

“Freetown Peninsula” named in World’s Greatest Places for 2023!



TIME Magazine has named Freetown Peninsula, capital of Sierra Leone as one of the greatest places in the world for the year 2023, which is among the top 50 destinations to visit across the world and described as “Africa’s new coastal hub”.

Emerging from the pandemic with the backing of the World Bank to help promote Sierra Leone’s rich tourism potential—with diverse wildlife, world-class surfing waves, the vibey coastal capital of Freetown, and a brand-new airport—all odds are on Sierra Leone to explode on the adventure travel scene. The time to go is now!



Starting from the Freetown Peninsula, which supports ecotourism initiatives like Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary a home where endangered primates are rescued and rehabilitated within one of the country's many hotspots for biodiversity. At the nearby Tasso Ecotourism Project (tassoisland.org) an island in the Sierra Leone River Estuary, guests stay in rustic timber chalets to enjoy birdwatching and community tourism designed to help islanders economically recover from the Ebola epidemic of the past (the country was officially declared free of the disease in 2015).

Other top places to go are River No.2, a beach covered with white sand, and Bureh Beach, home of the country's first surf club. Off the southern axis of the Freetown Peninsula, located the densely forested Banana Islands, a tropical paradise with some of West Africa's best snorkelling, scuba diving and spearfishing. What you might leave remembering most about a visit here, however, is the openness, warmth, and sheer resilience of the Sierra Leoneans themselves.

[Read more](#) here about what makes Freetown Peninsula such a special place.



We are sure you'll agree with us here at the Aminata Maternal Foundation that this is an exciting news and a true "Dose of Hope" moving forward for the local people of Sierra Leone.

Travel and tourism contribute to a country's economy, it creates much-needed jobs and income for underserved populations, such as women and rural communities in developing countries like Sierra Leone. As well as generating employment and income, another positive impact of tourism is improvements in infrastructure. It also enhances the quality of life of communities by improving standards of living and local services, and increasing recreational activities and environmental quality.

We believe that people of Sierra Leone, especially the mothers and babies, will benefit from this exciting news once travellers start making their way to beautiful Freetown - "Africa's new coastal hub".



“Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

- Francis of Assisi

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“Motherhood should mark a **BEGINNING** and not an **END**”.

With deepest gratitude,

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