



CARNIVAL CALABAR

AND FESTIVAL 2023

A BREAK FROM THE NORM

32 DAYS CALENDAR



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DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	REMARKS
THURS. 30/11/23	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	ANNOUNCING THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS IN CROSS RIVER STATE (CROSS RIVER THROUGH) THE YEARS
FRIDAY. 1/12/23	CITY WALK AGAINST HIV/AIDS/OPENING OF FESTIVAL VILLAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.	FLAG OFF- RABANA - CALABAR MUNICIPALITY	7AM	WORLD AIDS DAY, CITY WALK IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY.
	HIV walk is a global call of solidarity for those living with HIV and AIDS. In Cross River State and as old as the Calabar Carnival and Festival has sustained, the walk commemorates the opening of the Calabar Christmas village.	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	12 NOON AND DAILY TILL 1ST JAN. 2024	FESTIVAL VILLAGE EXPERIENCE
	VERNISSAGE OF THE TRACES OF TIME ART EXHIBITION – VIP.	NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MONUMENTS (MUSEUM CALABAR)	2PM	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF OBA OVONRAMWEM IN THE 16TH CENTURY CALABAR. AN EXHIBITION OF TRACING ANCIENT ARTS OF CALABAR TO THE PRESENT ERA-CONTEMPORARY
	DONORS, INVESTORS AND ENTREPRENEURS NIGHT	CICC	7PM	BUSINESS BANQUET AND GALA NIGHT
SATURDAY. 2/12/23	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL MATCH	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	10AM TILL 6PM	FOOTBALL COMPETITION
	OPENING OF EXHIBITION (TRACES OF TIME - OBA OVONRAMWEM) PUBLIC VIEW	NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MONUMENTS MUSEUM CALABAR)	2PM	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF OBA OVONRAMWEM IN THE 16TH CENTURY CALABAR. AN EXHIBITION OF TRACING ANCIENT ARTS OF CALABAR TO THE PRESENT ERA-CONTEMPORARY
	MUSICAL PERFORMANCES	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	7PM	PERFORMANCES



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SUNDAY 3/12/23	WORLD DISABLE DAY	MARINA RESORT	1PM	
	VOICES OF PARADISE (ROUND 1) PRAISE AND WORSHIP	MILLENNIUM PARK	6PM	16 CHOIRS COMPETITION SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY RABONNI, CASSIDY SAX AND VICTOR EDET
TUESDAY 5/12/23	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL MATCH (SEMI-FINALS)	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	2PM TILL 6PM	AWARD OF PRIZES TO WINNERS
WEDNESDAY 6/12/23	LADIES NIGHT OUT	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	7PM	TALENT EXHIBITION AND ENTERTAINMENT
THURSDAY 7/12/23	WOMEN VS MEN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY WIVE'S VS EXCO WIVES MMA DIAHA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FINALS CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL MATCH FINALS	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	12 NOON – 6PM	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, IT'S MEANT FOR SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS, FROM DIRECTOR CAPTAINED BY HEAD OF SERVICE, CRUTECH SENIOR ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF CAPTAINED BY THEIR VICE CHANCELLOR, SAME WITH UNICAL TOO, THEN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CAPTAINED BY THE SPEAKER, TEAM EXCO CAPTAINED BY THE GOVERNOR OR DEPUTY, UNICEM OR FLOUR. MILLS SENIOR STAFF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS CAPTAINED BY HOLGAS, STATE APC, CAPTAINED BY PARTY CHAIRMAN.
FRIDAY 8/12/23	CALABAR THEATRE FESTIVAL 1	MAIN BOWL CULTURAL CENTRE	4PM	DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCE, SPOKEN WORDS, ENTERTAINMENT
	CALABAR MOST WANTED	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	



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SATURDAY 9/12/23	LOCAL GOVERNMENT VILLAGE OPENING BY HIS EXCELLENCY	CULTURAL CENTER OPEN SPACE	2PM	EXHIBITION OF DIVERSE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
	MINISTERS HAPPY TIME WITH THEIR EXCELLENCIES !!!	PRISTINE EVENTS CENTER, NO. 5 ETETA ITA STR. OFF IBB WAY	3PM	CELEBRATING GOD'S SEASON OF SWEETNESS IN CROSS RIVER STATE
SUNDAY 10/12/23	BIKERS DRY RUN	HIGHWAY	12NOON	BIKERS DRY RUN
	FINAL CARNIVAL DRY RUN	MILLENNIUM PARK	1PM	DJ ACTIVATION GYRATION INTO STADIUM TRACKS BY BANDS, REVELERS, FRONTLINE, NON COMPETING BANDS (MARSHALS, CROWD CONTROL, MEDICAL, SECURITY, FIRE SERVICE, SOCIAL MEDIA
	VOICES OF PARADISE (ROUND II)	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	
MONDAY 11/12/23	THE ROYAL DANCE	CULTURAL CENTER MAIN BOWL	6PM	DANCE AND DRAMA
TUESDAY 12/12/23	LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY 1	ARTS AND CRAFTS, CULTURAL CENTER	12NOON	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE/FOOD, FASHION, ARTS AND CRAFT DISPLAY
	REGGAE SPLASH	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	LEGENDARY NIGHT OF REGGAE PERFORMANCES SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY 13/12/23	LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY 2	ARTS AND CRAFTS, CULTURAL CENTER	12NOON	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE/FOOD, FASHION, ARTS AND CRAFT DISPLAY
	KIDDIES MUSIC FESTIVAL	CULTURAL CENTER MAIN BOWL	4PM	KIDDIES PERFORMANCES
THURSDAY 14/12/23	LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY 3	ARTS AND CRAFTS, CULTURAL CENTER	12NOON	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE/FOOD, FASHION, ARTS AND CRAFT DISPLAY



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FRIDAY 15/12/23	CARNIVAL CALABAR ESSAY COMPETITION/ PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	MAIN BOWL CULTURAL CENTER	9AM	AWARD OF PRIZES TO WINNERS
	CALABAR LAUGHTER FIESTA, AMAPIANO EXPERIENCE	MILLENIUM PARK	7PM	FEATURING: KENNY BLACK
SATURDAY 16/12/23	CALABAR FESTIVAL MARATHON	11/11 - U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7AM	MARATHON
	MARY SLESSOR GOLF TOURNAMENT	CALABAR GOLF CLUB	10AM	A PRO-ARM GOLF TOURNAMENT
	FUN FEST	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	12NOON	CALABAR'S URBAN YOUTH FESTIVAL
	CROSS RIVER MOVIES AWARDS/PARADISE MUSIC AND FESTIVAL AWARDS	PRISTINE EVENT CENTER	7PM	AWARDS AND PERFORMANCES
SUNDAY 17/12/23	EPL FANS MATCH DAY FOOTBALL FIESTA	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	2PM TO 6PM	FEATURING; MINISTER GUC
	FINALS OF VOICES OF PARADISE COMPETITION	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	
MONDAY 18/12/23	BOAT REGATTA	MARINA RESORT WATER FRONT (MBUBA UBOM)	3PM	BOATING COMPETITION
	NAIJA MOST WANTED	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY MAYORKUN
TUESDAY 19/12/23	CALABAR FOOD FESTIVAL	AFRICAN CLUB	2PM	TRADITIONAL MEALS FROM CALABAR AND HOST COMMUNITIES AND NIKUHO EXPERIENCE (FATTENING ROOM)
	NIGHT OF A THOUSAND DANCE	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	7PM	FEATURING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
WEDNESDAY 20/12/23	LADIES NIGHT OUT	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	7PM	A NIGHT OUT EXPERIENCE FOR LADIES



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THURSDAY 21/12/23	QUA EJAGHAM GRAND CULTURAL FIESTA	QUA EJAGHAM PALACE FIELD	10AM	CULTURAL FIESTA
	OLD SKOOL GET DOWN AND CHARITY NIGHT	TRANSCORP HOTEL	7PM	
FRIDAY 22/12/23	CALABAR HUMANITY CHARITY TOUR BY HER EXCELLENCY ACCOMPANIED BY THE QUEEN OF HUMANITY CROSS RIVER CONTESTANTS	ORPHANGE HOME VISITATION AND PARTY	9AM	SUPPORT FOR THE ORPHANAGE
	MUMMY MMADIAHA'S CHILDREN'S CARE CHRISTMAS CAMP OPENING	NATIONAL MUSEUM & MONUMENT	9AM TO 4PM	GAMES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LEARNING, CODING, ARTS & CRAFT, ETC
	VETERANS NIGHT	GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN	7PM	
SATURDAY 23/12/23	UTOMO OBONG	ADIABO	10AM	HOMAGE TO THE TREATY AND CHRISTIAN KING OF THE EFIK KINGDOM
	CALABAR ROCKS MUSIC CONCERT (LIVE)	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	9PM	MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES REEKADO BANKS
SUNDAY 24/12/23	CALABAR FESTIVAL POOL PARTY	U J ESUENE STADIUM POOLSIDE	12PM	
	FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS(LIVE)	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	FEATURING - EXCO CHOIR, LEGISLATIVE CHOIR, JUDICIARY CHOIR, WINNER OF THE VOICES OF PARADISE AND OTHER CHOIRS
MONDAY 25/12/23	MBONO ISHIE (ENG)	ISHIE TOWN FIELD	4PM	MBONO NDITO ISHIE GRAND BAZZAR
	CARNIVAL MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH MTV BASE	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	MTV BASE MUSICAL FESTIVAL
TUESDAY 26/12/23	CULTURAL PARADE (LIVE)	MILLENNIUM PARK FLAG OFF	12PM -5PM	CULTURAL BEAUTIES AROUND THE STATE AND NATION
	CARNIVAL CALABAR FESTIVAL LOTTERY FINALS	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	9PM	LOTTERY WINNERS AND PRIZE GIVE AWAY BY ALADIN
WEDNESDAY 27/12/23	CHILDREN CARNIVAL (LIVE)	FLAG OFF- BOTANIC GARDEN	10AM	STUNTS, PARADES, SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE QUEEN OF HUMANITY CROSS RIVER.
	QUEEN OF HUMANITY CROSS RIVER (LIVE)	C. I. C. C.	9PM	FEATURING: GUCCI



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THURSDAY 28/12/23	CARNIVAL CALABAR PARADE OF THE BANDS (LIVE)	CARNIVAL ROUTE U. J. ESUENE	8AM	<p>CARNIVAL CALABAR, AFRICA'S BIGGEST STREET PARTY IS THE SIGNATURE EVENT & GRAND FINALE' OF THE ANNUAL THIRTY-TWO DAY LONG CELEBRATION IN NIGERIA'S FOREMOST TOURISM DESTINATION CALABAR.</p> <p>THIS DIDACTIC PRESENTATION OF PROCESSIONAL THEATRE IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH EXOTIC EXHIBITION OF RARE COLORS, COSTUMES, FLOATS, PYROTECHNICS, ENTERTAINING MAGIC, ACROBATICS ETC BEAMED UPON SMILING FACES OF SPECTATORS. THE FLORID- LEAVES THE LIVE AND ONLINE AUDIENCES BREATHLESS THROUGH A 12KM CARNIVAL ROUTE. THIS IS HOSTED BY THE PEOPLE OF CROSS RIVER STATE TO CELEBRATE HER HERITAGE OF HOSPITALITY, AND AFRICA'S WARMEST WELCOME SINCE THE MILLENNIUM YEAR ..."</p> <p>SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY ALTERNATE SOUND</p>
FRIDAY 29/12/23	BIKERS CARNIVAL NAIJA MOST WANTED (LIVE)	CARNIVAL ROUTE U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	NOON 7PM	<p>BIKERS PARADE.</p> <p>FEATURING: PATORANKING IYANYA, DJ PREPPY</p>
SATURDAY 30/12/23	NYORO EKPE CALABAR FESTIVAL COLOR RUN CARNIVAL CALABAR STREET PARTY	BOTANIC GARDEN EFFIOETTE ROUNDAABOUT RABANA JUNCTION TO MUNICIPALITY	10AM 2PM 7PM	<p>EKPE CELEBRATION</p> <p>COLOR PARTY</p> <p>STREET PARTY</p>
SUNDAY 31/12/23	CLOSING CEREMONY OF ARTS EXHIBITION (TRACES OF TIME) FIREWORKS AND DECLARATION OF THE NEW YEAR	MUSEUM CALABAR MILLENNIUM PARK	2PM MID NIGHT	<p>CLOSING OF ARTS EXHIBITION</p> <p>FIREWORKS</p>
MONDAY 01/01/24	THANKSGIVING SERVICE TINKORIKO NKOD MBOK	CHURCH CALABAR CITY PARADE CALABAR CITY PARADE	10AM 1PM	<p>RECOMMITMENT OF THE STATE FOR A NEW YEAR AND THANSINGVING.</p> <p>A HERITAGE SOCIO-CULTURAL PERFORMANCE OF TRADO CULTURAL MUSIC & DANCE THAT CUTS ACROSS ALL SOCIETAL STRATA TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR IN GRAND STYLE.</p> <p>ASSEMBLAGE OF CULTURAL PARADE OF DIFFERENT PEER/AGE GROUPS</p>





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