the theatre and attract patrons to the four new Eko Theatres.
15th Akwaaba African Travel Market
Date: 22th - 24th September | Venue: Eko Hotel & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos

Akete Theatre Festival
A theatre festival organised by the National Association of Nigerian Theatre Arts Practitioners

World Tourism Day
Date: 27th September | Venue: Adeyemi Bero Auditorium, Alausa, Ikeja
Creative Industries Fair
Promoting Creative Ventures & Talents
Date: October | Venue: Adeyemi Bero Auditorium, Alausa, Ikeja

The Nigeria Beer Festival
To boosts commerce and showcase different brands of beer and adult drinks available in the state.

Olokun Festival
- Badagry, Lagos State
Kayo – Kayo Festival
Celebration of Epe Indigenes, Food culture, music & Islamic Faith
Venue: Epe, Lagos

The Lagos Luxury Summit/Fair
Date: October | Venue: Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Lagos Urban Musical Festival
Date: October | Venue: Freedom Park, Lagos Island, Lagos.
Art X Lagos
Date: 1st – 3rd November | Venue: Civic Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos

Lagos International Poetry Festival
Date: November 1st – 15th | Venue: Freedom Parks

Musan Festival
Date: November | Venue: Muson Centre, Onikan, Lagos.
- A week of classical and contemporary music
**Lagos Fashion Show**
Date: November  
A week of Fashion Exhibitions

**Lagos Photo Festival**
Date: November | Venue: French Cultural Centre, Osborne Avenue, Ikoyi  
An annual photo exhibition by African Art Foundation

**Lagos Books & Arts Festival**
Date: November | Venue: Freedom Park, Lagos Island, Lagos.
- In partnership with the foremost books and arts festival in the country, celebrating the intelligentsia and the literati.
The Future Awards Africa

Date: November | Venue: Balmora Centre, Victoria Island
• The awards celebrate young people between the ages of 18 and 31, who have made outstanding achievements in the year under consideration

Africa International Film Festival

Date: November | Venue: Eko Hotel; Film House, VI
• Clearly the biggest Film Festival in the country with an international flavour.
Nigeria Travel Week
Date: November
A tourism platform organized to drive Nigerian tourism market by Afro Tourism (Tourism Promotion Organization)

Ikorodu Oga Festival
Date: November | Venue: Ikorodu Town Hall, Ikorodu, Lagos.
Promoting the town and her inhabitants.

Asa Arokolo (Ikorodu)
Date: November | Venue: Ikorodu
A cultural festival unique to the people of Ikorodu
Agboremireke Festival
Date: November | Venue: Agbowa, Epe, Lagos.
Agbo Festival is traditionally an Ijebu event and one of the most popular festivals in Epe Division, particularly in Agbowa-Ikosi where it is known as Agboremireke. Its significance is rooted in the belief system of the people in the provision of children for the barren.

Span Festival & Theatre
Date: November | Venue: Eko Convention Centre (The Society for the Performing Arts of Nigeria Fest)
• The annual festival of music, poetry and dance
**A-List Artiste Concerts**
Date: November | Venue: Eko Atlantic City; Eko Convention Centre; Landmark Beach Front; Balmoral Convention Centre

- Olamide in Concert
- The BurnaBoy Show
- Falz Experience
- Wizkid: The Concert
- Adekunle Gold Live
- Davido: 30 Billion Gang Concert

**Fauji Agba Eko**
A musical concert by Evergreen Music Ltd showcasing the best of Lagos music of yesteryears.

**Lagos All Sail Boat Race & Boat Show**
Date: December | Venue: BICS jetty, Wole Olateju, Lekki Phase 1
**Rhythm Unplugged**

Date: December  | Venue: Eko Convention Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos.

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**One Lagos Fiesta**

Date: December 24th – 31st  | Venue: Agege, Badagry, Lagos Island, Epe and Ikorodu.