

48 HOURS IN LAGOS

Long-time Lagos resident **Lola Akinmade Åkerström** says buckle up for quite the ride in the vibrant streets of Lagos. Here's how to enjoy Nigeria's heartbeat city in a nutshell.

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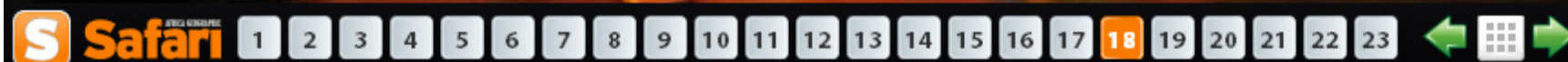
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DAY 1

9:00am

Lekki Conservation Centre

Start your day exploring over 70 hectares of lush green land at this biodiversity centre where you'll find colorful flora and fauna indigenous to Nigeria. Hike down a 1.8km trail which takes you through grasslands and swamps across the preserve. Watch Mona monkeys swing from coconut trees, and look out for crocodiles and large monitor lizards in the marshes. You might be able to spot mongooses and bush rats scurrying around as well as colourful birds circling above. Take in the panoramic view of the reserve from its 21-metre high tree platform.

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◀ *Mona monkeys are old world monkeys that live throughout western Africa.*





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11:00am

Lekki Market

On your way back towards Victoria Island, stop by Lekki Market where you'll find dozens of artisans selling colourful handmade beads, jewellery, textiles, colourful crafts, paintings, wooden masks, and other traditional artifacts. Try out your haggling skills to score lower prices on their items for sale and head home with some cool looking cultural souvenirs to remind you of your trip to Lagos.

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The market sprawls about 10km from the centre of Victoria Island along the Lekki-Epe Expressway along the Lekki-Epe Expressway.

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◀ A muslim trader peddles his wares. About 50% of Nigeria's population adheres to Islam'.

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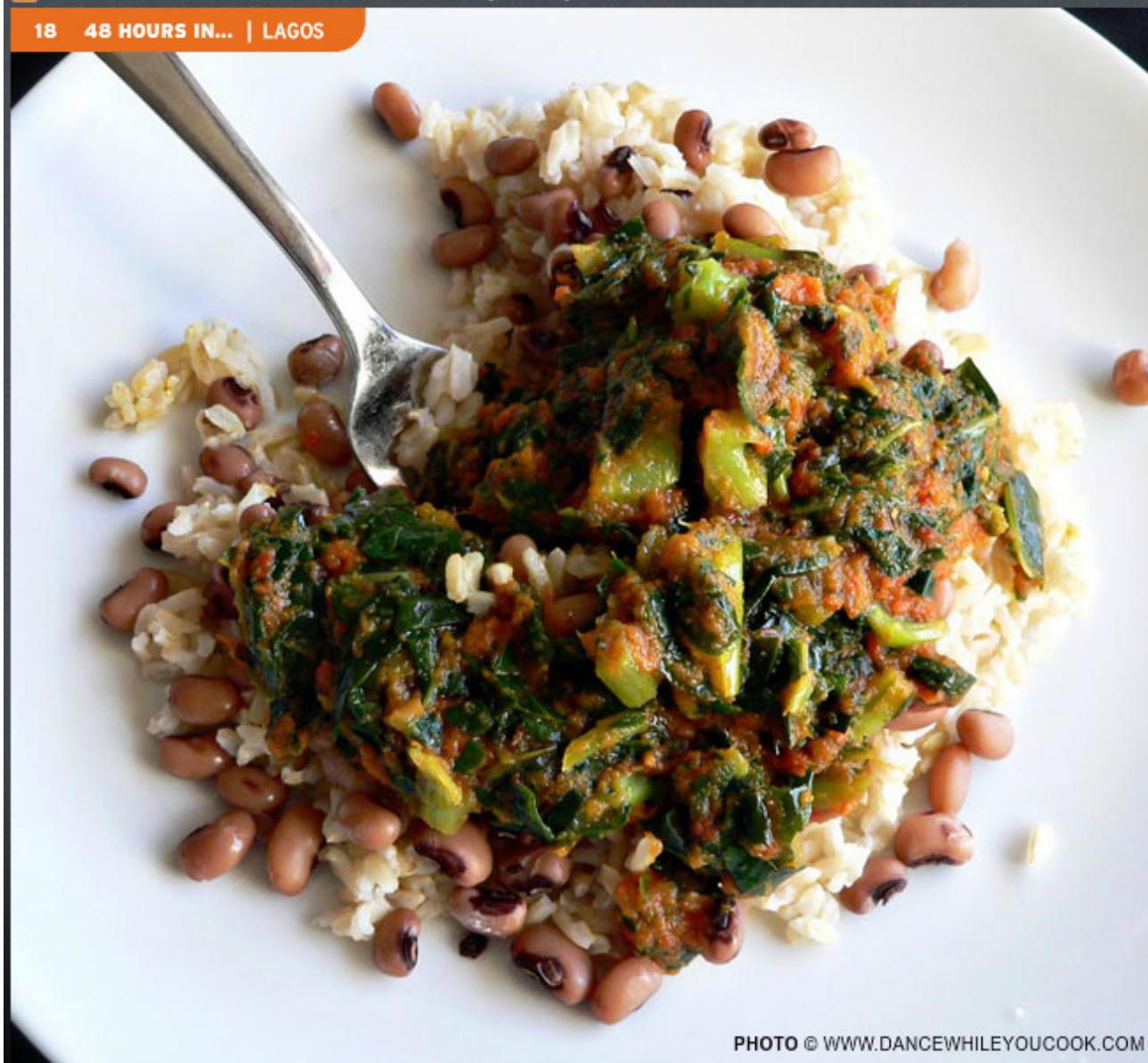


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2:00 pm

Lunch @ Yellow Chilli

Opened in 2004, this popular restaurant on Victoria Island is a contemporary take on local street food as well as regional Nigerian cuisine. Rub shoulders with the city's business elite as you sample local favorites like jollof rice, peppered giant African snails, a thick vegetable stew called 'efo riro', and pepper soup – a spicy broth made of diced pieces of tripe and meat.

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◀ *Efo Riro, a traditional Nigerian vegetable stew made with black eyed peas and collard greens.*



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DAY 1

5:00pm

Silverbird Galleria and Cinemas

Spend time window-shopping at the multi-storey Silverbird Galleria which houses a number of specialty boutiques, a nightclub called Cubes, five large halls for live concerts and shows, as well as a cinema theatre. If showing, plan some time to catch a Nollywood matinee – a selection from Nigeria's own popular film industry fondly known as 'Nollywood' worldwide.

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133 Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island, Lagos

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◀ Nigerian Cinema, also known as Nollywood, is the second largest film industry in the world after Bollywood. **2 Brides and a Baby** was nominated for Movie of the Year in the Best of Nollywood 2011 awards.

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Reeds

Grab some world-class Thai curries and stir-fries at this Fusion restaurant and bar which boasts a mixologist called Martin from Prague and a Cordon Bleu-trained chef. Once dinner is over, relax with a lychee martini cocktail or an 'Almond Cigar' made with rum, Amaretto, and fresh lime from the bar until you're ready to hit the dance floor and sway the night away to funky house music.

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◀ Reeds is Lagos' version of a trendy Manhattan night-spot.





DAY 2

9:00 am

Chocolat Royal

Start the day off early while satisfying your sweet tooth with an assortment of flaky butter croissants, fruit tarts, cakes, breads, sandwiches, and donuts at the French-inspired café and coffeehouse, Chocolat Royal. Finish off breakfast with strong dark coffee or frothy hot chocolate.

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◀ *Chocolate Royal is the first Chocolaterie and Patisserie in Nigeria. It was opened by Saada Elias Moussalli, a female architect raised between Nigeria and Lebanon.*

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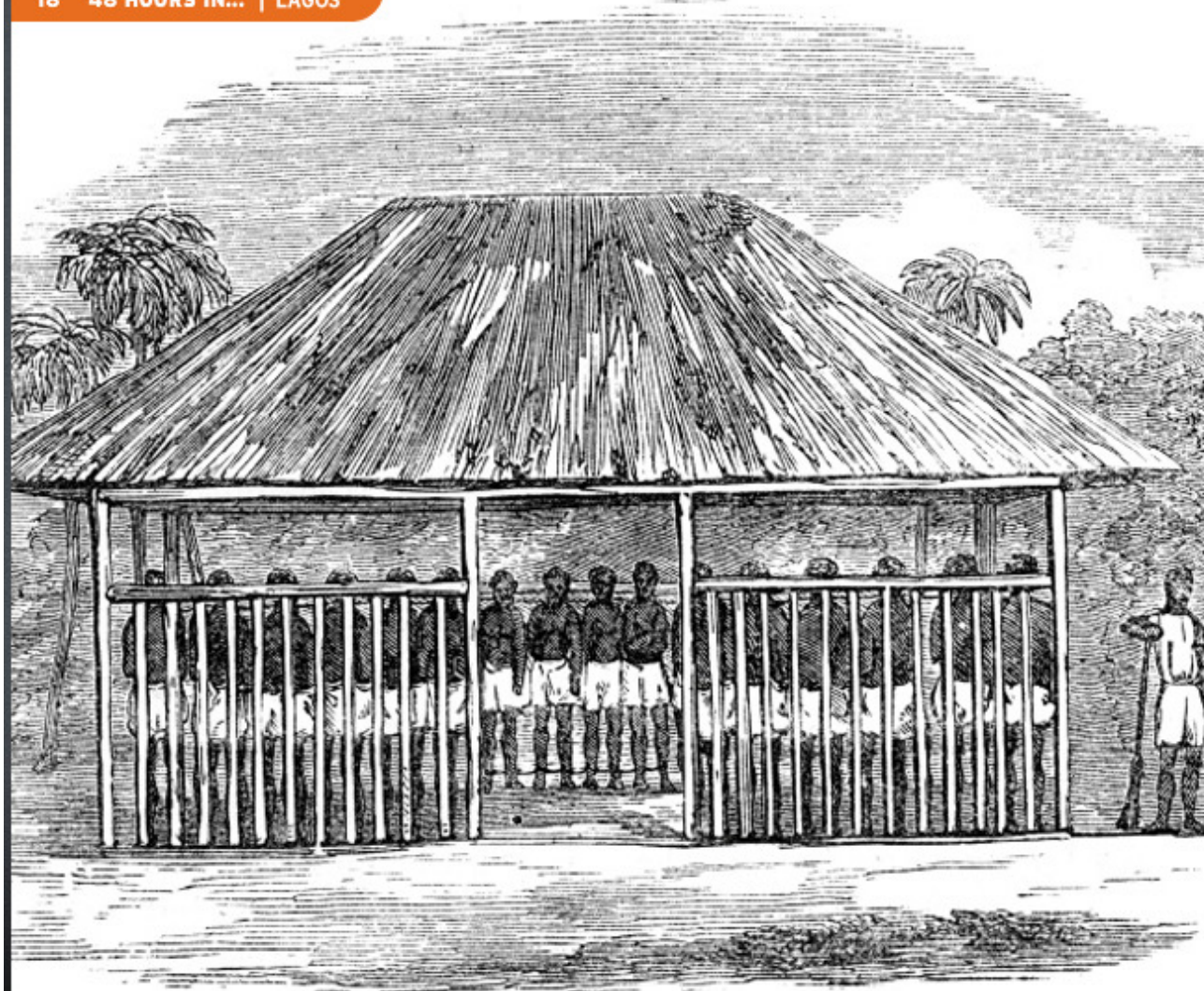
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A Slave Barracoon.

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DAY 2

11:00 am

Black Heritage Museum

Well worth the trek across town is a visit to the Heritage Museum which houses hundreds of artifacts and historical relics chronicling over 300 years of slave trade along Lagos' coastline. Since the early 1500s, Badagry was a key trading port in West Africa and it is estimated that roughly 550,000 African slaves passed through en route to America. Explore the museum's nine permanent exhibitions which include trade documents, sketches, photos, and other historical records to learn more about Lagos' dark past.

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◀ A barracoon is a type of barrack, historically used to hold slaves along the west coast of Africa before they were transported across the Atlantic ocean.

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DAY 2

2:00 pm

National Museum

Established in 1957 as a way of preserving Nigeria's history, the National Museum remains a city icon. It holds various exhibits such as 'Treasures of Ancient Nigeria' which tracks traditional artwork, bronze sculptures, carvings, and other work spanning 2,000 years, as well as collections which highlight Nigeria's colonial and post-colonial past. One of its permanent fixtures is the bullet-riddled black Mercedes in which former president Murtala Mohammed was assassinated in the 1970s.

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◀ *Glory to the Fatherland* is a painted mural in the National Museum complex celebrating the communal art production that was prevalent in the early era of postcolonial Nigeria

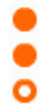




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DAY 2

5:00 pm

Bar Beach

Take a leisurely reflective walk along Lagos' most famous beach – Bar Beach. Over the past few decades, the Atlantic waters along the beach regularly flooded nearby streets and neighbourhoods so there are now rows of unattractive concrete slabs acting as artificial levees to keep the waters back. Still, Bar Beach remains a main draw for residents and travellers alike. You can also try horseback riding and you'll easily find many vendors selling rides on their horses. Swimming and surfing are not advised due to the beach's strong currents.

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◀ Bar Beach stretches either side of the mouth of Lagos Lagoon and is named after the sand bars that characterize the coastline of Lagos.

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DAY 2

8:00 pm

Terra Kulture

Finish off the day with more cultural experiences at the privately owned Terra Kulture cultural centre which spotlights local arts and crafts. You can dine in its onsite restaurant which serves a variety of regional Nigerian dishes and snacks, browse through paintings and sculptures in its adjoining gallery, and catch a live stage play in its multipurpose hall. Before you leave, why not browse its bookshop to pick up fine writing by well-known Nigerian literary greats such as Wole Soyinka and Chinua Achebe.

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◀ Terra Kulture promotes the richness and diversity of Nigerian languages, arts and culture.

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