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TOURISM ARTS AND CULTURE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019



An events guide for the
media & tourists

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JANUARY



Ali Baba's January 1st Concert

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



Pro. Akin Euba Symposium & Tribute Concert

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

Ebi Epe Festival

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

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.

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FEBRUARY



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

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MARCH



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.

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MAY



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.

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JUNE



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.

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JULY



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

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AUGUST

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.

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SEPTEMBER



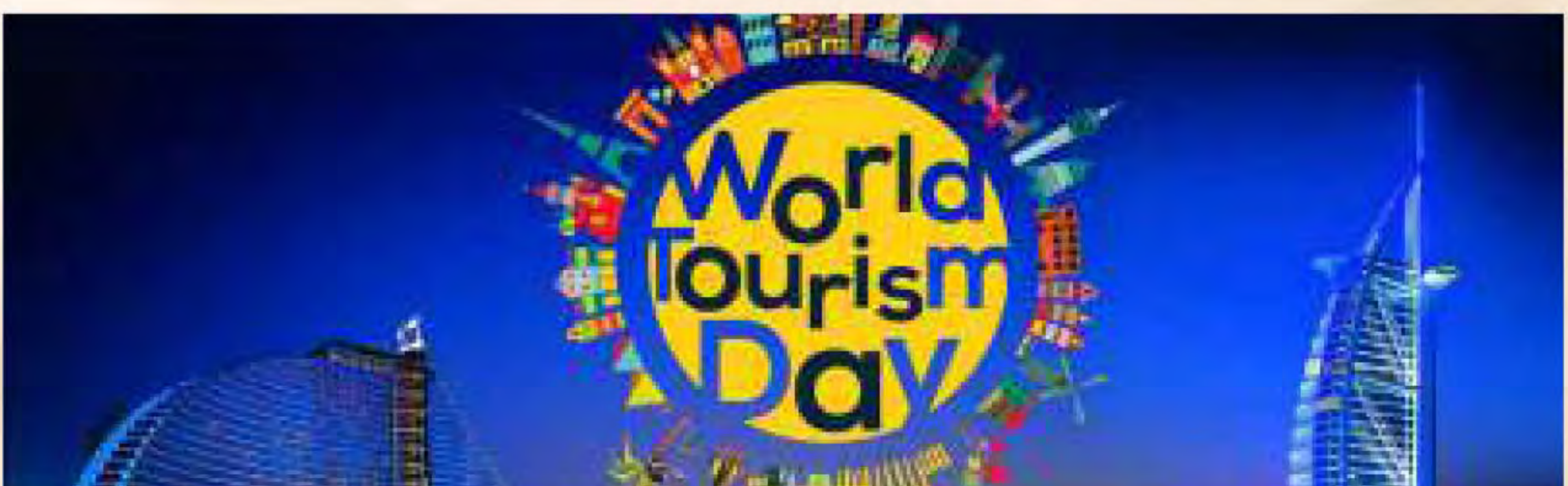
15th Akwaaba African Travel Market

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

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OCTOBER



Creative Industries Fair *Promoting Creative Ventures & Talents*

Date: October | Venue: Adeyemi Bero Auditorium, Alausa, Ikeja



The Nigeria Beer Festival

Date: October 25th - 30th | Venue: Water Front BarBeach Ground, Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island, Lagos.
To boost commerce and showcase different brands of beer and adult drinks available in the state.



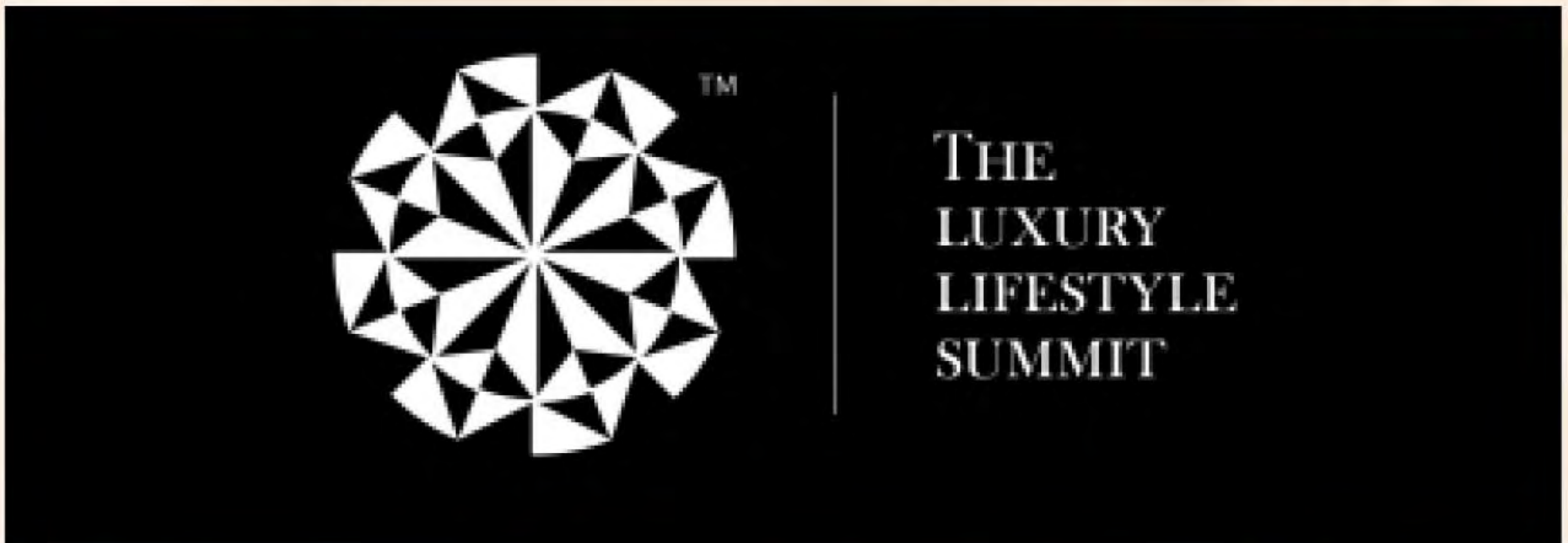
Olokun Festival

• 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.

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Art X Lagos

Date: 1st – 3rd November | Venue: Civic Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos



Date: November 1st – 15th | Venue: Freedom Parks



Muson 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



Agboremi 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 Agboremi. 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

Faaji 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.



One Lagos Fiesta

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