

NIGERIA

Nigeria is a country in West **Africa** and is the most populous (has the most people) in Africa. Nigeria's two main rivers, the Niger and the Benue River, both empty into the famous Niger Delta.

Nigeria's landscape is very diverse. It has beaches, **rainforests**, mangrove swamps, savannahs (open plains with limited trees and grasses) and **mountains**. Nigeria is the largest exporter of oil in Africa.

Facts about Nigeria

Continent Africa

Capital city Abuja

Leader of Country President: General Muhammadu Buhari

Major Towns Lagos, Benin City

Population 158,259,000 people

Size 351,650 square miles (910,770 square kilometres)

Currency Nigerian Naira (₦ or NGN)

Internet country code .ng

Official Language English, Yoruba, Edo, Efik, Fulani

Major Religions Christianity, Islam, traditional beliefs

Life Expectancy 49 years (men), 50 years (women)

Time Zone When it is 12.00 in London (UTC) it is 13.00 in Abuja (UTC+1).

UTC or Coordinated Universal Time is the internationally-agreed standard for time. Countries around the world set their clocks using it and different time zones are compared to it.

Nigeria is a member of the **Commonwealth.**

Olympic country code NGR

Travel facts about Nigeria

Climatic Zone **Sub Tropical/Arid** climate

Flight Times to Abuja London 6 hours, Sydney 20 hours, New York 11 hours

Handy Phrases to use in Nigeria (Yoruba)

Hello Bah-oh

Please Jowo

Thank you O se

Goodbye O da abo

Famous people from Nigeria

Joseph Yobo (1980–) Football player

Chioma Ajunwa (1970–) First African woman to win an Olympic gold medal (long jump ,1996, Atlanta)

Popular food from Nigeria

Suya Kebab made from beef, fish or chicken. A popular snack

Moimoi Pudding (savoury) made from beans, onions and peppers

Couscous Made from durum wheat and served with meat and vegetables

Cassava An edible root that's a very popular cooking ingredient

Animals from Nigeria

African Elephant

Lion

Western Gorilla

Cheetah

Western African Manatee (sea cow)

Festivals/Celebrations in Nigeria

Sham al-Naseem First day of Spring

Moulid an-Nabi Prophet Mohammed's birthday

Ramadan Islamic month of fasting

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