

Discovering Nigeria

A Journey Through Culture, Nature, and Creativity





Welcome to the Giant of Africa

With over 250 **ethnic groups** (including the Yoruba, Igbo, and Hausa) and a population of over 200 million, Nigeria is a vibrant **mosaic** of languages, traditions, and landscapes. From soaring mountains to a booming global music scene, discover the energy of West Africa's cultural **powerhouse**.



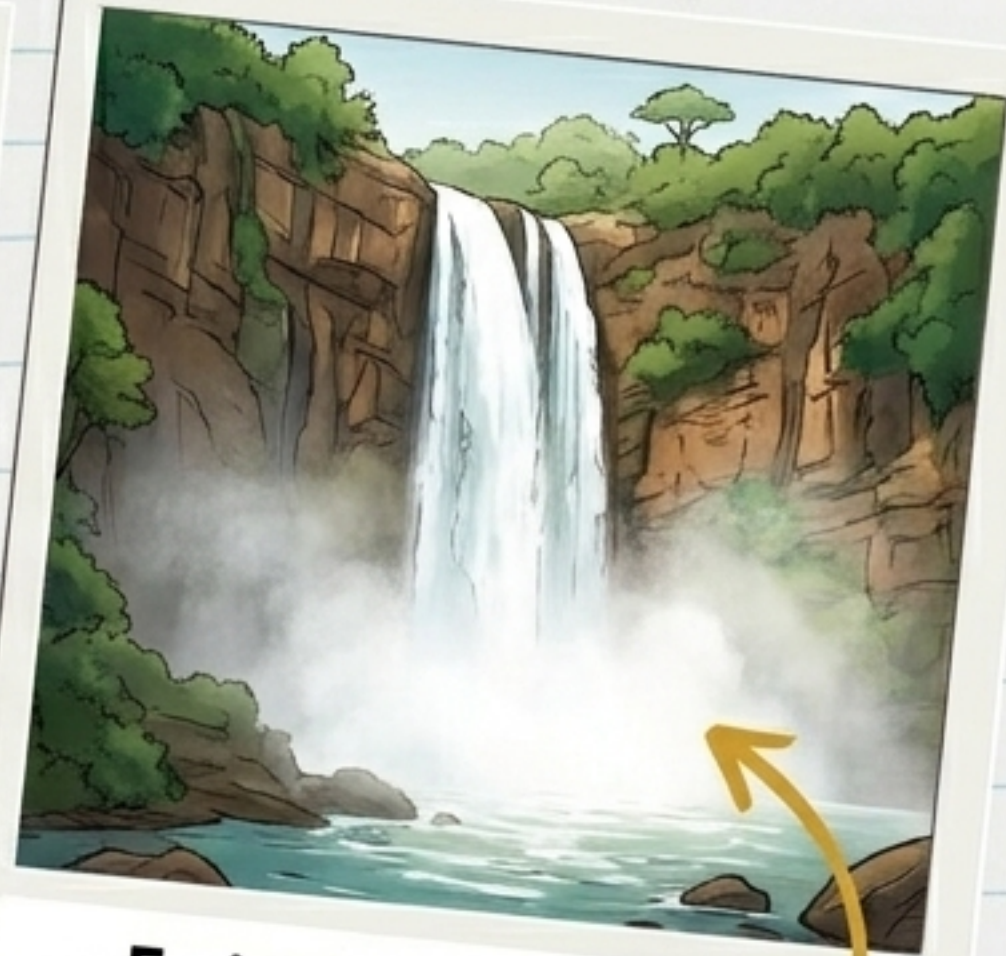
Breathtaking Landscapes



Zuma Rock: A massive 725-meter **monolith** known as the Gateway to Abuja.



Ikogosi Warm Springs: A rare natural wonder where a cold spring and a warm spring flow side-by-side.



Farin Ruwa Waterfalls: Plunging 150 meters, its name means White Water due to its brilliant **mist**.



City Energy vs. Plateau Peace

Vibe

Lagos: Fast-paced, bustling commercial capital.

Jos: Relaxed, peaceful tourist haven with a cool climate.

Landscape

Lagos: Coastal beaches, oceans, and urban wetlands (Lekki Conservation Centre).

Jos: High altitudes, dramatic rock formations (Shere Hills).

Attractions

Lagos: Vibrant nightlife, global tech startups, booming art galleries.

Jos: Wildlife parks, historic museums, scenic waterfalls.

A Culture of Celebration



The Durbar Festival (North):
A grand, historic parade of colorfully dressed horsemen showcasing Islamic heritage and warrior traditions.



Calabar Carnival (South):
Africa's biggest street party! A month-long December event filled with vibrant costumes, marching bands, and music.

A top-down view of a wooden cutting board or table. It is covered with various fresh ingredients and spices. On the left side, there are several bright red, glossy peppers of different shapes. In the top right, there are two large, ripe red tomatoes. In the bottom left, there is a piece of fresh ginger root. Scattered across the board are several dark brown, dried cloves. There are also some piles of ground spices, including a reddish-orange powder and a darker, more granular one. The wood grain of the board is clearly visible, running horizontally.

The Taste of West Africa

Bold, Spicy, and Unforgettable

What's on the Menu?

The legendary national dish. **Smoky** and **spicy** rice cooked in a rich tomato and pepper broth.



Savory, spicy grilled meat skewers coated in a special groundnut (peanut) spice blend. Popular street food!



A soft starch ball used to scoop up a **hearty** melon-seed soup filled with leafy greens.



A refreshing, **tart** drink made from dried hibiscus leaves, ginger, and cloves.



The Global Sound of Nigeria



1960s - The Roots

- Fela Kuti creates Afrobeat, blending traditional West African percussion with jazz and funk. The lyrics focus heavily on social justice.



2000s - The Shift

- The sound evolves. Hip-hop and pop influences are added to create high-energy, electronic dance tracks.



Today - The World Stage

- Modern Afrobeat artists like Burna Boy and Wizkid win Grammys, top global charts, and influence mainstream pop music worldwide.

Creative Powerhouses



Nigerian artists are breaking records at global auctions. Their work brilliantly mixes ancient traditions—like famous **Nok terracottas** and **Benin bronzes**—with modern themes of identity and resilience.



The **second-largest film industry in the world** by volume! Nigerian cinema tells compelling, authentic local stories that are watched across the globe.

Telling Nigerian Stories

Nigeria is enjoying a 21st-century literary renaissance. Writers like Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Ayobami Adebayo offer a peek into the minds of modern Nigerians.

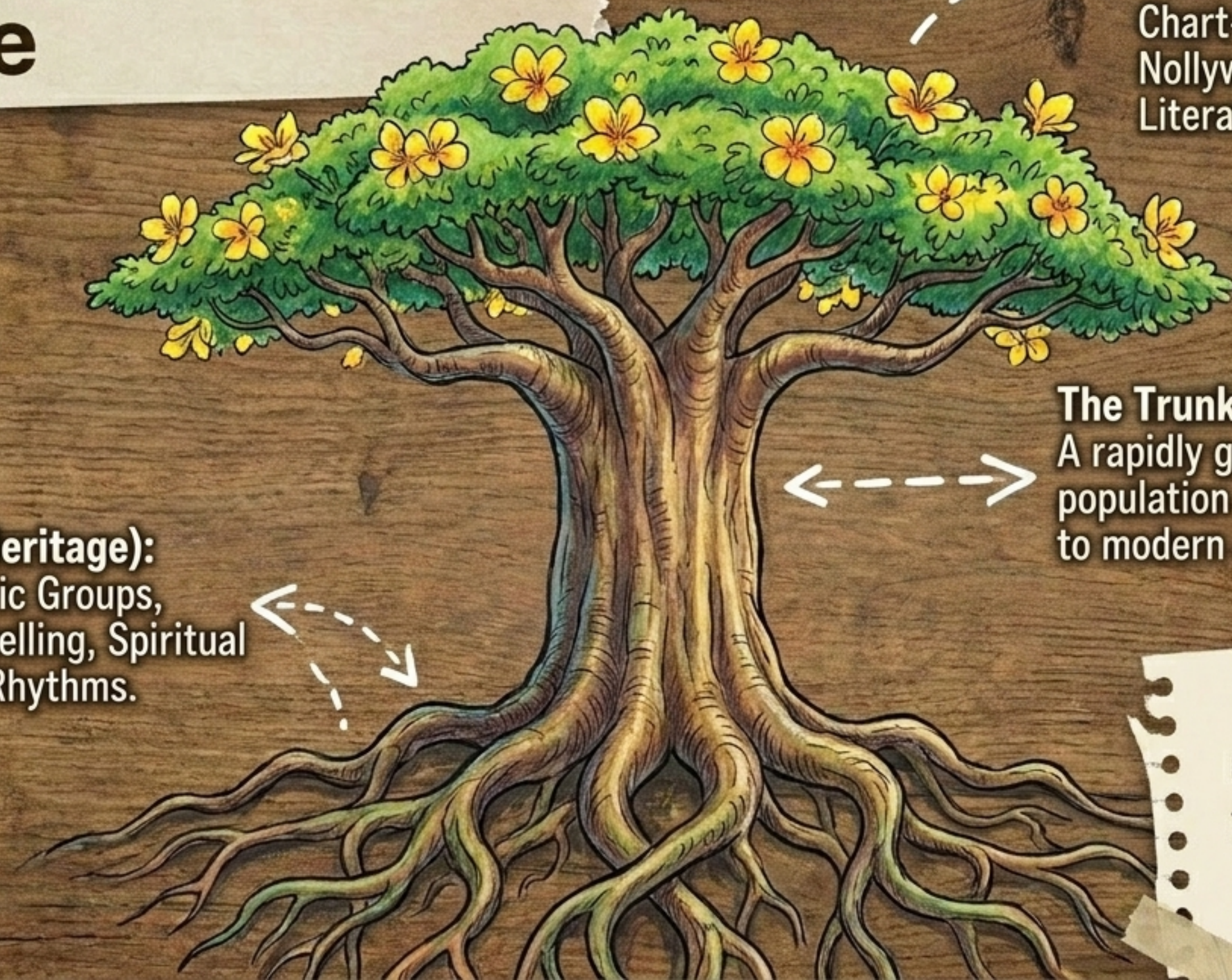


Tradition vs.
Modernity
(Clashing
expectations)

Rural vs.
Urban
(Village life vs.
City hustle)

Global
Identity
(Immigration
and belonging)

The Global Cultural Engine



The Roots (Heritage):
Over 250 Ethnic Groups,
Ancient Storytelling, Spiritual
Art, Complex Rhythms.

The Trunk (Resilience):
A rapidly growing, youthful
population innovating and adapting
to modern challenges.

The Branches (Global Impact):
Chart-topping Afrobeats,
Nollywood Cinema, Prize-winning
Literature, High-end Fashion.

Takeaway:
Nigeria's power comes
from honoring its deep
roots while fearlessly
embracing the future.

How much do you remember?



True or False:

1. Jollof rice is a sweet dessert made with milk. (T / F)
2. Nollywood is the second-largest film industry in the world. (T / F)
3. The city of Jos is known for its hot coastal beaches. (T / F)


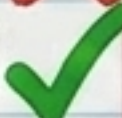

Short Answer:

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5. Which Nigerian music genre was pioneered by Fela Kuti in the 1960s?


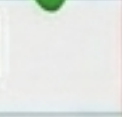

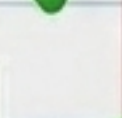
Let's check your answers!



True or False:

-  1. False. Jollof rice is a savory, spicy tomato and pepper dish.
-  2. True. It produces thousands of movies loved across the globe.
-  3. False. Jos has a cool climate and mountains. Lagos has the coastal beaches.

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-  4. Zuma Rock.
-  5. Afrobeat.

Over to You!

Which natural wonder or city in Nigeria would you most like to visit, and why?

Does your home country have a famous dish like Jollof Rice or a popular music style like Afrobeats? Describe it!

Why do you think it is important for a country to share its movies, books, and music with the world?