

Nigeria

February Tour 2027

20th Feb – 25th Feb 2027



INTRODUCTION:

Lagos does not ease you in. It arrives all at once — heat, noise, ambition, improvisation, and a scale that makes most other African cities feel measured. This journey leans into that energy and then deliberately steps away from it, giving you both the full sensory hit of Nigeria's largest city and the quieter, deeper pull of the Yoruba heartland inland.

Leaving the megacity of Lagos, the route heads inland to Abeokuta for Olumo Rock (a historic refuge during the 19th-century Yoruba wars with panoramic views), the Alake Palace of the Egba people, and local markets known for fabrics and traditional items. Continuing to Ile-Ife — regarded as the spiritual cradle of the Yoruba people — we explore the Sacred Grove of Oduduwa, royal sites, and the towering six-metre Oranmiyan Staff linked to legendary kings who founded both the Benin Kingdom and the Oyo Empire.

A major highlight is the UNESCO World Heritage Sacred Grove of Osun-Osogbo, one of the last surviving tracts of primary high forest in southern Nigeria and still an active place of traditional worship containing more than forty shrines. Returning to Lagos, the tour finishes with the Lekki Conservation Centre and its impressive treetop canopy walkway — the longest in Africa — before a final evening in the city.

This tour is for travellers who want the raw pulse of Lagos alongside the depth of Yoruba sacred sites, who are curious about Makoko, Fela's legacy, Osun-Osogbo, and the living culture of southwestern Nigeria, and who prefer short, high-impact journeys over long checklists. It delivers intensity, contrast, and a strong sense of place without trying to smooth any of the edges.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Visit the floating village of Makoko in Lagos

Climb Olumo Rock in Abeokuta

Explore the UNESCO Sacred Grove of Osun in Osogbo

Excited? Come with SAIGA to Nigeria!



Tour Details:

DATES: 20th Feb – 25th Feb 2027

PRICE: EUR 1,995 (Twin Share)
Single Supplement EUR 250

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation in twin share at roughly 3 star hotels, breakfast included, except when other accommodation is mentioned in the itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to most sites (as per itinerary)
- Western and local guides

EXCLUSIONS:

- Visa fee (everyone is eligible for an e-visa)
- Meals other than breakfast
- Transport to Lagos at the start and from Lagos at the end of tour
- Personal expenses such as souvenirs or any optional activities



Itinerary:

Day 1: Lagos — Saturday 20th February

- Start by exploring the amazing chaos of Lagos with a visit to Makoko, the huge floating village in the centre of the city — an intense stop that helps you understand it, especially after part of it was burned down by the government in 2026.
- Head to the Yoruba Centre to learn about the Yoruba people, one of Nigeria's main ethnic groups alongside the Igbo and Hausa.
- Stop along the way for typical Nigerian fare — great news for spice lovers.
- Visit the Kalakuta Museum in Ikeja, home to rare instruments and the legacy of Fela, the famous musician and political activist; the nearby Fela Shrine still hosts weekly performances.
- In the afternoon, stop by the Nike Art Gallery for several floors of modern art from local artists.
- Return to the hotel before heading out for dinner. Overnight in Lagos.

Day 2: Lagos, Abeokuta — Sunday 21st February

- Head north out of the city to Abeokuta, in the heart of Egbaland.
- Climb Olumo Rock — an easy 15–20 minute walk to panoramic views, and the site where the Egba people took refuge during the 19th-century Yoruba civil wars.
- Visit the Alake Palace, the royal seat of the Alake of Egbaland.
- Explore Abeokuta's markets, known for fabrics and traditional items.
- Dinner and overnight in Abeokuta.

Day 3: Abeokuta, Ile-Ife — Monday 22nd February

- Continue north to Ile-Ife, the cultural cradle of the Yoruba people.
- Visit the Royal Oodua Palace and the Sacred Grove of Oduduwa, a deeply significant site filled with shrines.
- See the six-metre Oranmiyan Staff, linked to the legendary King Oranmiyan, founder of both the Benin Kingdom and the Oyo Empire.
- Dinner and overnight in Ile-Ife.

Day 4: Ile-Ife, Osogbo — Tuesday 23rd February

- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sacred Grove of Osun — one of the last surviving tracts of primary high forest in southern Nigeria, over 400 years old, and home to more than 40 shrines still in active use.
- Explore Osogbo Central Market for a look at local daily life.
- Dinner and overnight in Osogbo.

Day 5: Osogbo, Lagos — Wednesday 24th February

- Drive back to Lagos (4–5 hours depending on traffic), stopping for more local delicacies along the way.
- Arrive in the early afternoon and visit the Lekki Conservation Centre, home to the highest and longest treetop canopy walk in Africa, with a chance to spot monkeys, snakes, and crocodiles.
- Check into the hotel for the last night, with a final group dinner and maybe a drink at a microbrewery on Victoria Island.
- Overnight in Lagos.

Day 6: Lagos — End of Tour, Thursday 25th February

- End of tour transfer to the airport for onward travel. Please note that due to traffic in Lagos you may need to leave for the airport up to 5 hours before your flight is scheduled.

**Visas:**

Nigeria offers an e-visa to travellers from most countries. We do not arrange visas directly, but can provide any supporting documentation you need for your application.

Food:

Apart from breakfast, meals are not included as part of the trip. In our experience people sometimes want to eat different things in different places at different times. We know some great places and will also happily show you some of our favourite restaurants. Some are luxurious, some are earthier, but all have character. However, we do not pretend to be the arbiters of good taste and are equally happy for you to go off and find your own favourites.

Accommodation:

We do not and cannot offer a uniform accommodation standard on our itineraries. We consider comfort, location, design, character, historical interest and whether the money we spend will go into the pockets of the local community when we make our choices of where to stay. The accommodation is based on people sharing a twin room.

Transport:

When we choose our vehicles and drivers we take into consideration the road conditions, the length of journey and the competence of the man behind the wheel. Your comfort and enjoyment of the journey is the first priority.

Guides:

On this trip you will be accompanied by a SAIGA Tours guide, along with local guides at various points along the route. This allows for a richer, more authentic experience and means there will always be someone on hand to help or assist.

Security:

As with all our tours, the tour leader has the final word with regards to changes in the itinerary for safety or logistical reasons. Whilst the route we've chosen passes through areas we consider stable, things can change and we may have to alter the route at short notice. If there is an extra expense incurred due to a change of itinerary, you may be asked to bear part of that cost.