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# **Moonshot 2024:** A Travel Guide To Lagos, Nigeria

Visas, Hotels, Off Conference Activities and Experiences of Lagos.

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# Preparing for your trip to Nigeria







### Pack for hot weather:

Nigeria's weather can vary but it is mostly hot, so pack accordingly. October in Lagos typically sees warm temperatures with occasional rainfall. Opt for lightweight, breathable clothing such as cotton shirts, shorts, and dresses to stay cool during the day. Light jackets or sweaters for cooler evenings or indoor air-conditioned spaces.

Comfortable walking shoes are a must, especially for exploring Lagos' vibrant streets and markets. Don't forget to protect yourself from the sun by packing sunscreen with a high SPF.



**Electronics and accessories:** 

Bring along your camera or smartphone to capture all the incredible moments during Moonshot 2024.

Don't forget to pack chargers, adapters, and power banks to keep your devices powered up throughout your trip.



Vaccinations are important:

Some vaccines are recommended or required for Nigeria, depending on your nationality. For instance, travelers aged 9 months or older arriving from countries where there is a risk of yellow fever transmission must possess a yellow fever vaccination certificate. This requirement also applies to travelers who have transited through an airport in a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission.

Check the <u>Nigerian International Travel Portal</u> for the most up-to-date entry requirements. You can also bring your first aid medicines if need be.





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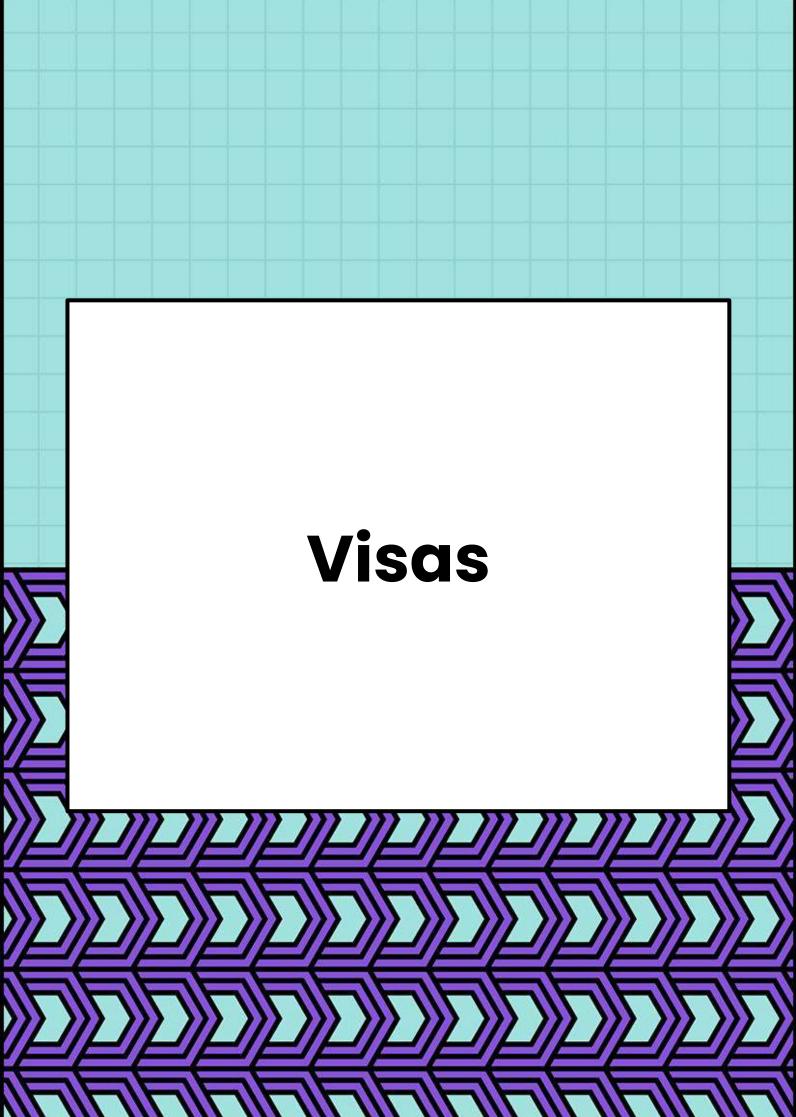
Pack any prescription medications you may need for the duration of your stay, along with basic over-the-counter medications for common ailments like headaches or allergies. Consider bringing insect repellent to protect against mosquitoes, especially if you plan to explore outdoor areas.



Get travel insurance:

We recommend getting travel insurance as soon as you book your flights to protect yourself against unforeseen circumstances like medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and other potential disruptions.

Suggested travel insurance include Safety Wings and AXA Mansard





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Unless you're a citizen/national of member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), you'll need a valid Nigerian visa to be admitted into Nigeria from any of its international ports.

Nigerian visas are issued through the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) desk at the Nigerian Embassy or Consulate in your home country.

The nation also has a Visa-on-Arrival scheme for interested travelers. We've partnered with <u>Tramango</u> to ease the process of flight bookings, visa-on-arrival applications, airport transfers, and accommodations.

This partnership offers our international and local Moonshot attendees seamless travel arrangements at discounted rates.

Learn more on Nigerian visa requirements and its Visa-on-Arrival scheme <u>here.</u>

### **How to Contact Tramango**

### For Flight Booking:

Visit <u>www.tramango.com</u> and use the discount code "MOONSHOT10" to get 10% off your flight booking.

### For Visa on Arrival Inquiries:

Contact Tramango via email at <u>visa@tramango.com</u>, putting <u>moonshot.travel@bigcabal.com</u> in copy.

### For Accommodation & Airport Transfers:

Contact Tramango via mobile: +2342017003181 or via email at <u>support@tramango.com</u>, putting <u>moonshot.travel@bigcabal.com</u> in copy.





To ensure that our delegates get the best of the Moonshot Conference and enjoy the city of Lagos, we are recommending the following hotels, which are close to and at most a 10-minute drive to the venue of the conference.

We are also offering special discounts for Moonshot guests at some of the hotels. Click <u>here</u> to see available discounts.



#### **Eko Gardens**

Plot 1415, Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island, Lagos



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#### Eko Hotel

Plot 1415, Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island, Lagos



#### **Eko Suites**

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#### **Eko Signature**

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Nordic Hotel Lagos





Radisson Blu Anchorage

la Ozumba Mbadiwe Road, Victoria Island, 101241, Lagos



Four Points by Sheraton

Plot 9/10, Block 2 Oniru Chieftaincy Estate, Victoria Island, Lagos

# How to get around

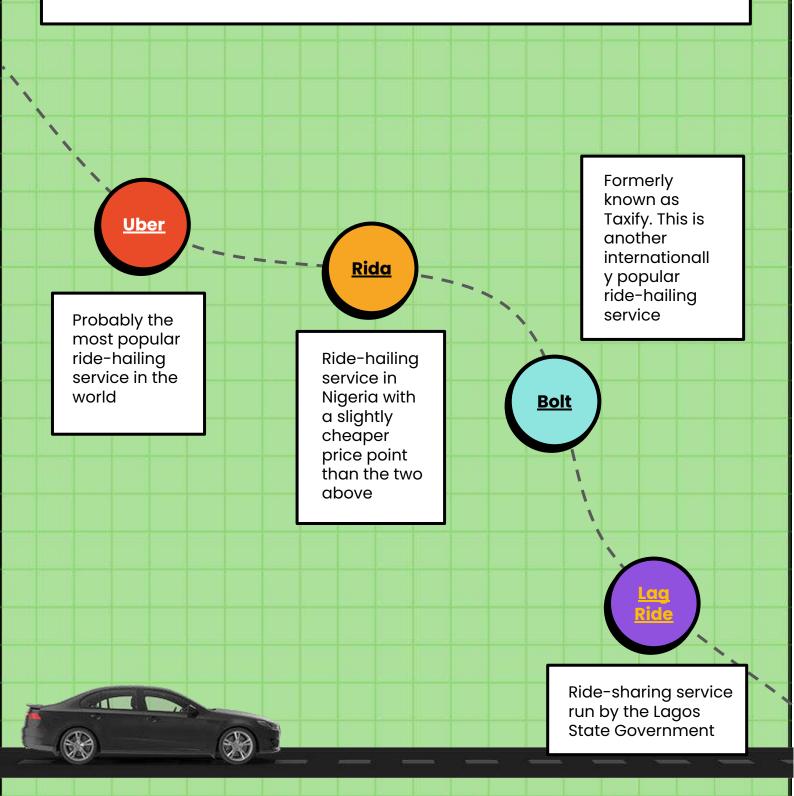


From the ubiquitous yellow commercial buses popularly called "Danfo", to the commercial tricycles called "Keke", and Lagos State Government-run "BRT" buses, there are a host of ways to get around in Lagos.

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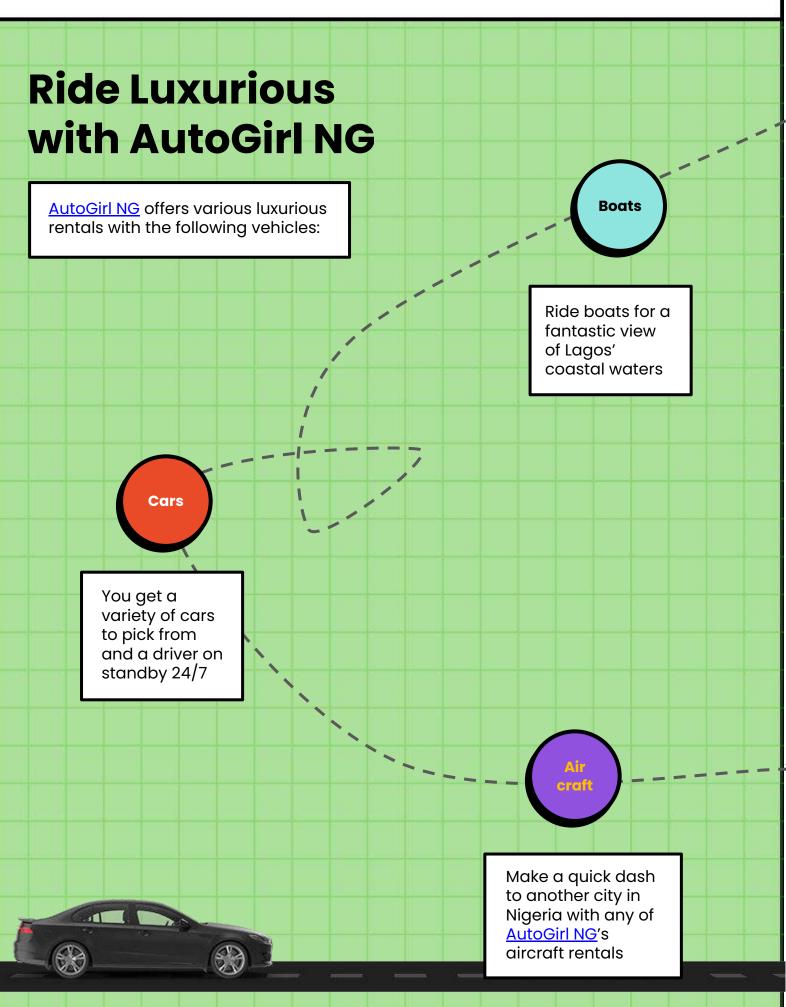
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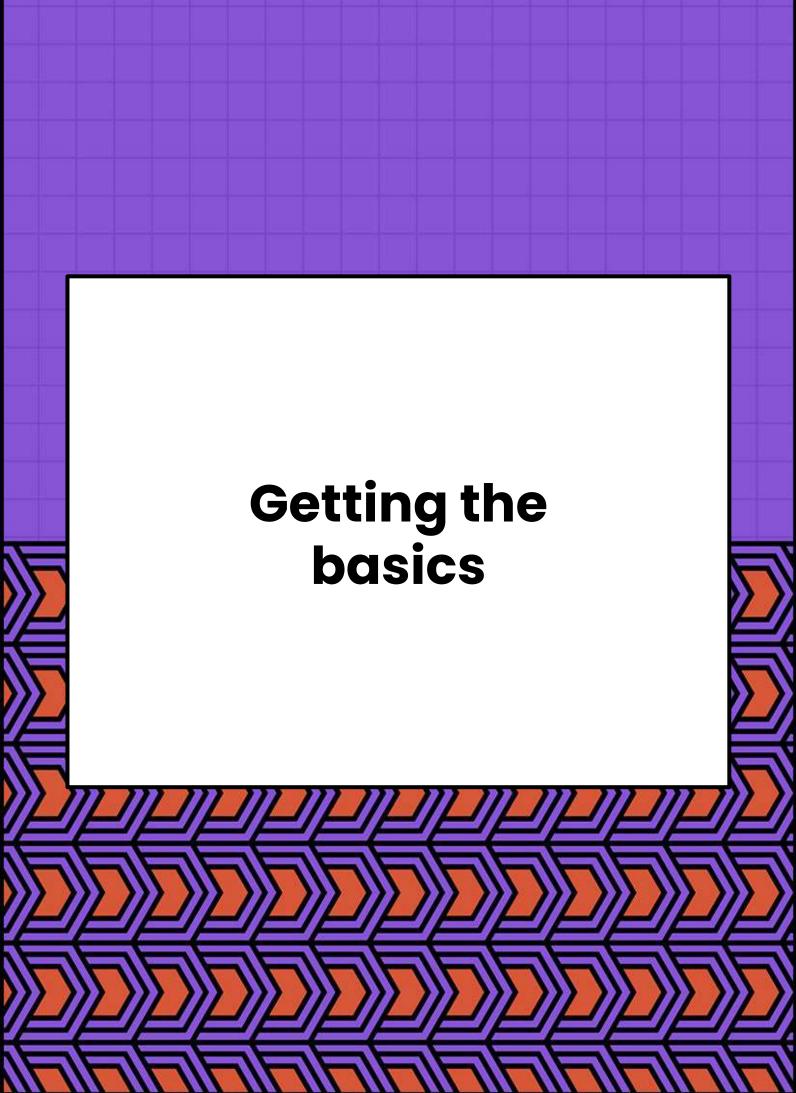
However, we recommend the following easy ways to get around, some of which you may already be familiar with from your home country or other countries you have visited.





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#### Money and currency:

The official currency is the Nigerian Naira (NGN) so you should consider exchanging currency or withdrawing cash upon arrival at the airport or local banks. While most major banks' ATMs accept international cards for cash withdrawals, and credit cards are accepted in major hotels and establishments, it's advisable to carry some cash for smaller purchases and transactions as cash is still king in the country.

### NB: Foreign credit cards are only likely to work in high-end stores and restaurants.



### You will need data to stay connected:

WiFi will be available at the conference and at most major hotels, however, for 24/7 data access, you'll need a local SIM card. WiFi isn't available on the streets and internet connectivity may vary. To obtain a SIM card, you must register with your passport and possibly a National Identification Number (NIN). However, you don't need a NIN for a SIM card if you are a non resident / non citizen staying for less than 24 months - you just need your passport and proof that you're here for a stay of less than 24 months / not a resident - and a SIM card will be sold to you.

Other alternative options include a MiFi (portable mobile Wi-Fi hotspot) or an e-SIM, eliminating the need for a physical SIM card and registration hassle. We've partnered with Sochitel for e-SIM solutions. These can be purchased when you get a ticket via <u>moonshot.techcabal.com</u> or by emailing <u>moonshot@bigcabal.com</u>. Upon arrival at the airport, you can immediately connect to the internet, stay in touch with loved ones, and access your favourite apps hassle-free.

For SIM card purchases, the popular network providers in the country are <u>MTN</u>, <u>Airtel</u>, <u>Globacom</u> & <u>9Mobile</u>.







### Shopping in local markets or food stalls:

You can always check out any mall close to you like Shoprite, Spar, Market Square, Prince Ebeanor Supermarket, etc. A lot of these establishments in malls accept debit card payments. However, if you're going to shop around local markets, make sure to go with cash.



**Drink bottled water:** 

It is crucial to stay well-hydrated by consuming lots of water. Opt for bottled water and avoid drinking water from clear sachets. You can buy a pack of bottled water from supermarkets like Shoprite for about N1,800 (\$1.69/ £1.37) for 12 bottles.

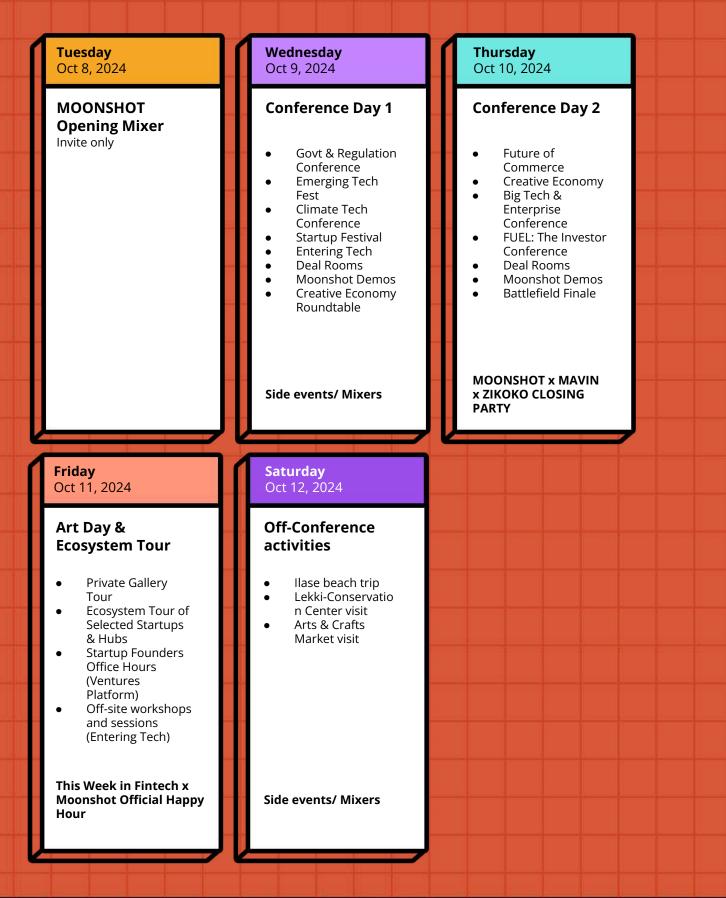
Avoid drinking water directly from the tap, if you must, boil the water or filter your water to make sure it's clean.

# The Moonshot Experience



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# Moonshot 2024 is a week of learning, networking and fun.







### Attending the conference

Moonshot 2024 conference will run from Wednesday, October 9 - Thursday, October 10 at Eko Convention Centre, Lagos, Nigeria. Whether you're lodged far away or close to the venue, you can choose from suggested commuting options to get to the venue.

If you're staying far away from the Island, you should consider leaving hours early as Lagos is always plagued with traffic jams, particularly in the morning or evening during rush hours.

### **Off-Conference activities**

For Moonshot 2024, there is an exciting lineup of activities that'll keep you entertained before and after the main conference from Tuesday, October 8 - Saturday, October 12.

Moonshot begins with an opening mixer on Tuesday, October 8 to set the tone for the event. The mixer is strictly by invitation and guests have to confirm attendance via RSVP to invites sent.

There are also lined-up side events and mixers after the first day of the conference on Wednesday, ensuring the fun never stops. The second day of the conference ends with an exciting closing party.



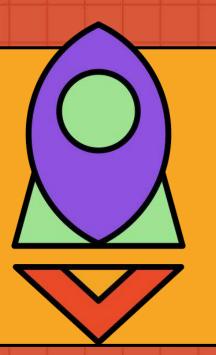
On Friday, October 10, get ready to explore Lagos' art scene and startup ecosystem with:

- Private Gallery Tour
- Ecosystem Tour of Selected Startups & Hubs
- Startup Founders Office Hours (Ventures Platform)
- Off-site workshops and sessions (Entering Tech)

Moonshot draws to a close on Saturday, October 12, with off-conference activities including:

- Ilase Beach Trip & Boat Cruise
- Lekki-Conservation Center visit
- Arts & Craft Market visit
- Nigerian Designer Shopping Tour







There will be several side events/mixers that players in the ecosystem will hold. While we are not directly involved with them, we will try to update this page with information on them should you find any interesting and wish to attend



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### Where to Visit in Lagos

After the curtains fall on Moonshot 2024, you can continue to explore Lagos by visiting luxurious Restaurants, Cafés, Spas, Art Galleries, and Museums of your choice within Lagos Island.

Not to worry, we also considered distance, as these places are close to the conference venue.





Visit our curated list of <u>restaurants and cafes</u>.

Relax with our list of <u>spas.</u>

Go back in time to Nigeria's culture and history with our <u>art galleries & museums.</u>

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