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## Information Pack and Initial Programme

*Lagos Art Tour 2024*

Guest Artists Space Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

With Yinka Shonibare CBE, the trustees and staff of  
Guest Artists Space Foundation and the Yinka Shonibare Foundation

*\* Please note that this programme is under development and an updated version will be sent  
to all guests before arrival.*



“We want to offer long-term support for individual artists, equipping them to thrive not just survive. International exchange has a very strong value, especially in a world where there’s a great deal of conflict, and I believe that going to see other cultures, and being creative with other cultures, is really a very positive way forward. It can be a true vehicle for social change”.

**Yinka Shonibare CBE RA**



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We are pleased to enclose the initial programme details of the Patrons and Partners Lagos Art Tour hosted by Guest Artists Space (G.A.S.) Foundation. This year's tour will run from Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> of October to Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

The trip will be in the company of the artist Yinka Shonibare CBE, and the trustees and staff of Guest Artists Space Foundation and the Yinka Shonibare Foundation.

The trip is led by Belinda Holden (CEO, Y.S.F.), Moni Aisida (Executive Director, G.A.S.), Siti Osman (Philanthropy and Patrons Manager, Y.S.F.), Magda Kaggwa (Communications and Projects Manager, Y.S.F.), Adekunle Adeboye (Residency Manager, G.A.S. Foundation) and Tomiwa Adegbola (Library and Projects Coordinator, G.A.S.).

We have recommended a hotel with negotiated rates to make arrangements as convenient as possible. The nature of security and logistics of travel in Nigeria means that we are providing airport concierge, visa on arrival services, security and local transportation to/from the airport and all programmed activities.

Patrons and Partners who opt in to join only part of the Lagos Art Tour 2024 are invited to make their own arrangements to and from our designated hotel, where they can join the G.A.S. minibuses that will transport them to programmed activities.

Patrons and Partners who are only joining part of the activities on each day are invited to make their own arrangements to and from each visit, however if they are not frequent travelers to Nigeria, we advise they contact the Y.S.F. Team to discuss arrangements and options.

A detailed itinerary and information pack will be sent out to all guests a minimum of one week prior to arrival and will list all guests, staff contacts and mobile numbers. Any further information packs will be provided on arrival.

Please kindly note that meals on Tuesday arrival, Wednesday evening and Sunday are not included in the package cost of this trip, but our partner hotel has a good restaurant, and we will include a list of recommended restaurants with the detailed itinerary.





## G.A.S. Farm House

Partners and Patrons will have the opportunity to visit both G.A.S. Foundation residency sites during the trip. We are planning to take our guests to the G.A.S. Farm House on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This residency building, designed by Nigerian architect Papa Omotayo, sits on the 54-acre Ecology Green Farm located on the outskirts of the village of Ikise in Ogun State, Nigeria. The remote location, whilst abundant in natural beauty has precluded the local community from accessing the kinds of opportunities that are available to those living in rapidly urbanised areas of Nigeria.

The challenges facing the local community were fundamental components of defining the long-term objectives of this ambitious project and include providing infrastructure for rural economic development, addressing food insecurity, and tackling economic deprivation.

*Kindly note that the trip to the farm may be subject to cancellation depending on weather and road conditions. It will involve a long road trip (approx. 3 hours) on routes that can be uneven and bumpy. We appreciate that some of our guests may find this duration challenging and have broken up both legs of the route with a studio and museum visit for comfort.*



## G.A.S. Lagos

Our Patrons and Partners will be invited to an intimate studio visit with our current G.A.S. Lagos residents. A tour of the award winning G.A.S. Lagos building designed by Elsie Owusu in collaboration with Nihinlola Shonibare will also be included in the visit.

As part of the Lagos Art Tour programming, we'll be hosting a networking afternoon with local artists and cultural stakeholders on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November alongside our annual G.A.S. party on the evening of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. These exciting experiences will be complimented by museum, gallery, private collection, and studio visits that will give our guests a flavour of the city's thriving art scene.

G.A.S. Farm House and G.A.S. Lagos photography by Andrew Esiebo.

# Our Buildings



# Itinerary at a glance

*This itinerary is bespoke to our Y.S.F. and G.A.S. Patrons and Partners.*



## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**All day:** Guest arrival to Lagos at various times.

**Evening:** Welcome drinks at the hotel.

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Morning:** 7am pick up from the hotel to drive to Yinka Shonibare CBE's Ecology Green Farm and the G.A.S. Farm House residency building in Ikise. (Travel time approx. 2.5 – 3.5 hrs) via an artist studio visit.

**Mid-Morning:** Kelani Abass studio visit.

**Lunch:** Arrival at the Ecology Green Farm. Tours of the site and residency building will be followed by lunch served at the farm accompanied by performances.

**Afternoon:** Yemisi Shyllon Museum private tour.

**Evening:** Optional private view at Tiwani Contemporary.

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Morning:** CCA Lagos and National Theatre visit.

**Lunch:** Patrons and Partners (restaurant TBC).

**Afternoon:** ART X Lagos private view.

**Evening:** Exclusive private patron/collector reception.

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (cont.)

**Morning:** Gallery / studio visit (TBC).

**Lunch:** Private gallery tour and lunch hosted by Tiwani Contemporary.

**Afternoon:** G.A.S. Lagos Networking event accompanied by a G.A.S. building tour and opportunity to meet current residents.

**Evening:** Exclusive private patron/collector reception.

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Morning:** Private tour of museum collection.

**Lunch** hosted at the Deputy High Commission.

**Afternoon:** Studio / gallery visit (TBC).

**Evening:** Annual G.A.S. Party.

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**All day:** Departures at various times.

**OPTIONALS** (depending on departures)

**Morning:** Trip to Lekki Arts & Crafts Market.

**Afternoon:** ART X Talks programme.

**Evening:** Bature Brewery.

# Flights

Please notify us using this **GUEST INFORMATION FORM** as soon as you have booked your flights. This is so that we are able to co-ordinate Airport Concierge to meet you off the plane, escort you through the airport, secure your visa on arrival, assist you through customs, and collect your luggage. They will then hand you over to our driver and security in the diplomatic carpark.

Flights to Nigeria at this time are increasing in cost daily so we would encourage you to book as soon as possible. More reasonable flights are available if you add a stop or by booking with a service like Skyscanner or equivalent.

Direct flights from London Heathrow airport can be booked with either:

- Virgin Atlantic
- British Airways

Main airlines flying from elsewhere in Europe include:

- Lufthansa KLM
- Air France
- Qatar Airways
- Royal Air Maroc

Meanwhile, from the US guests can fly with the following:

- Delta
- United Airlines

## Visa

We are currently arranging a *Visa on Arrival* service for all guests. This is the most convenient way to enter the country as there can be delays and issues with obtaining a visa through your residing country's Nigerian Embassy or Consulate.

Please make sure that your passport is valid for at least six months from the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

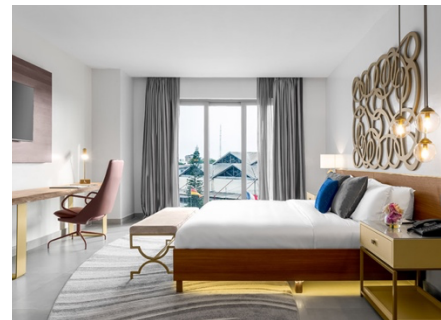
We have included the visa fees in the trip costs. As a guide, these are subject to daily exchange rate changes but estimated between \$450 - \$600 for American passports and £400 - £550 for UK passports.

To secure your visa upload the following documents when completing your **GUEST INFORMATION FORM** or email them to [adekunle@guestartistspace.com](mailto:adekunle@guestartistspace.com) who will advise of any additional documents required for entry to Nigeria.

- Scan of the data page of your passport
- Digital passport photograph
- Flight itinerary/ proof of flight booking

## Hotels

We have reviewed and selected the following hotel for our guests based on its reliability, cleanliness, security, and on-site restaurant. This hotel will be the pickup point for all programmed visits.



### The Art Hotel

Address: 13A, Block 111 Chief Yesufu Abiodun, Oniru Road, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria

[www.arthotelng.com](http://www.arthotelng.com)

This boutique 49-room hotel, which opened in 2022, is conveniently located in the heart of Victoria Island's business district. It is clean and spacious with a good restaurant, pool and gym. The location is very convenient for access to G.A.S. Lagos, restaurants, and most visits.

Room types available range from a Duke Room (36 sq m) to the Emperor Suite (84 sq m). All reservations include complimentary breakfast (for one guest), free high speed WIFI, and access to the gym and pool. USD is the only foreign currency The Art Hotel currently accepts. If paying ahead, payment can only be made in USD or NGN however international cards are accepted within the hotel premises via POS.

We have negotiated a 15% discounted rate on rooms. The discounted room rates at The Art Hotel are as follows:

- Duke Room - ₦ 120,000.00
- Duke Deluxe Room- ₦ 140,000.00
- Duke Superior Room - ₦ 160,000.00
- Prince Suite - ₦ 210,000.00
- Prince Delux Suite - ₦ 240,000.00
- Emperor Suite - ₦ 430,000.00

Guests should email Michael at [sales@arthotelng.com](mailto:sales@arthotelng.com) and cc our team member [moni@guestartistspace.com](mailto:moni@guestartistspace.com) using the booking code *G.A.S Lagos Art Tour* with their name, contact details, dates and preferred room type to secure a booking. Payment can be made at the time of booking or on arrival and the hotel accepts international bank and credit cards.

### Alternative Hotel Options

The Art Hotel is our hotel partner for this trip however guests who wish to seek alternative hotel options can select from the following list of recommendations:

- The Wheatbaker: <https://www.thewheatbakerlagos.com/>
- The Delborough: <https://www.thedelborough.com/>

Please kindly note that discounted rates have not been negotiated for these hotels, therefore, the room rate is as advertised on their respective websites.



## Vaccinations

Please check with your doctor or physician before you travel to ensure that you are up to date with recommended travel vaccines for Nigeria such as Cholera, Tetanus, Polio, Diphtheria, and Typhoid etc. [A Yellow Fever vaccination is required for entry into the country](#), and you must travel with you Yellow Fever Vaccination Card.

Malaria tablets should form an essential part of your travel kit, please follow the instructions on starting any course in advance of your arrival and remember to bring any other regular medication.

## Local Conditions

Lagos has a sub-tropical humid climate and during November the temperature typically varies from 75°F to 90°F (24°C to 32°C) and is rarely above 94°F (34.4°C). We recommend clothing that will keep you cool but there are also some air-conditioned spaces in the itinerary in particular at the more formal evening receptions.

Sunrise is approximately 6.30am and sunset 6.25pm. For the trip to the farm please consider bringing sun block, a sun hat, long trousers, and closed shoes.

## Currency

Please do not attempt to bring more than \$10,000 of any cash currency into the country however should you chose to do so, you will have to declare this at customs. The currency exchange rates for Naira are fluctuating and we can assist in directing you to reputable currency exchanges that will give a better rate than the banks. Please let us know in advance if this will be required.

### **A note on international bank cards**

Please take at least two international bank cards with you. MasterCard is the most commonly accepted network followed by Visa. American Express however, may be difficult to use in many places. Keep your bank informed about travel to Nigeria. You may also consider multi-currency travel cards like Revolut or Wise. The hotel accepts most international bank cards as will most of the restaurants we will recommend but please check the exchange rate for the transaction and pay in the local currency as it always results in a better conversion rate.

Small local shops will not accept international cards and there is a limit on the amount of cash that can be dispensed from cashpoints with a debit card. If you do need access to cash whilst in Lagos, please let us know and we will arrange for you to go and use a reputable bank with our security officer.

## Data and Roaming

For the duration of your time in Nigeria we strongly recommend that you use either [Holafly](#) or [Airalo](#), international e-sim providers for travel abroad. Guest information and updates will be disseminated via WhatsApp so provisions for roaming are crucial. Prior to your arrival in Lagos, kindly purchase an international phone plan, this will help ensure that you always have internet connection. If your mobile phone does not have e-sim features, please reach out to our team as soon as possible so that an alternative solution can be suggested.

# MOWAA Institute Trip (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024)

This year our guests have the option to join a short trip to Benin City for the opening of the Museum of West African Art Institute.

The two-day visit will include tours, discussions and social gatherings across the 15-acre site alongside a curated itinerary of visits to significant local arts and culture spaces.

Please kindly note that whilst G.A.S. and Y.S.F. staff will be in attendance this trip is independently coordinated and managed by the MOWAA events team and does not fall into our itinerary. Information including logistics, travel, accommodation and itinerary can be found in the preliminary pack issued by MOWAA and will be forwarded to all guests.

[www.wearemowaa.org](http://www.wearemowaa.org)

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