



CARNIVAL CALABAR AND FESTIVAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

Theme:

*Calabar Festival ...The Sweetness Continues
Carnival Calabar ...Our Shared Prosperity*

DATE	PROPERTIES	VENUE	TIME	REMARKS
SATURDAY 30/11/24	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND FIRE WORKS EXPERIENCE	MILLENNIUM PARK	10PM	ANNOUNCING THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS IN CROSS RIVER STATE MAJOR CITIES - CALABAR, IKOM, OGOJA. THIS NIGHT BIRTHS FLICKERS AND ILLUMINATION IN THESE CITIES, FOR A SLEEPLESS AND BUSTLING 32 DAYS.
SATURDAY 30/11/24	CITY WALK AGAINST AIDS/OPENING OF FESTIVAL VILLAGE BY HER EXCELLENCY WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR.	FLAG OFF - RABANA ROUNDABOUT - CALABAR MUNICIPALITY CALABAR.	7AM	WORLD AIDS DAY, CITY WALK IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY FOR A HEALTHY LIVING AND FOR HUMANITY.
	OPENING OF THE CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE	CALABAR MUNICIPALITY	9AM	FESTIVAL VILLAGE OPENING CONCERT - PERFORMANCES AND BRAND ACTIVATIONS.
	OPENING OF ARTS EXHIBITION	NATIONAL MUSEUM (OLD RESIDENCY)	4PM	TRACES OF TIME - 2 (VERNISSAGE OPENING)
	VOICES OF PARADISE 1.0	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	FINALS OF CHIOR COMPETITION THAT WOULD SHOWCASE MELODIOUS CREATIVITY AND SOLFA NOTATION INNOVATIONS.

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MONDAY 2/12/24	ARTS EXHIBITION	NATIONAL MUSEUM	9AM	TRACES OF TIME
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT VILLAGE OPENING BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR	ARTS AND CRAFT VILLAGE	12PM	LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEATURES OF CULTURAL BEAUTIES AND HERITAGE AROUND THE 18 L.G.A.
	31 DAYS SEASON LONG MUSICAL PERFORMANCES & ACTS	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	7PM	THE COMPLETE SEASON LONG FESTIVAL VILLAGE EXPERIENCE SHOWING NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES: CALABAR GOT TALENT, NIGHT OF A THOUSAND DANCE, PLAY-DJ COMPETITION, BRANDS FEATURES AND LOTS MORE, CARNIVAL CALABAR FESTIVAL AND LOTTERY
TUESDAY 3/12/24	WORLD DISABLE DAY	CULTURAL CENTER GROUND	3PM	CELEBRATING PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXHIBITION - NORTH	ARTS AND CRAFTS VILLAGE	NOON	EXHIBITIONS OF CULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE NORTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT - DANCE, LIFESTYLE, MASQUERADE, MUSIC, CUISINES AND WINERY.
WED. 4/12/24	CROSS RIVER AGRI-CULTURAL ENSEMBLE AND FESTIVAL (CRAEFEST)	CULTURAL CENTER	10AM	A TYPICAL AGRO INFO AND EDUTAINMENT EXPERIENCE.
	CALABAR LAFTA FIESTA 1.0	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	THE NIGHT OF UNLEASHING THE UNIVERSAL THERAPY OF LAUGHTER AND AMUSEMENT.
THURS. 5/12/24	CALABAR THEATER - THIS OUR CHANCE (JAMES ENE HENSHAW @ 100)	CULTURAL CENTER	5PM	CREATING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND REALITY TO BOND AND REUNITE IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF BALANCED FEELING.
FRI. 6/12/24	B-RED LIVE IN CALABAR CONCERT	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	4PM	BE-RED LIVE IN CALABAR CONCERT

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SATURDAY 7/12/24	J.O.E TENNIS TOURNAMENT CROSS RIVER OPEN - 2ND EDITION (7-8/12/24)	CALABAR SPORT CLUB	3PM	A SPORTS FOUNDATION TENNIS COMPETITION INTENDED TO NURTURE AND PROMOTE TALENTS IN LAWN TENNIS.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - KICKOFF	U. J. ESUENE SPORTS STADIUM	4PM	EXECUTIVE AND EXCLUSIVE NOVELTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND SPONSORS.
	SEAT OUT WITH MINISTERS AND THEIR SPOUSES WITH THEIR EXCELLENCE	METROPOLITAN HOTEL	7PM	AN EVENING OF MERRIMENT WITH THE CLERGY
SUNDAY 8/12/24	CARNIVAL CALABAR DRY RUN - ADULT	CARNIVAL ROUTE	3PM	CARNIVAL ROAD PRACTICE AHEAD OF THE CARNIVAL CALABAR COLOURFUL PARADE.
	VOICES OF PARADISE 1.0	MILLENNIUM PARK	4PM	FINALS OF CHOR COMPETITION THAT WOULD SHOWCASE MELODIOUS CREATIVITY AND SOLFA NOTATION INNOVATIONS.
	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE	7PM	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
MONDAY 9/12/24	LOCAL GOVERNMENT SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXHIBITION - CENTRAL	ARTS AND CRAFT VILLAGE	NOON	EXHIBITIONS OF CULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT - DANCE, LIFESTYLE, MASQUERADE, MUSIC, CUISINES AND WINERY.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	5PM	ELIMINATION ROUNDS
	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE		CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT

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TUESDAY 10/12/24	CALABAR THEATRE (KIDDIES MUSIC FESTIVAL)	CICC	4PM	CHILDREN THEATRICAL EXPRESSION
	CALABAR FESTIVAL MAGIC AND ACROBATIC/ CALABAR GOT TALENT 1.0	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	ACROBATICS INTERWOVEN WITH DRAMA, DANCE AND WONDERS. AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENT EXPOSE' AND REWARD IN MUSIC, DANCE, SPOKEN WORDS AND HYPING.
WED. 11/12/24	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBAL TOURNAMENT	U. J. ESUENE SPORTS STADIUM	3PM	ELIMINATION ROUNDS
	REGGAE SPLASH	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	LEGENDARY NIGHT OF REGGAE PERFORMANCES LED BY BLACKKY, V. ESHIET, ORITZ WILLIKIE, ETC
THURS. 12/12/24	CALABAR FESTIVAL OF GAMES AND CHILLS	MILLENIUM PARK	NOON	AN EVENING OF GAMES, MUSIC,DANCE AND PARTY
FRIDAY 13/12/24	OLD SCHOOL NIGHT	PRESTINE EVENT CENTER	4PM	GOING BACK MEMORY LANE
	CALABAR LAFTA FIESTA 2.0	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	LAFTA FIESTA 2.0 IS THE COMEFLAXIN VACCINE THAT WOULD RESET THE HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY FOR A CONTINUED SWEETNESS AGAINST ALL DISPLEASURE.
	GREEN RHYTHM DRUM FESTIVAL	THE TUFF ARENA AKAI EFFA	7PM	BE INSPIRED BY NIGERIAN'S BEST DRUMMING SENSATION.
SAT. 14/12/24	HOWASA MARATHON	HOPE WADDLE TRAINING INSTITUTE	7AM	FESTIVAL SPORTING AND FITNESS PREP.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBAL TOURNAMENT	U. J. ESUENE SPORTS STADIUM	5PM	FEMALE SUPER CUP FIXTURES - TO PROMOTE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHY LIVING IN WOMEN

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SUNDAY 15/12/24	JUNIOR CARNIVAL DRY RUN	CARNIVAL ROUTE	1PM	REHEARSAL PARADE FOR JUNIOR CARNIVAL BANDS.
	VOICES OF PARADISE 2.0	MILLENNIUM PARK	6PM	CHOIR COMPETITION ELIMINATION ROUNDS CONTINUE.
	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT			CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
MONDAY 15/12/24	MMADIAHA CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARE CAMP - OPENING CEREMONY	OLD RESIDENCE MUSEUM	9AM	CROSS RIVER STATE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HOME FIT FOR A CHILD, THIS IS A HOLIDAY WORLD FOR CHILDREN DURING THE FESTIVITY.
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT SENATORIAL EXHIBITION - SOUTH	ARTS AND CRAFT VILLAGE	NOON	EXHIBITIONS OF CULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE SOUTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT - DANCE, LIFESTYLE, MASQUERADE, MUSIC, CUISINES AND WINERY.
	CROSS RIVER MOVIE AWARD/PARADISE MUSIC AND FESTIVAL AWARD	CULTURAL CENTER MAIN BOWL	7PM	AWARDS AND HONOURS OF REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE NIGERIA MOVIE AND MUSIC INDUSTRY.
TUESDAY 17/12/24	MARY SLESSOR GOLF TOURNAMENT	CALABAR GOLF COURSE	9AM	A PROMOTIONAL GOLFING TOURNAMENT IN HONOR OF THE LEGENDARY LADY MARY SLESSOR FOR HER SERVICE TO HUMANITY AS RECORDED IN THE CROSS RIVER STATE HISTORY PAGES.
	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE		CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
WED. 18/12/24	NAIJA MOST WANTED	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	THE NAIJA MOST WANTED NIGHT PARADES AND SHARES THE CALABAR FESTIVAL STAGE WITH POPULAR AND TOP CHAT/HIT RECORD ARTIST FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

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THURS. 19/12/24	NIGERIA STRONGEST MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION (19TH/20TH)	MILLENNIUM PARK	9AM	A TEST OF STRENGTH AND CALIBRE.
	BOAT REGATTA - MBUBA UBOM	MARINA RESORT	NOON	A BOAT HOUSE TRADITIONAL COMPETING SPORTS OF THE RIVERIAN SETTLERS OF OLD CALABAR. DIFFERENT TRADITIONAL HOMES COMPETE IN BOAT RACING FOR REWARD AND PRIDING IN THE LOCAL SKILL OF HAND PADDLING SPEED.
	COLORFEST 2.0	ANCHORVINO (OLD PARLIAMENTARY)		
FRIDAY 20/12/24	CALABAR FOOD FESTIVAL	AFRICAN CLUB CALABAR	12PM	TRADITIONAL MEALS FROM CALABAR AND VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND NKUHO EXPERIENCE.
	CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER WITH THE VETERANS (SENIOR CITIZENS)	AFRICAN CLUB CALABAR	3PM	
	(CALABAR FESTIVAL FUN FEST)	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	NOON	MUSIC,GAMES FUN FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITIONS - FREESTYLE.
SATURDAY 21/12/24	CALABAR FESTIVAL ALUMNI WALK-A-THONE	SPECIAL ROUTING FROM MILLENNIUM PARK	7AM	A SPORTING REUNION EXPERIENCE FOR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS, PROMISING TO TRIGEER HOMECOMING AND PRIDING.
	UTOMO OBONG	OBONG'S COLISEUM	10AM	CULTURAL HOMAGE TO THE TREATY AND CHRISTIAN KING OF THE EFIK KINGDOM AND DYNASTY.
	CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR STREET CHILDREN	CULTURAL CENTER	2PM	CELEBRATING THE STREET CHILDREN IN THE YELLOWTIDE SEASON
SUNDAY 22/12/24	VOICES OF PARADISE 3.0	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	6PM	GRAND FINALE OF THE THREE TIER CHIOR COMPETITION, A NIGHT OF GLORY AND BLISS.

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SUNDAY 22/12/24	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE	6PM	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
MONDAY 23/12/24	CHRISTMAS GIFT TO 3000 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES ACROSS 18 LGAS	18 LGA	10AM	ACROSS THE THREE SENATORIAL DISTRICTS
	CALABAR HUMANITY CHARITY TOUR	SELECTED ORPHANAGE HOMES	10AM	SUPPORT FOR ORPHANAGE
	MBONO NDITO ISHIE	ISHIE SQUARE, IKOT ISHIE	12PM	CULTURAL FIESTA AND SUSTAINING AFRICAN HERITAGE
	AFRICAN FASHION FIESTA	CICC	5PM	FASHION ENSUMBLE
	CALABAR FESTIVAL OF GRILLS	MARINA WATER FRONT		A BLEND OF BARBECUE, FRIUTY MIX, HEALTHY TEA, MAHOGANY AND JAZZ MUSIC.
	SEA FOOD FESTIVAL	MARINA WATER FRONT	5PM	A COLLECTION OF SEA FOOD FROM CALABAR EXTRACTION
	CALABAR ROYAL DANCE	CULTURAL MAIN BOWL	7PM	EXCLUSIVE THEATER
TUESDAY 24/12/24	CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (SENIOR CITIZENS)	AFRICAN CLUB	3PM	CELEBRATION OF VETERANS AND SENIOR CITIZENS
	FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS	PEREGRINO BANQUET HALL GOVERNMENT HOUSE	7PM	OBSERVING THE RITUALS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AS RECORDED.
	AYA BEACH PICNIC OGOJA		NOON	
WED. 25/12/24	CALABAR KIDDIES HERO XMAS PARTY MMADIAHA SANTA EXPERIENCE	OLD RESIDENCE MUSUEM	2PM	COSTUMED CHARACTERS FEATURE PARTY FOR CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS DAY - BEN TEN, SPIDERMAN, LEGO, GREEN LANTERN, FLASH, WONDER WOMAN, THOR, IRON MAN, CAPTAIN AMERICA, ETC.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	MUSICAL CONCERT

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WED. 25/12/24	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE	6PM	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
THURS. 26/12/24	CULTURAL CARNIVAL	MILLENNIUM PARK FLAG OFF THROUGH RABANA TURNING	9AM	CULTURAL BEAUTIES AROUND THE STATE AND NATION PARADING HALF THE MARKED CIRCUIT OF THE CARNIVAL CALABAR ROUTE.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND POOL PARTY	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	2PM	THE CHRISTMAS GROOVE FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE FATHER CHRISTMAS POOLSIDE GROTTO.
	NIGHT OF KINGS AND QUEENS OF THE CARNIVAL CALABAR BANDS	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	COMPETITION AND THE GLORY OF MASQUERADES.
	GOVERNOR'S BALL	PEREGRINO BANQUET HALL GOVERNMENT HOUSE	7PM	A NIGHT OF PARTYING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S FRIENDS, CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRIES AND CELEBRITIES
FRIDAY 27/12/24	JUNIOR CARNIVAL (FUTURE ASSURED)	FLAG OFF - BOTANIC GARDEN	10AM	JUNIOR CARNIVAL IGNITION OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN YOUTHS
	QUEEN OF HUMANITY CROSS RIVER	CICC	7PM	PEAGENTARY AS A TOOL TO PROPAGATE HUMANITY BORDERS
	BEYOND 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARNIVAL CALABAR INDUSTRY COLLOQUIM	CICC	10AM	
SATURDAY 28/12/24	CARNIVAL CALABAR PARADE OF THE BANDS (12KM ROAD MARCH)	MILLENNIUM PARK FLAG OFF THROUGH CARNIVAL ROUTE	ALL DAY	AFRICA'S BIGGEST STREET PARTY. SHOWCASING INTERPRETATIVE CREATIVITY, ELABORATE AND EXTRAVAGANT COLORS, THEATER, COSTUME AND PASSIONATE DISPLAY OF BEAUTIES AND ENCHANTMENT ALL IN ONE PARADE.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL FEATHER CONCERT	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	6PM	MIXED MUSICAL JAMBOREE THAT ADDS FLAVOUR TO THE CARNIVAL FINAL DISPLAY AT THE STADIUM.

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SATURDAY 28/12/24	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE	6PM	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
SUNDAY 29/12/24	BIKERS CARNIVAL	CARNIVAL ROUTE	12PM	POWER BIKERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN PARADE AND DISPLAY OF BEAUTIES OF BIKING.
	INSOMNIA NIGHT	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	THE NIGHT FEATURES NATIONAL ART BY POPULAR DEMAND AND AS CURTAIN CLOSER FOR THE FESTIVAL.
	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CALABAR FESTIVAL VILLAGE	6PM	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT
MONDAY 30/12/24	NYORO EKPE	BOTANICAL GARDEN	10AM	EKPE CELEBRATION
	STREET PARTY	RABANA JUNCTION TROUGH MARIAN ROAD	7PM	STREET JAMBOREE
	CALABAR OLD-SKOOL COCKTAILS AND COSTUMED CONCERT	PRISTINE EVENT CENTER	7PM	TRANSPORTING THE 70's AND 80's SOULTRAIN TO PRESENT DAY.
TUESDAY 31/12/24	FIREWORKS AND DECLARATION OF A NEW YEAR	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	MID NIGHT	THE FIREWORKS IS THE FESTIVAL RITUAL THIS TIME IT WELCOMES THE NEW YEAR, WISHING THAT LIGHTS SHINE ON THE PATHS OF OUR VISITORS, FRIENDS, FAMILIES, WELL WISHERS AND SPONSORS AS THEY ENETER THE NEW YEAR TO SEE AGAIN SAME MONTH.
WED. 1/01/25	THANKSGIVING SERVICE	CHURCH SERVICE	10AM	RECOMMITMENT OF THE STATE INTO GOD'S HANDS, FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR AND THANSGINGING.

GOOD TO NOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENTS MANAGEMENT, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, CROSS RIVER STATE, HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE THAT ALL EVENTS IN THE CALABAR FESTIVAL CALAENDAR ARE CAREFULLY CRAFTED TO BLEND WITH PEOPLES EXPECTED HOLIDAY PLANS AND ALSO FOR A VERY ENGAGING FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL CLASSES OF PERSONS DURING THE SEASON LONG FESTIVITY - NOT TO BE MISSED.

BUILD UP EVENTS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE;

- PRE-CALABAR FESTIVAL CONCERTS ON THE DAY OF FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE CARNIVAL CALABAR DRY RUNS (13TH October/17TH November 2025).**

