West African College of Surgeon

Embark on an enriching day escape! Join us for a curated day trip experience designed to complement your conference stay.

Below is a list of possible programs or activities that you can opt to experience.

1. The Bunce & Tasso Island trip cost $120 per person. The cost includes a guided tour, bus transportation, boat transfers, monument & relics fee, and lunch at Tasso Island.
2. The Freetown Historical Tour and River Number 2 visit costs $85 per person. The cost includes a guided tour, transportation, admission to the various sights, and lunch at River Number 2.
3. The Banana Island trip costs $80 per person. The cost includes a guided tour, boat transportation, boat transfers, community fees, and lunch on the island.
4. The Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary tour and River Number 2 visit costs $85 per person. The cost includes a guided tour, transportation, admission to the various sights, and lunch at River Number 2.

*Bunce & Tasso islands Excursion - The cost above is based on at least 15 people signing up for the trip

*Other excursions - The cost are based on a group of at least 8 people.
Trip Summary

1
Bunce Island, Tasso Island

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Freetown Historical Tour
River Number Two

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Day trip to Banana Islands - Banana Islands

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Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary
River Number Two
**Bunce Island, Tasso Island**

This morning we go to Bunce Island with a private speedboat, viewing the city from the coast as you go by. Bunce Island was the largest British slave castle on the Rice Coast of West Africa. Founded around 1670, it exported tens of thousands of African captives to North America and the West Indies until the British Parliament finally closed it down in 1808. Bunce Island is left to decay, and although this raises questions of preservation, it does have a certain charm. It is authentic, raw - a painful history that is burying itself under layers of greenery.

After spending a couple of hours exploring the substantial ruins on the island, including the factory house, fortification, slave prison, watchtowers, dormitories, storerooms, and power magazine you will be transferred to Tasso Island where you would have lunch and downtime on the beach before being transferred to Freetown.

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**Freetown Historical Tour**

Today we start the day by having our first look around the vibrant city and make a sweep through its historical core. With the car and guide at your disposal you will visit sites such as the Railway Museum, St. Georges Cathedral, National Museum, Peace Monument, the Maroon Church, the Cotton Tree, The Gateway to the Old King's Yard and Fort Thornton (where the Presidential State House now stands).

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**River Number Two**

After the City tour, you are transferred to River Number 2 where you would have lunch and explore this stunning beach.

The beauty of River number 2 does not only lie in its gorgeous beach side, towering mountains and mangrove forest that flank the river flowing into the sea, it also lies in the fact that it hosts a completely community-run tourist location. Their organization, the Community Tourism Development Association, was founded about 20 years ago and has been active in protecting the beachfront, developing the tourist industry and supporting their community.

In the late afternoon, you are transferred to your hotel.
Day trip to Banana Islands
This morning, we head to Kent Village on the Freetown peninsula to catch a boat to Banana Island, for a chance to explore this scenic paradise. Three islands make up the Banana Islands: Dublin and Ricketts are linked by a stone causeway. The third Mes-Meheux is uninhabited. We will be going to Dublin, with its backyard gardens, big breadfruit trees and rare and delightful butterflies. You will be welcomed by the sleepy but friendly community and go on a tour of this quiet paradise.

These pristine islands are a wonderful place to experience laid-back Sierra Leone and there will be various optional activities available for everyone, including hiking, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing and or a scenic boat trip around the island. This is an opportunity to have an insightful land tour of the island and set aside some time to explore on our own around this virtually unknown area of West Africa. Lunch will consist of locally-caught fresh fish, prawns and lobsters (all subject to availability)

In the late afternoon, you’re transferred to your hotel.

See below the link for more details about this Island:
https://www.visitsierraleone.org/banana-islands/
This morning, we head for Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary to see the amazing work being done by Bala and his team. Chimpanzees are often cruelly or ignorantly kept as pets, or sometimes hunted for their meat. Today however, more than 100 primates find haven at Tacugama, swinging from branches, hooting with happiness, throwing things at passers-by with the petulance of children, nuzzling each other with tenderness of mothers attending to newborns, and picking bugs out of each other furs with the attention of Madonna’s manicurist, even the least animal-friendly of visitors gets sucked into the magic within the moments.

Apart from the Sanctuary there are other attraction sites available in this area to occupy your time among which is the viewing of over 100 bird species that have been identified in and around the Tacugama Forest Reserve.

**River Number Two**

After the Sanctuary tour, you are transferred to River Number 2 where you would have lunch and chill out on this stunning beach.

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