

Sierra Leone

OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE

EXPERIENCE SIERRA LEONE





Foreward

Sierra Leone is one of the few places in the world where nature and indigenous culture still reign supreme. From unspoiled beaches and landscapes to forest reserves and enduring local traditions, Sierra Leone is an untypical representation of what paradise should be.

In this Official Visitors Guide, you'll get a foreshadowing of the best that Sierra Leone has to offer. We've captured important details about Sierra Leone, like the stories that tell of its founding, the cities and towns that demonstrate its character, and picturesque locations that ooze pure African romanticism.

In addition to world class hotels, top-rated restaurants, and vibrant nightclubs and bars, Sierra Leone offers even more exciting hospitality hubs such as Casinos, Cinemas, and much more, whose features have not been documented in this guide. So, expect far more during your visit than what you will find highlighted in this guide. The second volume of our guide is sure to be representative of ALL that Sierra Leone has to offer, but do not wait for that to have the time of your life. Immerse yourself in this guide but get ready to be pleasantly surprised by the extra delights that await you when you hit the ground running.

On behalf of every citizen of this great country, and the Sierra Leone Economic Diversification Project (SLEDP), whose support has been unwavering, you're welcome to Sierra Leone, the beautiful land of the free.

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Compliments

We want to thank the government bodies, trade associations, private sector establishments and many others who worked hard to make Tourism is Sierra Leone what it is, and also, to put this guide together.

In a harmonious dance between the public and private sectors, the National Tourist Board is crafting a masterpiece in Sierra Leone's nascent tourism sector. The canvas is eco-tourism (traveling to natural and cultural areas that conserves the environment, and sustains the well-being of the local people). It is designed not only to paint a brighter future for the nation but also to preserve its pristine beauty. Sierra Leone's potential stretches as wide as its expansive landscapes, and with each passing day, the brushstrokes of progress enhance the canvas. Infrastructure becomes the sturdy frame, facilities the vibrant colors, sites and attractions the intriguing scenes, and service quality the exquisite details. Together, they unveil an undiscovered paradise, one that holds secrets waiting to be uncovered by our cherished visitors.

Sierra Leone's charms are surprising. Here, possibilities are endless, like the unfurling of a map leading to treasures yet unearthed. The future of Sierra Leone's tourism is a masterpiece in the making, a testament to the nation's commitment to a brighter tomorrow. Come, be part of this journey, and discover the artistry of Sierra Leone.

Welcome To **Sierra Leone**

Sierra Leone is a stunning expression of nature's boundless creativity. This gem of ours gracefully embraces the Atlantic Ocean, boasting pristine white-sand beaches that stretch along the coast. Picture majestic mountains and enchanting islands that overlook vibrant cities and charming towns, beckoning you to embark on an unforgettable adventure. This extraordinary destination in the heart of West Africa, was tailor-made for explorers like you.

Indulge your senses and satisfy your wanderlust as you discover breathtaking beaches, like Tokeh, where the exclusive 'The Place Resort' awaits your arrival. Lose yourself in wonderful islands, like Banana Island, with its lush green forests stretching towards the endless ocean, offering endless possibilities for leisure and relaxation.

Sierra Leone is calling, ready to fulfill your cravings for awe-inspiring experiences and extraordinary moments. Come, unleash your spirit of adventure in this captivating land!



Location Of Sierra Leone

- Sierra Leone is bordered on the north and east by Guinea, on the south by Liberia, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean.
- The country can be divided into four distinct physical regions: the coastal swamp, the Sierra Leone Peninsula, the interior plains, and the interior plateau and mountain region.
- The coastal swamp region extends along the Atlantic for about 200 miles (320 km).
- The Sierra Leone Peninsula, which is the site of Freetown, is a region of thickly wooded mountains that run parallel to the sea for about 25 miles (40 km).
- Its numerous creeks and estuaries contain mangrove swamps. Sandbars, generally separated by silting lagoons, sometimes form the actual coast.
- The climate is tropical and is characterized by the alternation of rainy and dry seasons. Conditions are generally hot and humid.



**Green -
Agriculture,
& Natural
Resources**

**White-
Justice**

**Blue-
Natural
Harbour**



Full Name

Democratic Republic of
Sierra Leone.

Population

7.7 Million

Capital

Freetown

Religion

Islam/Christianity

Language

English, Krio (Creole derived from
English language, and arange of
African languages

Monetary Unit

Leone (Le)

Main exports

Diamonds, Rutile, Iron Ore,
Bauxite, Gold, cocoa, coffee, fish

GDP:

6% (World Bank)

Internet domain

SL

International dialing code

+232

Official/Business Hours

Monday to Friday – 08.00 –
17.00 hours

Time

GMT all year round

Electricity

220 240 volts AC,50Hz

Official Holidays

Celebrates Islamic, Christian
and National Holidays.
Holidays marked with asterisk
are Lunar and moveable
each year.

- 1 January – New Year's Day
- 18 February – Armed Forces Day
- 27 April – Independence Day
- Good Friday and Easter Monday*
- 25 December – Christmas Day

Quick useful info for Visitors



Passports, Visas and Other Documents Required

All visitors to Sierra Leone are Required to carry a valid Passport. Visitors must also have a valid Visa for entry, with the exception of citizens from ECOWAS states.

Visas can be secured at Sierra Leone overseas missions as well as arrival. The National Tourist Board and handling agents such as VSL Travel, Tourism is Life Tours, IPC Travel Tours and Others, also assist in facilitating this process.



Airport Transfer

Passengers to Kissy and Government Wharf in the Eastern/central parts of the city have Water taxi services available and guaranteed a faster transfer to and from the airport to Aberdeen. Water taxi terminals are less than 30 minutes ride to most of the Hotels along Lumley Beach, Aberdeen area and Murray Town Village.



Travel Insurance

It is advisable for visitors to take a comprehensive travel insurance Covering injury, illness, death, and Delayed, lost or damaged baggage and personal belongings.



Health Requirements

A vaccination certificate for yellow Fever is required. It is advisable to take anti-malaria tablets and consult your doctor or travel agent on what other precautions may be Required. Carry along mosquito repellent.



Health Facilities

There are several Government operated hospitals and clinics along with private health clinics - Including Connaught Hospital, Choithram Foundation Hospital, Blue Shield, Emergency Hospital, Brookfields Community, Cumey Barnes, 34 Military Hospital etc. Please contact your hotel for the Nearest hospital/clinic..



Driving

Traffic drives on the right. An International driving license is required to drive in Sierra Leone. The Red number plates are Commercial, Black number plates are private, Green number plates are for Government officials and Blue number plates are for Diplomatic Officials.

Quick useful info for Visitors



Vehicle Hire and Getting around

Vehicles may be hired through local companies, hotels and private individuals with or without a driver. Hotel taxis are available at all major hotels and guest houses, the airport, water taxi terminals and the helipad and have fixed rates. Private taxis are negotiable on a trip, hourly or daily rates. For your safety and comfort only use the National Tourist Board approved Taxi and look out for their stickers and identification. Government and private coach services operate to and from major towns and cities. Local taxis and mint (Poda-poda), Autorickshaws (Kekeh) and Tricycles (Okada) are available. They are the most affordable means of travelling within the city.



Communications

Sierra Leone Telecommunications (Sierratel) is the main provider of Landlines for both national and International services in Sierra Leone. Orange, Africell and QCell Provide GSM services. There are several private companies providing internet services. GSM Sim packs and recharge cards are available at authorized dealer shops all over the country.



Business/Social Hints

Appointments must be made in advance. It is customary to shake hands on meeting and when taking leave. Business cards are exchanged after introduction. Visitors should be aware of local conventions and religious customs and practices. When a service charge is included, gratuities are optional. Service charge in restaurants is 15%. English is the official Language.



Currency

The official currency of Sierra Leone is the Leone (LE or SLE). Leones are available in coins of 100 and 500, and bills of 1,000, 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000. Foreign currency can be exchanged at commercial banks, foreign exchange Bureaus, hotels and supermarkets. It is illegal to exchange money on the street with unlicensed money dealers. Credit cards (American Express, Master Card and Visa) can be used to settle bills in some hotels and restaurants. Please confirm with management prior to any transaction. Some commercial banks operate international ATMS for Leone cash withdrawals. Traveler's cheques can be used at major hotels or cashed at banks and some shops.



Clothing

Sierra Leoneans like to dress well especially for official occasions. For business meetings the dress code mostly includes dark trousers, white shirt and tie for men, and women, dark trousers or skirt with matching shirt or African attire. Otherwise, casual, light weight and informal clothing is appropriate during the day and evening time, and cotton is recommended. Take along rain gear for the rainy season and a light sweater or jacket during the Harmattan period from November To February. Don't forget beach wear, comfortable walking shoes and sports equipment, where necessary.



More about Sierra Leone

History-The 'Athens of West Africa

Sierra Leone, a West African nation, has a rich history rooted in its name's origins. In 1462, Portuguese explorer Pedro da Cintra stumbled upon its mountainous peninsula during his coastal voyage. The name "Sierra Lyoa," or "Lion Mountains" in Portuguese, was possibly inspired by the thunder echoing through the mountains, resembling a lion's roar, or the mountains' shapes resembling a crouching lion. Over time, the name evolved to "Sierra Leone."

Before European contact, various African tribes had already settled in Sierra Leone's lush interior, including the Limbas, the oldest ethnic group, as well as the coastal Bullom (Sherbro), Temne, and Mande-speaking communities such as the Vai, Loko, and Mende.

Following Cintra's discovery, foreign influence and trade increased, primarily through barter. In 1672, the Royal African Company established trading forts on Bunce and York Islands. Sierra Leone, particularly Bunce Island, became a significant center for the transatlantic slave trade, transporting enslaved Africans to Europe and America. Eventually, Britain abolished slavery and established a naval base in Freetown to intercept slave ships. Freetown, founded in 1787, became a settlement for freed slaves, earning the name "Province of Freedom." It attracted freed slaves from Nova Scotia and Maroon communities.

History-The 'Athens of West Africa'

In 1808, Freetown officially became a British Crown Colony, fostering trade between the indigenous people and settlers. This marked the beginning of British expansion into Sierra Leone's outer regions, leading to the declaration of a Protectorate in 1896. Sierra Leone played a central role as the administrative center for other British colonies on the West African coast.

Sierra Leone's commitment to education was evident with the establishment of Fourah Bay College in 1827, the first college for higher education south of the Sahara. The nation gained recognition as the "Athens of West Africa" for its achievements in medicine, law, and education.

After enduring several unsuccessful revolts against British colonial rule, Sierra Leone peacefully gained independence on April 27, 1961. Under the leadership of its first Prime Minister, Sir Milton Margai, it adopted a parliamentary system and later became a republic in 1971. However, the nation faced a dark period of civil war starting in 1991, which lasted until 2002 when peace was finally restored.

Today, Sierra Leone is actively pursuing development under a multi-party democracy and is known for its safety in the West African region. The nation's history reflects resilience and hope, offering promise for a brighter future.



People, Language & Culture

The population of Sierra Leone is 7.7 million and is made up of an astonishing diversity of ethnic groups, considering the size of the Country. Sierra Leone is home to Temnes, Lokos, Korankos, Mandingoes, Susuus, Limbas, Mendes, Kissis, Konos, Fullas, Vais, Yalonkas, Sherbros, Krus, Krims and Creoles. A wide range of nationalities are also resident in Sierra Leone, contributing to growing ethnic diversity and a growing economy.

English is the official language of Sierra Leone, yet it is Krio, which originated with the freed Slaves (Creole people) who returned to Sierra Leone after slavery was abolished, that is the Lingua franca. Krio is widely spoken in Freetown and to a lesser degree in rural areas. Sierra Leoneans will be thrilled to hear a visitor use some basic Krio words such as: 'kusheh' meaning hello, 'tenki' – thank you, 'do ya' – please and 'how di bodi?' – how are You? Sierra Leoneans have a unique blend of cultural traditions.



People, Language & Culture

They are vibrant, exuberant and expressive people and their cultural values, traditions and belief systems are widely practiced and respected. A variety of food, flamboyant clothing, jewelry, hand-made crafts, lively festivals and the performing arts are expressions of this colorful society. Rituals and ceremonies are performed by different groups at different times, including the 'secret societies.'

These 'societies' are hugely secretive, and members (men and women have separate societies) observe a strict code of conduct. Religious beliefs and practices are very present in everyday life, and there are many fascinating historic sites, monuments and relics to see. Keep your eyes open and you never know what you might come across. Around the next corner, there could be a national cultural show where traditional dancers gyrate and revel to the Drums and music



Religion

Sierra Leone's population comprises approximately 60% Muslims, 30% Christians, and the remaining 10% adhering to traditional or animist beliefs. The nation stands as a shining model of religious harmony and coexistence.

In Sierra Leone, Muslims and Christians peacefully coexist, residing side by side and often forming interfaith marriages. A notable aspect of this harmonious relationship is the educational system, where children commonly learn both Muslim and Christian prayers, fostering mutual understanding and respect from a young age.

A poignant symbol of this unity can be found on the local buses, known as "podapodas," where you frequently encounter the phrase "God Bless Islam" prominently displayed. This simple yet profound expression serves as a testament to the seamless integration of these two religions within Sierra Leonean society.



Economy

Sierra Leone is currently experiencing a promising economic upturn, marked by a resurgence of investor interest and consistent year-on-year growth in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In 2018, the GDP recorded a robust 5.1% increase, reflecting the nation's economic vitality. One of Sierra Leone's notable strengths lies in its abundant mineral resources, encompassing diamonds, gold, bauxite, rutile, and iron ore. Among these, the recovery of the mining sector stands out as a pivotal contributor, constituting approximately 14.9% of the country's GDP and serving as its primary source of foreign exchange earnings. This revival is instrumental in the overall economic rejuvenation.

Equally significant is the sustained expansion of various other sectors, notably agriculture, upon which the livelihoods of three and a half million Sierra Leoneans depend. In 2012, agriculture contributed a substantial 51.5% to the nation's GDP, underlining its crucial role in the economic landscape.

Furthermore, Sierra Leone's burgeoning tourism sector holds immense potential and is progressively evolving into a central driver of the country's socio-economic development. As it continues to grow, tourism is expected to play an increasingly vital role in shaping the nation's economic future.



Foods & Cuisines

Freetown's dining landscape boasts a diverse range of international flavors, featuring Lebanese, European, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese cuisines. African eateries, including Senegalese and Ghanaian, provide a taste of the continent. However, to truly savor the essence of Salone, immersing yourself in the local culinary scene is the way to go, sharing meals with the friendly locals.

Rice takes center stage as the local staple, accompanied by hearty portions of Plassas, which are flavorful sauces like cassava leaf, groundnut soup, binch, or stew laden with chicken, beef, and fish. While beef and chicken dishes are readily available, fish reigns supreme, especially in coastal areas. Here, you can indulge in barracuda, grouper, snapper, lobster, and a diverse array of fish dishes.

Don't miss the vibrant street food scene, offering sizzling goat or beef skewers, fried plantains, roasted cassava tubers, and delectable coconut cakes. And for a refreshing treat, be sure to sample freshly plucked, sun-ripened fruits.



Boating & Fishing

Sierra Leone's breathtaking coastline offers a picturesque aqua paradise that beckons you to explore its aquatic wonders. One of the must-do activities here is boating, and the Aqua Sports Club is your gateway to organized excursions. Whether you prefer a leisurely cruise along the Sierra Leone River or wish to discover hidden coves and pristine beaches along the coast, there's something for everyone.

For a more immersive experience, consider joining local fishermen on their vibrant, multi-colored dugout canoes – some even equipped with engines. These fishermen are more than happy to take visitors on boat trips and fishing excursions, sharing their age-old expertise.

Sierra Leone is a sport fishing haven, thanks to the abundant Atlantic Ocean. Here, you can reel in barracuda, bonita, salmon, lobster, crab, and catfish aplenty. Visit popular fishing villages like Lumley Beach, Murray Town, Funkia, Tombo, and Konakri-Dee to observe the locals in action, showcasing their traditional fishing techniques.

For a personalized fishing adventure, you can charter a boat from any of the coastal beaches. It's the perfect way to embark on a thrilling fishing expedition and immerse yourself in the beauty of Sierra Leone's marine world.



Shopping & Excursions

Exploring the local markets in Sierra Leone offers a sensory journey filled with captivating sights and aromatic delights. Whether it's the robust scent of smoked fish, the vibrant hues of fresh fruit, or the exhilarating experience of haggling, your senses will be thoroughly engaged.

Among Sierra Leone's prized handicrafts, items made from homemade cloth stand out. The "country cloth" is a true gem, intricately patterned and adorned with vibrant dyes. Crafted on traditional wooden looms in the upcountry, it's then skillfully stitched to create bedspreads, rugs, and hammocks, providing both comfort and rustic charm.

Tie-dyed "gara" on lightweight cotton brings cheerfulness to curtains, sheets, and clothing. Meanwhile, the heavy "huronko" cloth, dyed a deep orange with natural pigments, originates from a fading northern artisan tradition.

If you're seeking adventure beyond the markets, consider a range of excursions. These include immersive 4x4 journeys through rural Sierra

Leone, as well as the thrill of navigating tropical roads on an Okada (tricycle). The opportunities to explore and experience the beauty of Sierra Leone are boundless.

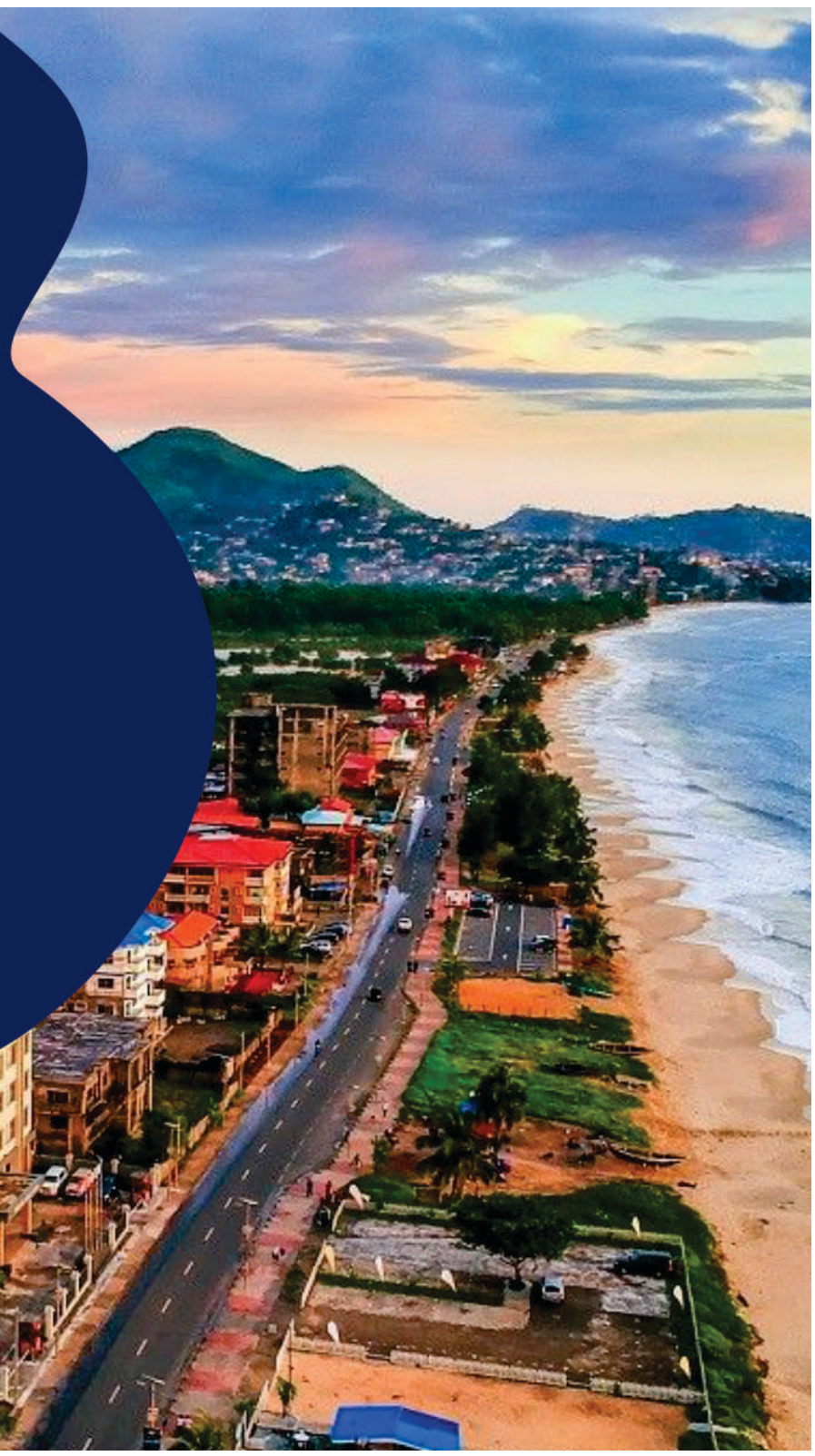


Freetown Special (The heart of the city)

Nestled between the majestic Sierra Lyoa mountains and the azure waters of the world's largest natural harbor, Freetown, Sierra Leone, beckons with its irresistible charm and boundless allure. This vibrant city is a treasure trove for travelers seeking an unforgettable experience.

Freetown's rich history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality are on full display as you wander through its colorful markets, meander down winding streets, and explore enchanting alleyways. The city's dynamic energy is infectious, and its diverse neighborhoods, from Eastern to Central to Western, offer a wealth of captivating sights and experiences. Bask in the sun on pristine beaches like Lumley Beach, savor mouthwatering local cuisine, and immerse yourself in the rhythms of Sierra Leonean music and dance. Don't miss the chance to discover the city's historical landmarks, such as the Cotton Tree and the Sierra Leone National Museum.

Freetown is more than a destination; it's a vibrant tapestry of cultures and traditions, a place where the past meets the present, and where warm smiles and open arms welcome you. Come to Freetown, and let its beauty and warmth leave an indelible mark on your heart.



Freetown Special (What to eat)

Where and what to eat Food in Freetown is varied. There is something that cater for every taste-ranging from the various international menus in hotels and restaurants.

Typical local dishes include Potato/cassava Leaves with rice, bitters, Crain, and SawaSawa. Okra soups, usually served with FooFoo, and Jollof rice, are a must. Many Restaurants also offer the catch of the day, whether it's a thick meaty barracuda steak or fresh juicy lobsters. See our restaurant Directory.

Restaurants to note include the Senegalese restaurant and Crown Express on Wilkinson Road, Oasis juice bar on Murray Town Road, and the newly opened Bistro on Beach Road.



Freetown Special (Where to stay)

In Freetown, Sierra Leone, visitors have a wide range of accommodation options that cater to various preferences and budgets. Whether you seek luxury, comfort, or a more budget-friendly stay, there's a place for you to call home while exploring this vibrant city.

For those desiring a lavish experience, Freetown offers upscale hotels like the Radisson Blu Mammy Yoko Hotel and The Place Resort at Tokeh Beach. These establishments offer top-notch amenities, stunning views, and impeccable service.

Freetown also boasts a selection of mid-range hotels such as Swiss Spirit Hotel & Suites Alisa and New Brookfields Hotel. These options provide a balance between comfort and affordability, often featuring well-appointed rooms and on-site dining.

Travelers on a budget can find guesthouses and budget hotels scattered across the city. Places like Barmoi Hotel and Family Kingdom Resort offer comfortable accommodations without breaking the bank.

For a more immersive experience, consider boutique guesthouses and lodges like The Place Resort at Tokeh Beach, which offers a tranquil seaside escape.

Backpackers and budget-conscious travelers can choose from a selection of hostels such as The Sleeping Giant Guesthouse, providing affordable dormitory-style accommodation and a communal atmosphere.

No matter where you choose to stay in Freetown, you'll discover warm hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere that adds to the charm of your Sierra Leonean adventure.



Freetown Special (Experience the 'Big Markit' & a touch of history)

Big Market

Big Market is the place to shop for arts and crafts, locally made costumes, artefacts, and other cultural items unique to Sierra Leone. The Perfect place to buy your souvenirs.

Gateway to Old King's Yard

The gateway, which now arches over the entrance to Connaught Hospital, was once the entrance to King's Yard, a temporary quarantine for freed slaves before they were Released into Freetown.

Maroon Church

You can literally touch history in this downtown Church, some of whose pews and rafters come From the ship that first brought 550 Maroons – former Jamaican slaves - from Nova Scotia at the end of the eighteenth century. The church was built around 1820, making it one of Freetown's oldest. It is pretty, petite and very Welcoming. Visitors can join choir practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.



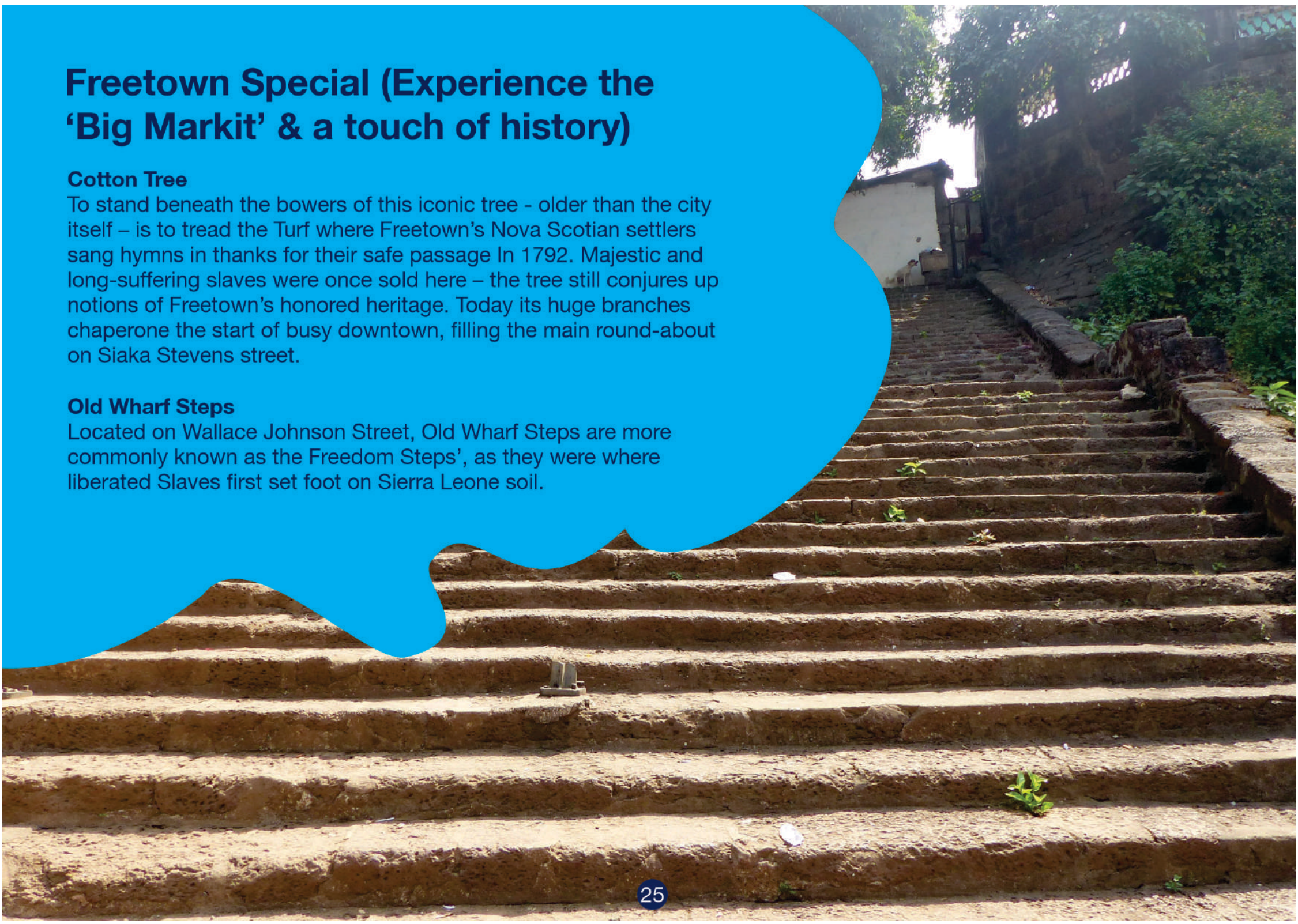
Freetown Special (Experience the 'Big Markit' & a touch of history)

Cotton Tree

To stand beneath the bowers of this iconic tree - older than the city itself - is to tread the Turf where Freetown's Nova Scotian settlers sang hymns in thanks for their safe passage in 1792. Majestic and long-suffering slaves were once sold here - the tree still conjures up notions of Freetown's honored heritage. Today its huge branches chaperone the start of busy downtown, filling the main round-about on Siaka Stevens street.

Old Wharf Steps

Located on Wallace Johnson Street, Old Wharf Steps are more commonly known as the Freedom Steps', as they were where liberated Slaves first set foot on Sierra Leone soil.



Freetown Special (Experience the 'Big Markit' & a touch of history)

The Railway National Museum

The Sierra Leone Railway started its first Passenger train service to the provinces in 1898. During the 70s, its 350 miles of track were torn up and sold as scrap. The rolling stock ended up in a depot by the Freetown Docks. Today, through the efforts of Colonel Steve Davies, formerly of IMATT, and the Government of Sierra Leone, the railway Museum has been rehabilitated. The museum showcases the rise and fall of Sierra Leone Railway and includes the carriage of the former Governor, the Royal Saloon, a wooden bodied passenger carriage, a bogie passenger brake (oldest Vehicle in the collection), several Gardner-powered Hudswell Clarke diesel Locomotives, a wickham inspection trolley, a 1915 Manning Wardle Saddle tank, and No.73, a huge 4-8-2 + 2-8-4 Beyer Garrett from 1955.

St. Charles Church

St Charles church is Africa's oldest stone Church south of the Sahara and is in fact the third oldest in Africa. The first foundation Stone was laid in 1809 and the building was Completed in 1816. It is also known as the Mount Zion of Sierra Leone' overlooking the beautiful village of Regent.



Freetown Special (Experience the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary)

Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary

A visit to Freetown, Sierra Leone, is incomplete without exploring the groundbreaking Tacugama Chimp Sanctuary, which provides a home to over 100 orphaned and rescued chimpanzees. Founded by Bala Amarasekaran in 1995, who left his career as an accountant. The sanctuary is a pivotal advocate for wildlife and habitat conservation in Sierra Leone. It collaborates closely with the Sierra Leonean government to enforce chimp protection laws and runs an effective education project.

Located within the Western Area Reserve, just a 30-minute drive from Freetown, this 100-acre rainforest sanctuary offers an eye-opening tour. Visitors witness the journey of these rescued chimps, from their nursery, providing the best viewing opportunities, to their eventual release into larger reserves. Guided tours are scheduled twice daily at 10:30 and 16:00, priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

For those seeking a more immersive experience, Tacugama offers self-catering eco-lodge accommodation nestled in the heart of the rainforest.

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- Located just a 40-minute drive from Freetown
- Nestled within the stunning rainforest hills of Regent
- Call for more information: +232 31 777 777, info@tacugama.com/ +232 34 22 16 72, +232 34 68 34 13



Beaches and Islands

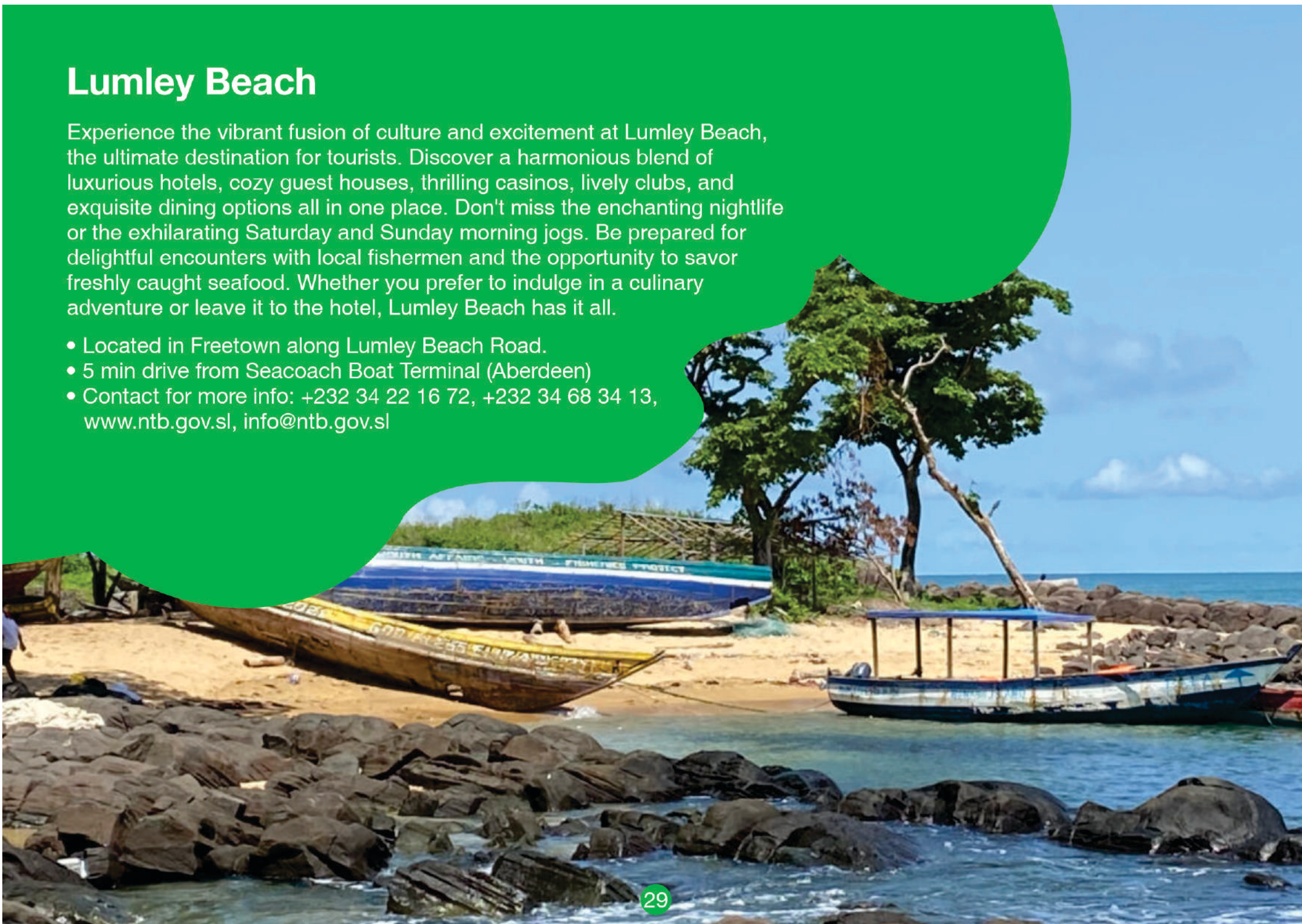
Dotted along the Atlantic Ocean are some of the World's most beautiful, pristine, white, and unspoilt beaches.



Lumley Beach

Experience the vibrant fusion of culture and excitement at Lumley Beach, the ultimate destination for tourists. Discover a harmonious blend of luxurious hotels, cozy guest houses, thrilling casinos, lively clubs, and exquisite dining options all in one place. Don't miss the enchanting nightlife or the exhilarating Saturday and Sunday morning jogs. Be prepared for delightful encounters with local fishermen and the opportunity to savor freshly caught seafood. Whether you prefer to indulge in a culinary adventure or leave it to the hotel, Lumley Beach has it all.

- Located in Freetown along Lumley Beach Road.
- 5 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Contact for more info: +232 34 22 16 72, +232 34 68 34 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Peninsular Beaches

Sierra Leone's peninsular beaches boast golden sands, azure waters, and lush surroundings. Lumley Beach, near Freetown, offers bustling nightlife, while Tokeh Beach provides a tranquil escape. River Number Two Beach charms with shallow, clear waters, and Bureh Beach is a surfer's paradise. These idyllic spots blend natural beauty with cultural vibrancy, making them must-visit destinations along the Sierra Leonean coast.

Goderich Beach

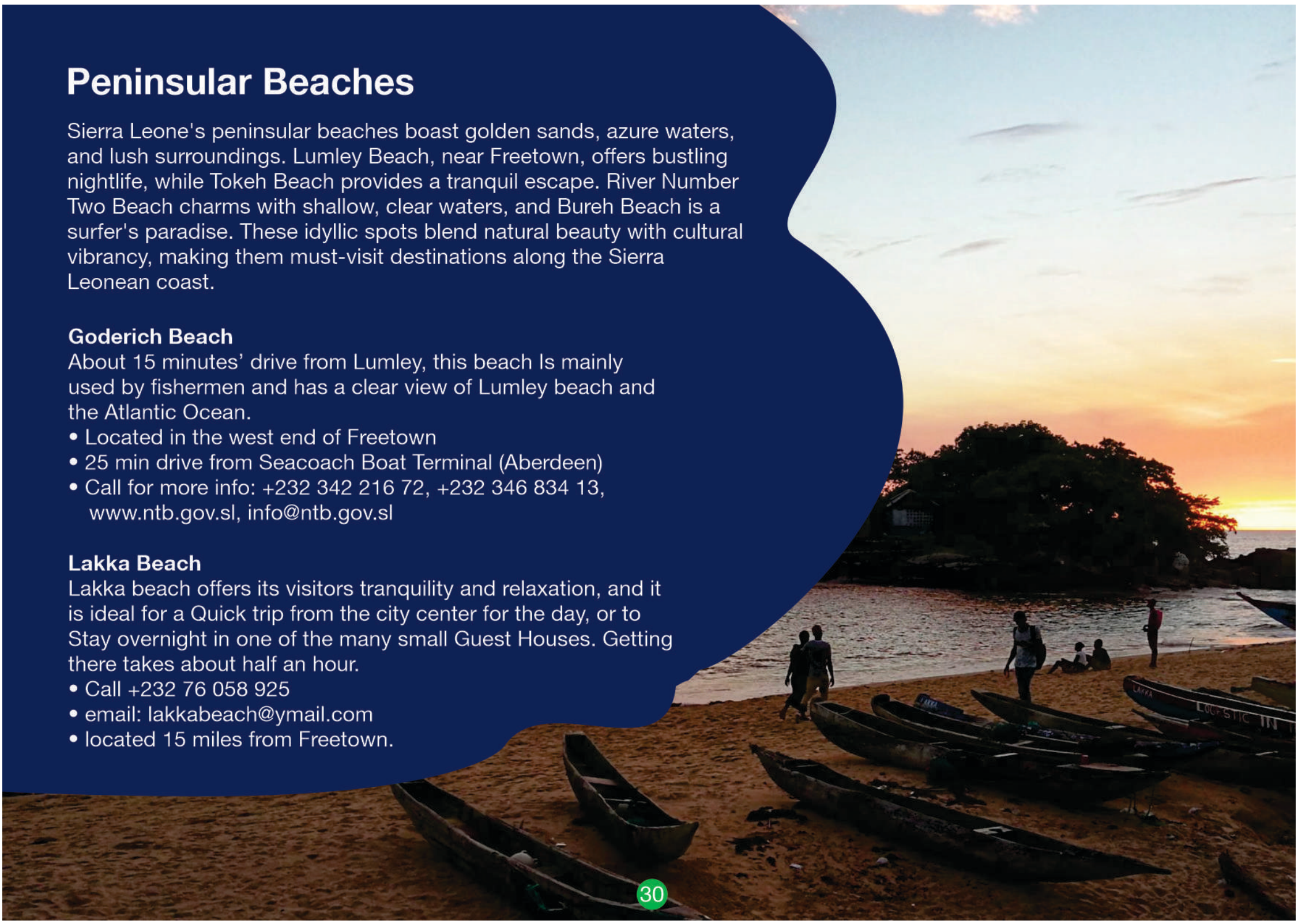
About 15 minutes' drive from Lumley, this beach is mainly used by fishermen and has a clear view of Lumley beach and the Atlantic Ocean.

- Located in the west end of Freetown
- 25 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

Lakka Beach

Lakka beach offers its visitors tranquility and relaxation, and it is ideal for a Quick trip from the city center for the day, or to Stay overnight in one of the many small Guest Houses. Getting there takes about half an hour.

- Call +232 76 058 925
- email: lakkabeach@ymail.com
- located 15 miles from Freetown.



Peninsular Beaches

Hamilton Beach

Five minutes' drive from Lakka, Hamilton Beach Is covered with golden sands and is one of the Hidden gems of the peninsular. The water is clear, clean, and deep with large waves. Laguna Resort offers sea excursions at affordable prices to those that book in advance.

- Located in Freetown off Goderich road.
- 35 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

Sussex

With its long, empty golden shore line Stretching in both directions, Sussex beach is best enjoyed at sundown or very early in the morning and is ideal for scuba diving. As the sun sets down over the ocean, it is the most romantic spot to be. Eat Italian cuisine at the Sumptuous Franco's. Take a weekend boat trip to Banana Islands or spend the night at Florence's resort.

- Located just outside Freetown, near York Village
- 35 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Peninsular Beaches

River No.2

River No. 2 is one of Sierra Leone's finest white sand beaches backed by luscious tree-covered Mountains that slope down to the sea. You can play around in the shallow current of the river before it meets the sea. Sunbathe, take a quick walk in the forest, go on a boat trip, buy some arts and crafts, or chat to the friendly Locals.

There is solar-powered accommodation and a restaurant, all run entirely by the community as a tourist facility. All proceeds from tourist revenue go into a community fund For development.

- Located 25 km south of Freetown, north of Tokeh Beach
- 45 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

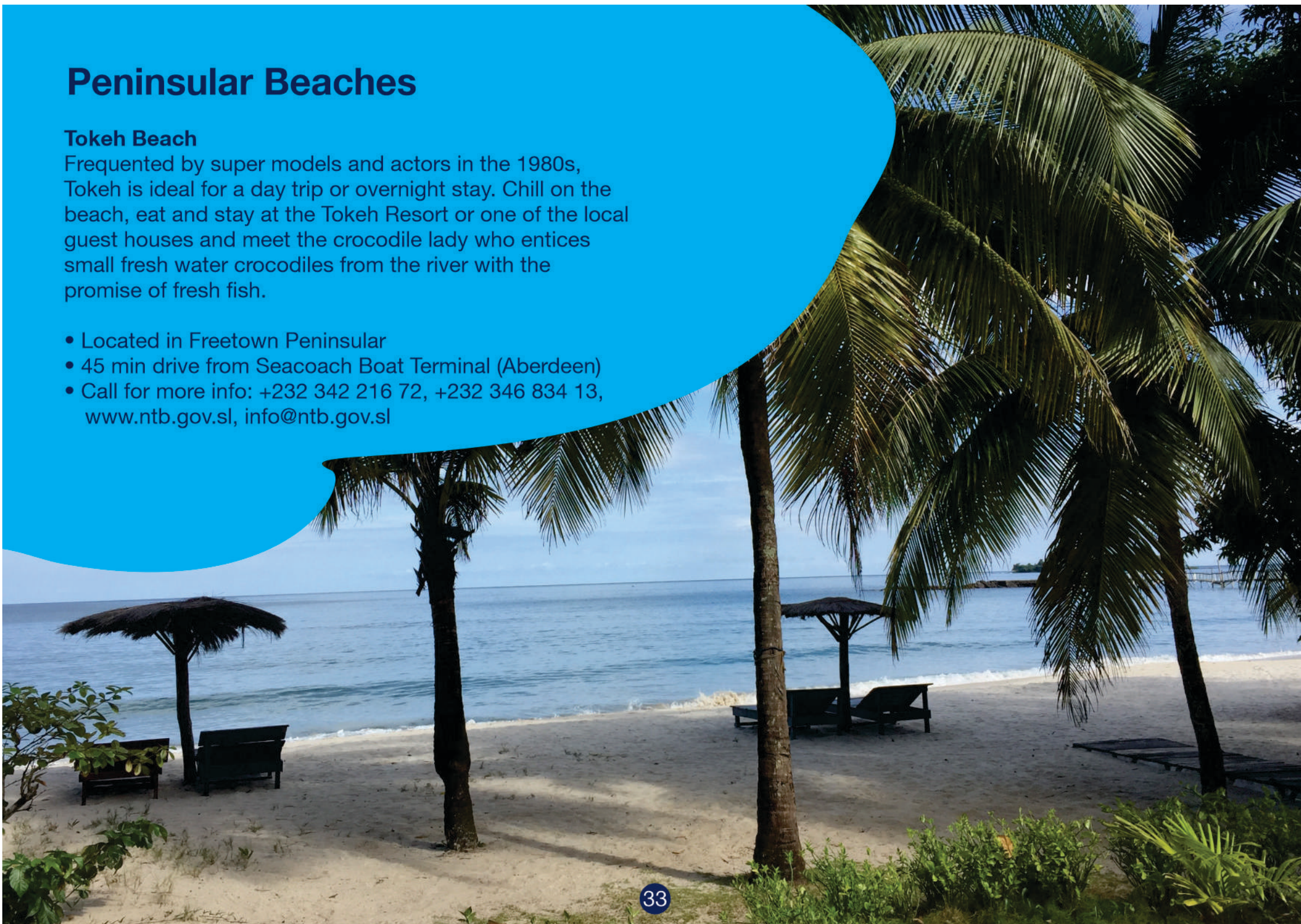


Peninsular Beaches

Tokeh Beach

Frequented by super models and actors in the 1980s, Tokeh is ideal for a day trip or overnight stay. Chill on the beach, eat and stay at the Tokeh Resort or one of the local guest houses and meet the crocodile lady who entices small fresh water crocodiles from the river with the promise of fresh fish.

- Located in Freetown Peninsular
- 45 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Peninsular Beaches

Kent Beach

Kent beach is a very beautiful beach with golden-brown Sand, ideal for boating and other sea sports. A luxurious accommodation equipped with modern facilities is now in the making. This village is also home to historic artefacts and vestiges of the Slave trade.

- Located in Freetown Peninsular
- 45 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

Bureh Beach

Bureh Beach, burrowed on Sierra Leone's picturesque coastline, is a hidden gem awaiting adventurous travelers. With its pristine golden sands and crystal-clear waters, it offers a serene escape from the bustle of city life. Surfing enthusiasts flock here to ride the Atlantic waves, while others simply relax under the swaying palms. You'll also find friendly locals and beachside cafes serving delicious seafood. Bureh Beach is home to a New surf school.

- Located on the tip of the Freetown Peninsular
- 90 min drive from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Peninsular Beaches

Black Johnson

Black Johnson is a black-sand beach and is home to Tito's Paradise Eco lodge where the Rain Forest literally spills onto the beach.

Nearby, fresh water from Big Water and Whale River flows through rocks into the sea making it an ideal spot for a dip.

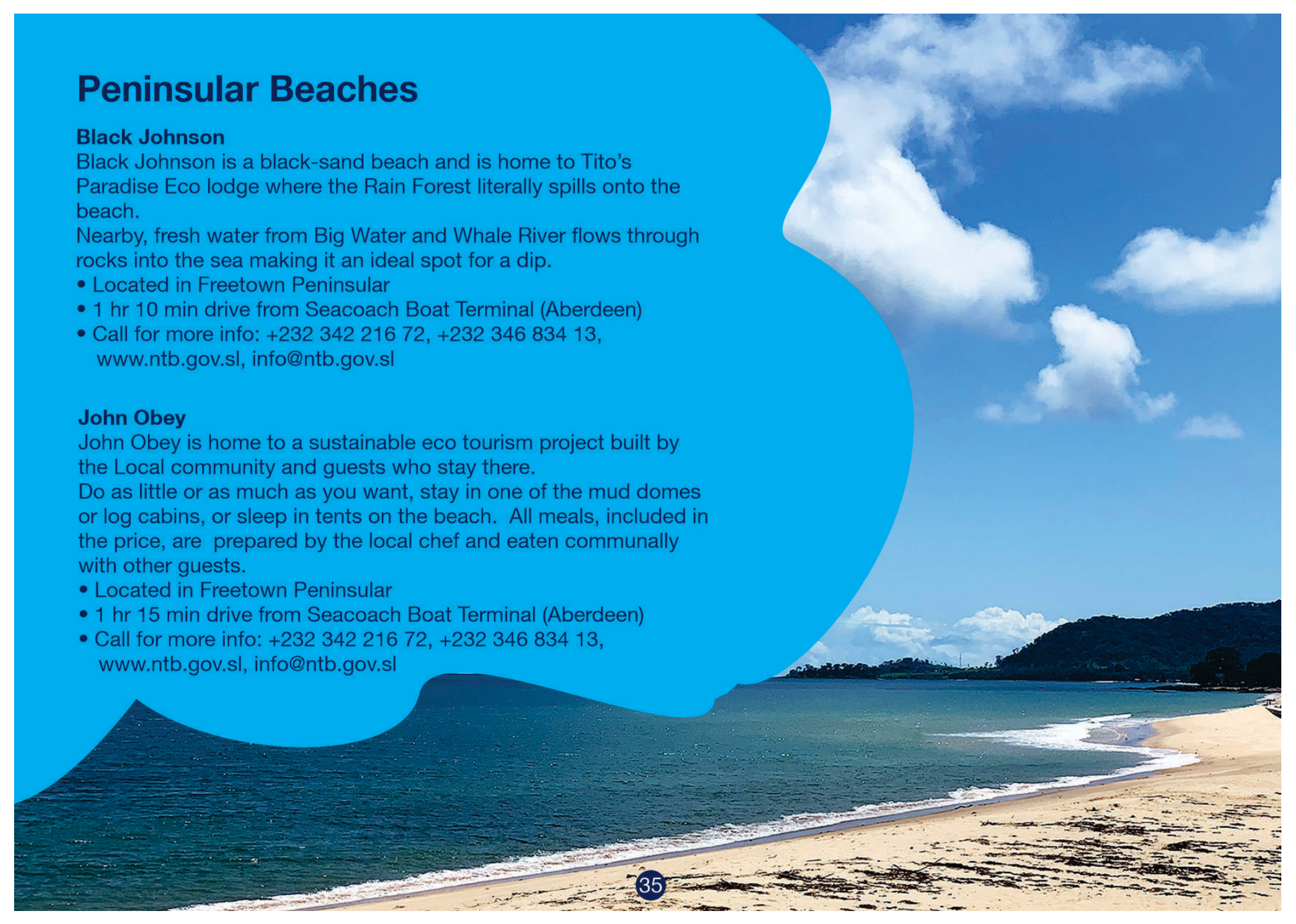
- Located in Freetown Peninsular
- 1 hr 10 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

John Obey

John Obey is home to a sustainable eco tourism project built by the Local community and guests who stay there.

Do as little or as much as you want, stay in one of the mud domes or log cabins, or sleep in tents on the beach. All meals, included in the price, are prepared by the local chef and eaten communally with other guests.

- Located in Freetown Peninsular
- 1 hr 15 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Mama Beach

Mama beach

Mama beach is a small fishing village that has a beautiful beach. Mama Beach offers a unique and authentic experience for tourists looking to explore the natural beauty and vibrant culture of this West African nation. Located on the stunning coastline of Sierra Leone along the Atlantic Ocean, Mama Beach is a place where nature and local hospitality blend seamlessly to create a memorable destination.

Mama Beach in Sierra Leone is a place where you can unwind, connect with nature, engage with the local culture, and create lasting memories. Mama Beach has a resort called Eden Park Resort. It's a collection of 18 Bungalows with 40 bed capacity facility for travelers.

- Located in Freetown Peninsular
- 1 hr 15 min drive from Seacoach Boat Terminal (Aberdeen)
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

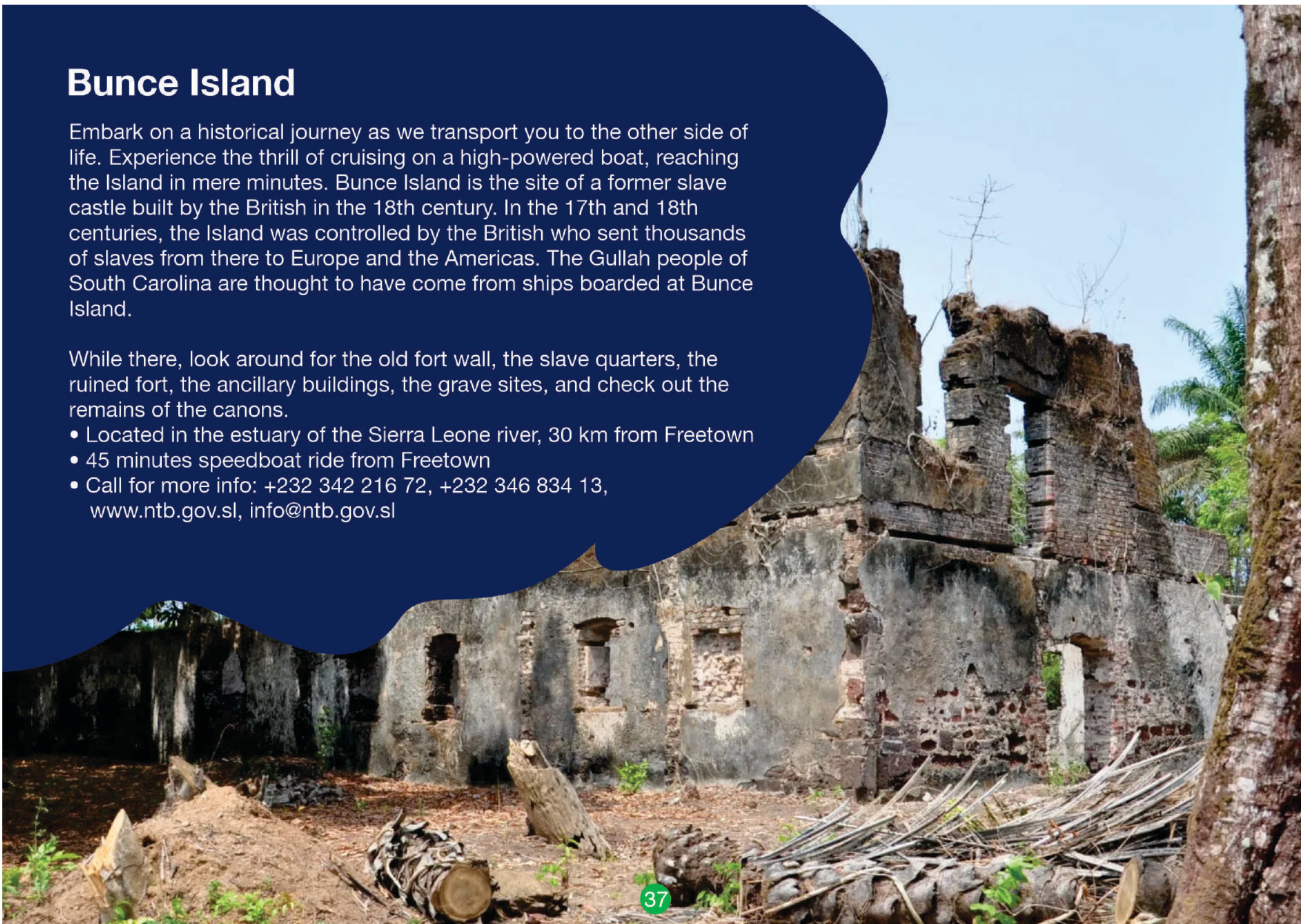


Bunce Island

Embark on a historical journey as we transport you to the other side of life. Experience the thrill of cruising on a high-powered boat, reaching the Island in mere minutes. Bunce Island is the site of a former slave castle built by the British in the 18th century. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the Island was controlled by the British who sent thousands of slaves from there to Europe and the Americas. The Gullah people of South Carolina are thought to have come from ships boarded at Bunce Island.

While there, look around for the old fort wall, the slave quarters, the ruined fort, the ancillary buildings, the grave sites, and check out the remains of the canons.

- Located in the estuary of the Sierra Leone river, 30 km from Freetown
- 45 minutes speedboat ride from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

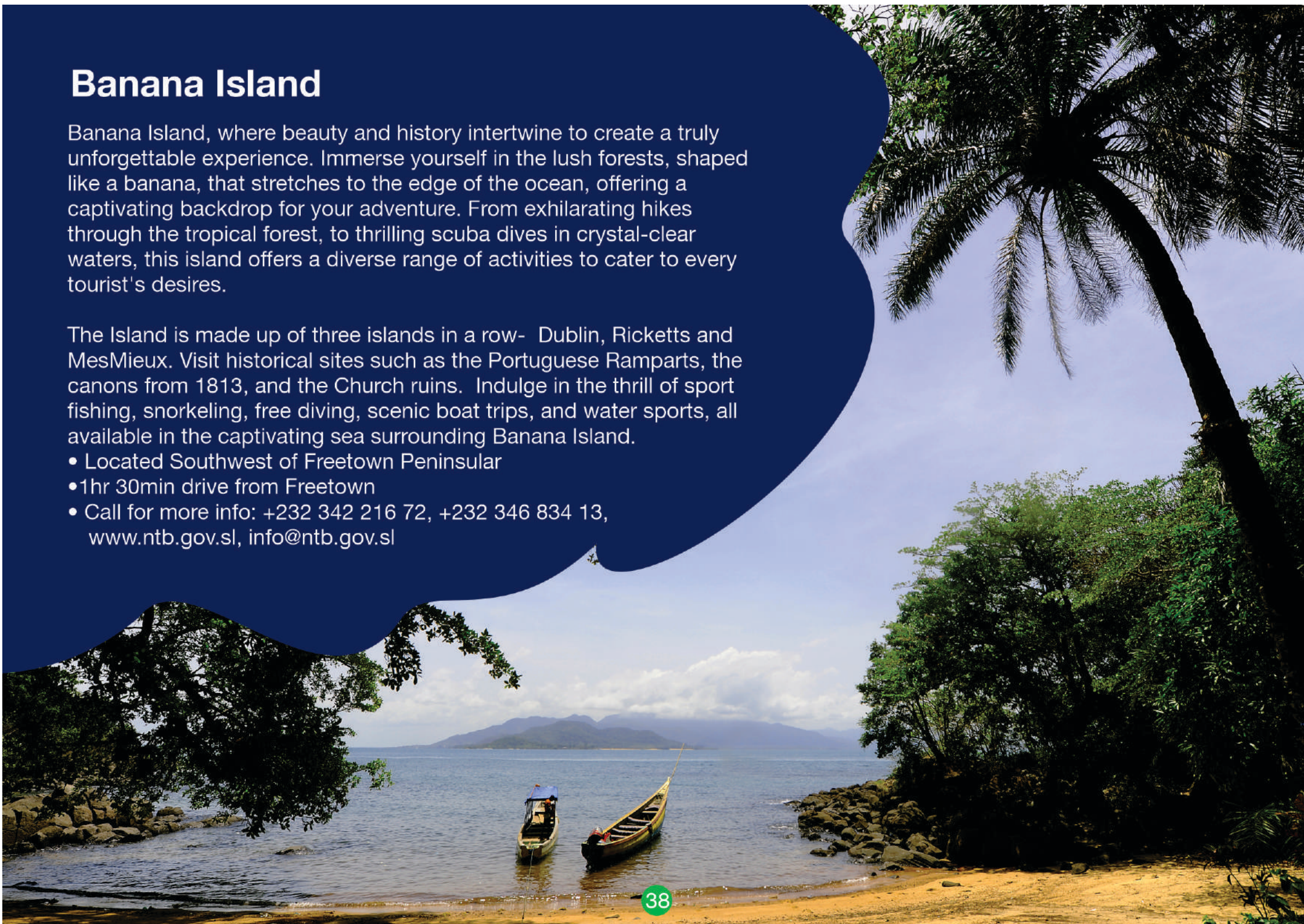


Banana Island

Banana Island, where beauty and history intertwine to create a truly unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the lush forests, shaped like a banana, that stretches to the edge of the ocean, offering a captivating backdrop for your adventure. From exhilarating hikes through the tropical forest, to thrilling scuba dives in crystal-clear waters, this island offers a diverse range of activities to cater to every tourist's desires.

The Island is made up of three islands in a row- Dublin, Ricketts and MesMieux. Visit historical sites such as the Portuguese Ramparts, the canons from 1813, and the Church ruins. Indulge in the thrill of sport fishing, snorkeling, free diving, scenic boat trips, and water sports, all available in the captivating sea surrounding Banana Island.

- Located Southwest of Freetown Peninsular
- 1hr 30min drive from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Plantain Island

Plantain Island, a lush paradise off Sierra Leone's coast, beckons you to a tropical dream. Here, endless plantain grooves sway in the gentle breeze, offering the freshest, sweetest fruit you've ever tasted. Explore pristine beaches, dive into clear azure waters, and savor the exquisite flavors of local cuisine.

Discover the vibrant culture of the island's inhabitants and be welcomed with warm smiles. This Island is where nature's bounty meets rich traditions, an idyllic getaway for those seeking a taste of the exotic. Come, savor the flavors and embrace the culture of Plantain Island.

- Located in the south western part of Freetown
- 4hrs 33 mins from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Turtle Island

Turtle Island, Sierra Leone's coastal jewel, invites you to a serene escape. This pristine haven is named for its annual turtle nesting spectacle. Picture yourself on secluded beaches, witnessing these ancient creatures lay their eggs under the moonlight. Dive into crystal-clear waters, explore vibrant coral reefs, and savor fresh seafood by the shore. Disconnect from the world, immerse in nature, and leave with memories of a lifetime. The Islands are made up of 10 small islands, the largest being Yele, and are ideal for day trips. Most of these small islands are inhabited, and are exotic environment for various marine life forms such as the nearly extinct sea Turtle.

- Located west of Bonthe/Sherbro Island
- 3hrs boat ride from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



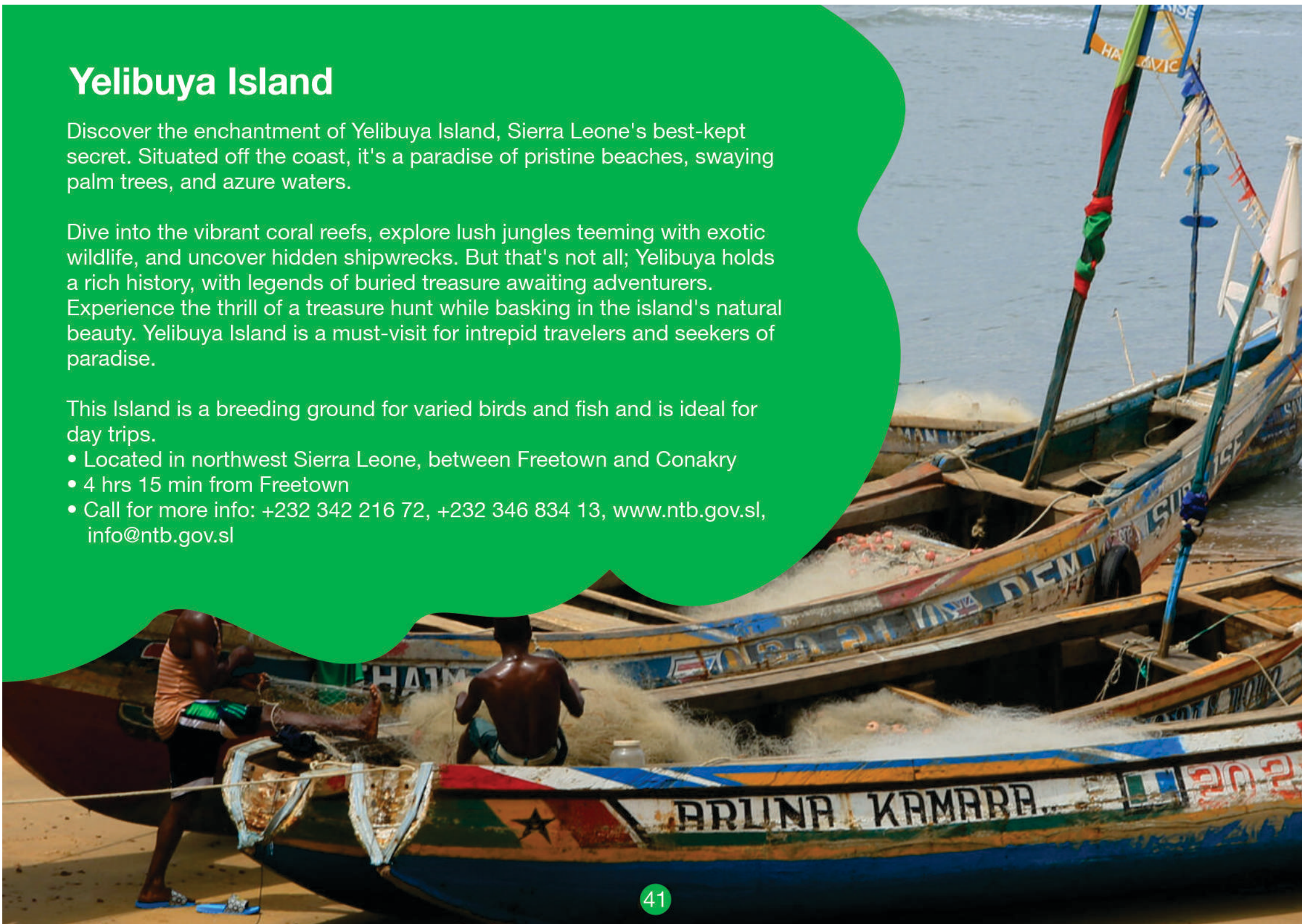
Yelibuya Island

Discover the enchantment of Yelibuya Island, Sierra Leone's best-kept secret. Situated off the coast, it's a paradise of pristine beaches, swaying palm trees, and azure waters.

Dive into the vibrant coral reefs, explore lush jungles teeming with exotic wildlife, and uncover hidden shipwrecks. But that's not all; Yelibuya holds a rich history, with legends of buried treasure awaiting adventurers. Experience the thrill of a treasure hunt while basking in the island's natural beauty. Yelibuya Island is a must-visit for intrepid travelers and seekers of paradise.

This Island is a breeding ground for varied birds and fish and is ideal for day trips.

- Located in northwest Sierra Leone, between Freetown and Conakry
- 4 hrs 15 min from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



The Adventurous North of Sierra Leone

The Northern Province of Sierra Leone unfolds as an eco-tourism and adventure haven. Its picturesque landscapes, including mountains, hills, valleys, and wetlands, are a sanctuary for unique and endangered flora and fauna. Notably, it boasts the renowned Outamba Kilimi National Park. The region offers a range of comfortable accommodations, from standard to excellent, all at affordable rates. Culinary delights span the spectrum from authentic African to enticing Ghanaian and international cuisine.

Situated to the northeast of Kamakwie in Bombali town lies the captivating Outamba Kilimi National Park, accessible by crossing the Little Scarcies River. This park is a mosaic of hills, islands, rainforests, and rivers, inviting exploration by foot or boat. Spot rare antelope and buffalo as you track them through the wilderness. Rent a canoe to observe hippos in their natural habitat or listen to the enchanting melodies of the rich birdlife, comprising over 100 species. The park is also home to various primates, their alarm calls echoing through the jungle as you paddle along the river. Basic on-site accommodation is available; however, it's advisable to make inquiries before your journey for a seamless adventure.



Outamba Kilimi National Park

Located north-east of Kamakwie in the Bombali District is Outamba Kilimi National Park. To get there you have to cross the little scarcies river. The Park contains a mixed landscape of hills, grasslands, rainforests and rivers to be explored on foot or by boat. Look out for some of the rare elephants and buffaloes and track them through dense bush.

Hire a canoe and observe hippos relaxing in their pools or listen to the songs of the rich bird-life (over 100 species) and the alarm calls of the various primates while silently paddling along the river. Simple accommodation available on site. Make enquiries before you travel.

- Located in northwest Sierra Leone, near the Guinea border
- 9 hrs drive from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13,
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Wara Wara Mountains

Wara Wara Mountains in Kabala are a magical place and an ideal spot for the adventurous at heart.

The Limba tribe believe their guardian spirit, Kumba, will cleanse and purify all those who journey to the mountain top. Perhaps that is why Sierra Leoneans travel from around the country to picnic and party high on its mountain peak every New Year's Eve. Wara Wara offers endless possibilities for interesting hikes and walks in the hills that spread out to the north-west of Kabala. There are many other interesting places to see. Ask your host, hotel, handling agent, or contact the National Tourist Board to arrange a unique experience in this enchanting place.

- Located in Kabala, Koinadugu District
- Five hours drive from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl

Mount Bintunmani

Mount Bintunmani, Sierra Leone's crown jewel, stands tall as the highest peak in West Africa. Its majestic slopes are cloaked in emerald forests, teeming with rare wildlife. As you ascend, breathtaking vistas unfold, revealing a patchwork of lush valleys and distant horizons. The air is crisp, the silence soothing, and the summit, a moment of triumph. This is nature at its most resplendent, a haven for adventurers and seekers of beauty. Mount Bintunmani - where every step is a journey to the heart of Sierra Leone's unspoiled wilderness.

- Located midway between Kabala and Koidu, among the Loma Mountains
- 5hrs from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Bumbuna Falls

Bumbuna Falls is home to the hydro electric dam and ideal for Eco-tourism activities. Bumbuna Falls is north of Makeni and is one of the most beautiful spots. The rare reddish rocks at Bumbuna Waterfalls is definitely a beautiful sight to behold and a place where nature's grandeur takes center stage, inviting you to immerse yourself in its beauty.

- Located on the Seli River, Bumbuna in Tonkolili District
- 4 hrs 30 min from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Lake Sofon

Lake Sonfon is in Diang Chiefdom, Koinadugu District, in the north of Sierra Leone. The lake is beautifully situated, surrounded by hills, forest and savannah, and serves as a water source for different species of birds. More than 110 bird species have been identified in the area including the Emerald Starling (native to Sierra Leone, Guinea and Ivory Coast) Herons and Egrets amongst many more. A mix of forest and wooded savannah lie near the lake providing a safe, cool environment, ideal for birds. Bird lovers should come well equipped with cameras and camcorders to capture some unique and special images. No accommodation is available for overnight stays but visitors can stay in nearby Kabala.

To explore the area, hook up with a local Guide.

- Located in the hills of the Sula Mountains
- 6 hrs from Freetown
- Call for more info: +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13, www.ntb.gov.sl, info@ntb.gov.sl



Travel the Exhilarating South

Southern Sierra Leone is a mesmerizing blend of pristine beaches, lush rainforests, and vibrant culture. The coastline, adorned with golden sands, meets the azure waves of the Atlantic Ocean. Here, you can explore lush jungles teeming with exotic wildlife or unwind on secluded shores, where palm trees sway in the gentle sea breeze. Immerse yourself in the rich local culture, savoring traditional cuisine and warm hospitality. From the vibrant streets of Freetown to the tranquil Turtle Islands, Southern Sierra Leone is a tapestry of natural beauty and cultural richness that awaits your exploration.



Tiwai Island Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiwai Island is part of the Upper Guinea Rainforest and is situated 50 km south of Kenema on the Moa River. The island is Covered In rainforest and Is host to eleven Primates making it the second most densely populated area for primates in the world.

The rare Black and White Colobus, the Olive Colobus, Diana Monkeys and Chimpanzees are all resident here. The island is also host to a variety of other rare and endemic species including 135 known bird Species and the endemican delusive Pygmy Hippopotamus. Take a boat across the Moa River to the island, take a guided forest walk, a boat trip, or enjoy the island on your own by winding your way along the network of forest paths into the depths of the forest surrounded by the chorus of nature. Simple accommodation is available on the island.

- Located on the Moa River in the Southern Province
- 5 hrs 2 min from Freetown
- Contact for more info: +232 76 755 146, info@tiwaiisland.org/ +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13

See the Natural wonder of the East

The Eastern Province of Sierra Leone shimmers like hidden treasure within its forested hills, a realm where nature's secrets are whispered in the rustling leaves.

Here, famous for its diamond and gold mining activities. Gola Forest, the nation's primordial rainforest, holds court here, a sanctuary where the jungle reigns. Amidst the lush green hills, vibrant birds serenade the forest's secrets, while ancient trees cradle their wisdom. Chimps swing through the emerald canopy, their calls echoing through time, and hippos find solace in hidden pools. Leave the bustle of Freetown behind and take the path less traveled.

The road to Nema, winding and wild, whispers of adventure, and in just five hours by four-wheel drive, you will find yourself immersed in the heart of this island.



Gola Forest Reserve (South East)

Sierra Leone's green diamond. Some 40km East of Kenema is the Gola Rainforest National Park, officially opened in 2010 and only Sierra Leone's second national park. It is Sierra Leone's largest tract of rainforest and was originally part of a larger forest that covered much of West Africa's coastal Region.

The Forest is home to the most Interesting and spectacular diversity of Wildlife to be found in Sierra Leone and, Indeed, West Africa.

This includes over 330 bird species, over 650 species of butterfly and 49 species of Mammals including a population of over 300 Chimpanzees. It is also home to the Pygmy Hippopotamus and a small Forest Elephant population. Accommodation is available on site in local community Guest Houses.

- Located in the eastern and southern provinces, 330km southeast of Freetown
- 4 hrs 40 min from Freetown
- Contact for more info: +232 76 420 218, info@golarainforest.org/ +232 342 216 72, +232 346 834 13



Hotels & Guest Houses

A Harmony of Elegance, luxury & Comfort

Hotels and guest houses in Sierra Leone offer diverse options for travelers. From upscale beachfront resorts in Freetown to budget-friendly guest houses in provincial towns, there's something for everyone. These accommodations often feature comfortable rooms, local and international cuisine, and warm hospitality. Whether you seek a luxurious escape or a more affordable stay, Sierra Leone's hospitality sector has options that cater to various preferences and budgets.

Radisson Blu Mamy Yoko

Address: 17 Lumley Beach Road, Aberdeen
Email: reservationfreetown@radissonblu.com
Tel. No: 079454000/076465486

Bintumani Hotel

Address: 11A Man of War Bay, Aberdeen
Freetown.
Email: bintumanihotel@yahoo.com
Tel.No: 030821111/076900300

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Tel.No: 030821111/076900300

The Hub Hotel

Address: 6 Regent Road (Bottom Mango)
Wilberforce, Freetown.
Email: info@thethubjuliasamot.com
Tel No: 088112120/ 077270000

Home Suites Hotel

Address: Bintumani Drive, Aberdeen Freetown
Email: info@homesuitessl.com
Tel No: 030222227/ 088041931

Golden Tulip Essential Hotel

Address: Bintumani Drive, Aberdeen Freetown
Email: info@goldentulip.com
Tel No: 079582465/030269534

The Place Resort

Address: Tokeh Village off Peninsula
Email: welcome@stayattheplace.com
Tel No: 099604002/ 030960016

Hotel Barmoi

Address: 72c Cape Road Aberdeen Freetown
Email: md@hotelbarmoi.com
Tel No: 030960024/030960016

Eden Park Resort

Address: Mama Beach, Off Main Peninsula Road
Email: rugem@yahoo.com
Tel No: 076609732

Hill Valley Hotel

Address: 34 Signal Hill Road Off Congo Cross
Email: hillvalleymgmt@gmail.com
Tel No: 076610439/078419520

Leone Lodge Hotel

Address: 90 King street, up Hull Way, Lumley
Email: taiaresort@gmail
Tel no: 076800300/078149718

Africanus Hotel

Address: 1 Frazer Davies Drive off King Street
Email: reservation@hotelafricanus.com
Tel No: 077700020/076601168

Hotel De La Joie

Address: Lumley Beach Road Aberdeen
Email: hoteldelajoie@yahoo.com
Tel No: 076584054/078869828

Hotel Mariam

Address: 5A off Beach Road Aberdeen
Email: info@hotelmariamsl.com
Tel No: 076758754/076629156

Jam Lodge Hotel

Address: 3 Buckley Drive off Main motor Road
Congo Cross.
Email: info@jam lodge.com
Tel no: 079667788/030667788

Hotel Conteh U

Address: Conteh U Drive off main Azzolini H/W
Email: hotelcontehu@yahoo.com
Tel No: 078012322/076605665

Buya's Hotel

Address: 14 Rotifunk Road, Portloko
Tel No: 076751325

Galliness Paradise

Address: Off Bo/Kenema Highway, Bo
Email:
Tel No: 076941900/088720605

Dohas Hotel

Address: 103 Towama Road Highway, Bo
Email: s.m.1964y@hotmail.com
Tel no: 076640387/079944444

Leone Taiama Lodge

Address: Freetown Bo Highway, Taiama Junction
Email: leonlodge@hotmail.com
Tel No: 076324000/076625401

Capitol Hotel

Address: 51 Hanga Road Kenema
Email:
Tel No: 076746457/076609060

Bafa Resort

Address: Banana Island Doblin
Email: info@fabaresort.com
Tel No: 099140140/099130130

China Town Guest House

Address: Lumley Beach Road, Aberdeen, Freetown
Email: fouadlanlan@ya.com
Tel No: 076652377/076625239

Axxess Guest House

Address: Lumley Beach Road Freetown
Email: axxess2022@gmail.com
Tel no: 074522100/090522100

Hotoba Lodge

Address: 5 Boyle Lane., Freetown
Email: info@thehotobahlodge.net
Tel No: 076241212/030241212

Dalton Banana Guest House

Address: Bansoko Beach Banana Island
Email: gdo65@gmail.com
Tel No: 099244916/076278120

Lacs Villa Guest House

Address: 3a Cantonment Road, Off King Harman Road, Freetown
Email: lacsvilla@yahoo.com
Tel No: 076601762/033141840

Leisure Lodge

Address: Off main cape Road Aberdeen, Freetown
Email: info2leisurelodgehotel.com
Tel No: 076417402/078498784

Estuary Resort

Address: Black Johnson
Email: wabturker027@gmail.com
Tell No: 099305242/ 076685977

Dorwaila Inn & Suites Hotel

Address: 12, Dorwaila Avenue, Reservation Area, Kenema
Email: info@dorwaila.com
Tel No: 033212121 / 079121212

Cockle point Guest House

Address: Number 2 River Off Main Peninsula
Email: coclepoint.com
Tel No: 076687823/076416013

Dupsal Resort

Address: Old York Road Sussex
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Australeone Guest House

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Banking Institutions

The Bank of Sierra Leone regulates Banking activities in Sierra Leone. Banks are located in Freetown, Bo. Kono, Kenema and Makeni. Most posted daily rate.

Money can be Received at Western Union, MoneyGram and some other banks. Cash May be drawn on credit cards at Some of the major Banks. Banking hours are generally open From 8.30 am to 3:30pm from Monday to Friday. Some Banks Operate on Saturdays. Currencies can be exchanged at selected institutions. For further details please contact The following respective banks.

Vista Bank Sierra Leone

2B Charlotte Street, Freetown

Tel: +23277783367

Website: info@vistabankgroup.com

Guaranty Trust Bank [SL] Ltd

12 Wilberforce Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Tel: +23299088888

Web: www.gtbank.com

Access Bank SL Ltd

30 Siaka Steven Street, Freetown

Tel: +232 30969943

Website: www.accessbankpsl.com

Sierra Leone Commercial Bank SL Ltd

29/30 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown

Web: www.slcb.biz

Email: slcb@slcb.biz

Union Trust Bank [SL] Ltd

Lightfoot Boston Street, Freetown

Tel: +232-22 226214

Web: www.utbsl.com

First International Bank (SL) Ltd.

2 Charlotte Street P.O Box 450, Freetown

Sierra Leone

Email: info@fib-sl.Com

Web: www.fibanksl.com.

United Bank Of Africa (SL) Ltd

15 Charlotte Street, Freetown

Tel: +23278 200200

Email: cicsierraleone@ubagroup.com

Web: www.ubagroup.com

Eco Bank (SL)Ltd

487 Lightfoot Boston Street

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Web: www.ecobank.com

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Mobile: +232 (0) 76 801 492
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Email: Brewah_macbolma@kenya-airways.com
Web: www.kenya-airways.com

Turkish Airline

Lungi Airport
<https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-us/flights/flights-to-freetown/>

Mauritania Airline

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National Museum Gifts Shop
Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown

Big Market

Wallace Johnson Street, Freetown
Family Kingdom Arts & Crafts Center
Lumley Beach, Freetown

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A.Yazbeck & Sons Travel Agency

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5 Walpole Street, Freetown
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Mobile: +232 76 563358
E-mail: info@tourismislife.com
Website: www.tourismislife.com

GB's Travel Agency

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