

NIGERIA

HAUSA KINGDOMS OF NORTHERN NIGERIA

(9 DAYS)

In the North of Nigeria, where the land dries out as it stretches towards the desert, Muslim Nigeria converts into dusty trading cities where memories of the Saharan trade routes still linger. This is the land of the Hausa Kingdoms where one can still find impressive traditional constructions made out of adobe with the characteristic Hausa embossed mouldings.

A short but intense and interesting journey through one of Africa's' less known destinations.

Required fitness level: intermediate

Note: we recommend this destiny for travellers with some previous experience in West and Central Africa and interested in an unconventional destination.

DAY 1:

Arrival at Lagos

DAY 2:

Lagos – Kano (flight to the North, walk through town and in the evening music and dances)

DAY 3:

Kano (explore Kano's old quarters on foot; the Emir's Palace, the ancient wall – a World Heritage Site-, the traditional tanners and the central market; excellent place to buy some souvenirs)

DAY 4:

Kano – Fulani villages – Katsina (drive to Katsina in the Extreme North. Trek to Fulani herder communities; learn about their culture and daily life. In Katsina visit the City Center; old adobe minaret and Emir's Palace)

DAY 5:

Katsina - Zaria (long drive to Zaria, visit local markets, visit Zaria's defensive walls, one of Africa's longest adobe constructions, the Emir's Palace covered by interesting Hausa designs)

Recommended Period: all year round

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DAY 6:

Zaria – Kaduna (trek to mountain animist villages around Kaduna, visit colonial heritage in Kaduna)

DAY 7:

Kaduna - Abuja (drive to Nigeria's political capital. Explore Abuja; National Assembly Complex, Abuja Amusement Park, Abuja plant nursery, ASO AND Zuma ROCKS).

DAY 8:

Abuja – Lagos (flight to Lagos and connecting flight back home).

DAY 9:

Arrival to European airport in the morning