

# CARNIVAL CALABAR AND FESTIVAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

## THEMES

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

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1/12/24 SUNDAY	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 PF TIME – 2(VERNISSAGE OPENING)
	VOICES OF PARADISE 1.0  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY RAFFLE/DRAWS	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	FINALS OF CHIOR COMPETITION THAT WOULD SHOWCASE MELODIOUS CREATIVITY AND SOLFA NOTATION INNOVATIONS.  RAFFLE DRAWS – PRIZE 100K
2/12/24- 01/01/25  MONDAY	ARTS EXHIBITION  LOCAL GOVERNMENT VILLAGE OPENING BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR	NATIONAL MUSEUM  ARTS AND CRAFT VILLAGE	9AM  12PM	TRACES OF TIME  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
3/12/24 TUESDAY	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.
4/12/24 WEDNES- DAY	CROSS RIVER AGRI-CULTURAL ENSEMBLE AND FESTIVAL (CRAEAFEST)  CALABAR LAFTA FIESTA 1.0  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY RAFFLE/DRAWS	CULTURAL CENTER  MILLENNIUM PARK	10AM  7PM	A TYPICAL AGRO INFO AND EDUTAINMENT EXPERIENCE.  THE NIGHT OF UNLEASHING THE UNIVERSAL THERAPY OF LAUGHTER AND AMUSEMENT.  LAFTA FIESTA 1.0 RAFFLE PRIZE 100K
5/12/24 THURS- DAY	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.

6/12/24 FRIDAY	CALABAR GOT TALENT 1.0  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY RAFFLE/DRAWS	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENT EXPOSE' AND REWARD IN MUSIC, DANCE, SPOKEN WORDS AND HYPING.  CALABAR GOT TALENT PRIZE 100K
7/12/24 SATUR- DAY	J.O.E TENNIS TOURNAMENT CROSS RIVER OPEN – 2 <sup>ND</sup> EDITION (7-8/12/24)  CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBAL TOURNAMENT – KICKOFF	CALABAR SPORTS CLUB  U. J. ESUENE SPORTS STADIUM	3PM  5PM	A SPORTS FOUNDATION TENNIS COMPETITION INTENDED TO NURTURE AND PROMOTE TALENTS IN LAWN TENNIS.  EXECUTIVE AND EXCLUSIVE NOVELTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND SPONSORS.
8/12/24 SUNDAY	CARNIVAL CALABAR DRY RUN - ADULT  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT  VOICES OF PARADISE 2.0  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CARNIVAL ROUTE  MILLENINUM PARK	1PM 6PM	CARNIVAL ROAD PRACTICE AHEAD OF THE CARNIVAL CALABR COLOURFUL PARADE.  CARNIVAL DRY RUN RAFFLE –PRIZE 100K  FINALS OF CHIOR COMPETITION THAT WOULD SHOWCASE MELODIOUS CREATIVITY AND SOLFA NOTATION INNOVATIONS.  VOICES OF PARADISE 2.0 RAFFLE –PRIZE 100K

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9- 14/12/24  MONDAY	LOCAL GOVERNMENT SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXHIBITION – CENTRAL  CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT	ARTS AND CRAFT VILLAGE  U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	NOON  5PM	EXHIBITIONS OF CULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT – DANCE, LIFESTYLE, MASQUERADE, MUSIC, CUISINES AND WINERY.  ELIMINATION ROUNDS
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10/12/24 TUESDAY	CALABAR THEATRE (KIDDIES MUSIC FESTIVAL)	CULTURAL CENTER MAINBOWL	5PM	CHILDREN THEATRICAL EXPRESSIONS
	CALABAR FESTIVAL MAGIC AND ACROBATIC	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	ACROBATICS INTERWOVEN WITH DRAMA, DANCE AND WONDERS.
11/12/24 WEDNES- DAY	CALABAR FESTIVAL NOVELTY FOOTBAL TOURNAMENT	U. J. ESUENE SPORTS STADIUM	3PM	ELIMINATION ROUNDS
12/12/24 THURS- DAY	REGGAE SPLASH	MILLENNIUM PARK	7PM	LEGENDARY NIGHT OF REGGAE PERFORMANCES LED BY BLACKKY, V. ESHIET, ORITZ WILLIKIE, ETC.

13/12/24 FRIDAY	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.
	CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT  GREEN RHYTHM DRUM FESTIVAL	(PRIVATE EVENT CENTER)	7pm	LAFTA FIESTA 2.0 RAFFLE PRIZE 100K  BE INSPIRED BY NIGERIAN'S BEST DRUMMING SENSATION.

14/12/24  SATUR- DAY	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
15/12/24  SUNDAY	JUNIOR CARNIVAL DRY RUN	CARNIVAL ROUTE	1PM	REHEARSAL PARADE FOR JUNIOR CARNIVAL BANDS.
	VOICES OF PARADISE 3.0  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	MILLENNIUM PARK	6PM	CHOIR COMPETITION ELIMINATION ROUNDS CONTINUE.  VOICES OF PARADISE 3.0 RAFFLE  PRIZE 100K

16/12/24 MONDAY	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.
17/12/24 TUESDAY	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.



18/12/24 WEDNESDAY	NAIJA MOST WANTED  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	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.  PRIZE 100K
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19/12/24 THURS- DAY	NIGERIA STRONGEST MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION (19 <sup>TH</sup> /20 <sup>TH</sup> )  BOAT REGATTA – MBUBA UBOM	MILLENNIUM PARK  MARINA RESORT	9AM  NOON	A TEST OF STRENGTH AND CALIBRE.  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.
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20/12/24 FRIDAY	CALABAR FOOD FESTIVAL	AFRICAN CLUB CALABAR	12PM	TRADITIONAL MEALS FROM CALABAR AND VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND NKUHO EXPERIENCE.
	TRIPARTITE HERITAGE WALKWAY MUSIC	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	7PM	TALENT HUNT ACADEMY AND CREATIVE FACTORY
	(CALABAR FESTIVAL FUN FEST)			MUSICAL FUN FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITIONS – FREESTYLE.
21/12/24 SATUR- DAY	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.
22/12/24 SUNDAY	VOICES OF PARADISE 4.0  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	6PM	GRAND FINALE OF THE THREE TIER CHIOR COMPETITION, A NIGHT OF GLORY AND BLISS.  VOICES OF PARADISE 4.0 RAFFLE  PRIZE 200K

23/12/24 MONDAY	CALABAR HUMANITY CHARITY TOUR	SELECTED ORPHANAGE HOMES	10AM	SUPPORT FOR ORPHANAGE
	MBONO NDITO ISHIE	ISHIE SQUARE, IKOT ISHIE	12PM	FASHION AND SUSTAINING AFRICAN HERITAGE
	AFRICAN FASHION FIESTA	CICC	5PM	EXCLUSIVE THEATER

	CALABAR ROYAL DANCE	CULTURAL CENTER MAIN BOWL	5PM	A BLEND OF BARBECUE, FRIUTY MIX, HEALTHY TEA, MAHOGANY AND JAZZ MUSIC.
	CALABAR FESTIVAL OF GRILLS	MARINA WATER FRONT		

24/12/24 TUESDAY	FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS	PELEGRINO BANQUET HALL GOVERNMENT HOUSE	6PM	OBSERVING THE RITUALS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AS RECORDED.
25/12/24 WEDNES- DAY	CALABAR KIDDIE'S HERO XMAS PARTY	OLD RESIDENCE MUSUEM	10AM	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

26/12/24  THURS- DAY	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 CHRISTAMAS 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  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT  GOVERNOR'S BALL	U. J. ESUENE STADIUM     GOVERNMENT HOUSE	7PM     7PM	COMPETITION AND THE GLORY OF MASQUERADES.   XMAS BONANAZA RAFFLE  PRIZE 500K  A NIGHT OF PARTYING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S FRIENDS, CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRIES AND CELEBRITIES
27/12/24  FRIDAY	JUNIOR CARNIVAL (FUTURE ASSURED)	FLAG OFF- BOTANIC GARDEN	10AM	JUNIOR CARNIVAL IGNITION OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN YOUTHS

	QUEEN OF HUMANITY CROSS RIVER  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CICC	7PM	PEAGENTARY AS A TOOL TO PROPAGATE HUMANITY BORDERS  QUEEN OF HUMANITY RAFFLE PRIZE #100K
28/12/24  SATUR- DAY	CARNIVAL CALABAR PARADE OF THE BANDS (12KM ROAD MARCH)  FEATHER CONCERT  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	MILLENNIUM PARK FLAG ROUTE OFF THROUGH CARNIVAL  U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	ALL DAY  6PM	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.  MIXED MUSICAL JAMBOREE THAT ADDS FLAVOUR TO THE CARNIVAL FINAL DISPLAY AT THE STADIUM.  PRIZE #1M

29/12/22 SUNDAY	BIKERS CARNIVAL  CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT  INSOMNIA NIGHT          CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	CARNIVAL ROUTE       U. J. ESUENE STADIUM	12PM       7PM	POWER BIKERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN PARADE AND DISPLAY OF BEAUTIES OF BIKING.  BIKERS CARNIVAL RAFFLE  PRIZE #100K       THE NIGHT FEATURES NATIONAL ART BY POPULAR DEMAND AND ANINTERNATIONAL ARTRIST AS CURTAIN CLOSER FOR THE FESTIVAL       INSOMNIA NIGHT RAFFLE  PRIZE #100K
30/12/24 MONDAY	NYORO EKPE       STREET PARTY       CALABAR OLD-SKOOL COCKTAILS AND COSTUMED CONCERT    CARNIVAL CALABAR & FESTIVAL LOTTERY DRAWS/JACKPOT	BOTANICAL GARDEN       RABANA JUNCTION TROUGH MARIAN ROAD    PRISTINE EVENT CENTER	10AM       7PM       7PM	EKPE CELEBRATION       STREET JAMBOREE       TRANSPORTING THE 70's AND 80's SOULTRAIN TO PRESENT DAY.    FESTIVAL JACKPOT RAFFLE RAFFLE 500K

31/12/24 TUESDAY	FIREWORKS AND DECLARATION OF A NEW YEAR	FESTIVAL VILLAGE	MIDNIGHT	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.
1/1/24 WEDNES- DAY	THANKSGIVING SERVICE	CHURCH OF CHOICE	10AM	RECOMMITMENT OF THE STATE INTO GOD'S HANDS, FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR AND THANSKGIVING.

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 (13<sup>TH</sup> October/17<sup>TH</sup> November 2025).