



From CNN and Forbes to National Geographic and TIME magazine, Sierra Leone has been garnering numerous international accolades as one of the "World's Greatest Places" to visit.

Natural Heritage

The depth and breadth of our natural heritage is a major part of the appeal. From wide, sandy beaches lapped by Atlantic waves and a mountainous inland plateau that's home to the country's national animal, the iconic and endangered Western Chimpanzee to West Africa's highest peak set amid the expansive, wildlife-rich Loma Mountains National Park.



Sierra Leone, an Emerging Food Destination

Sierra Leone is an emerging destination for discerning foodies, with local culinary tours and cooking classes available from SLHATA members, as well as immersive dining experiences at different locations carefully curated by local chefs.



Internationally Recognised Chefs

Sierra Leone is proud to have produced three exceptional chefs who are currently gaining international fame and recognition.

Chef Binta

Winner of the Basque Nobel Culinary Prize 2022,



SIERRA LEONE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The Sierra Leone Hospitality and Tourism association (SLHATA) is a national collaborative body comprising of all private stakeholders in the Hospitality and Tourism sector in Sierra Leone.

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Maria Bradford

Maria Bradford is the founder and Head Chef at Shwen Shwen. Recognised as The Guardian's Observer Food Monthly's Top 50 (2022), she continues to scale new heights, having recently released Sweet Salone an internationally lauded cookbook. She explores traditional Sierra Leonean recipes as well as Afro-fusion. Her UK based product range includes chilli sauces, juices and prosecco.



Madam Miatta



Miatta Marke is the Head chef and co-owner of Cole Street Restaurant, currently listed by National Geographic as the top 21 restaurants in the world (2024). She is fuelled by her love of food history, and her recognition of the true influence of West-African cuisine around the world.

The Sierra Leone Hospitality & Tourism Association welcomes you to visit Sierra Leone!

Natural and Cultural Attractions

Sierra Leone bursts forth as a captivating destination for lovers of the outdoors, vibrant culture, powerful heritage, and explorers with adventure in their hearts. Find your freedom on her palm-fringed beaches and islands, majestic rivers and scenic hills and mountains.

Our Protected Areas

Sierra Leone boasts several national parks that showcase the country's diverse and pristine natural landscapes. Outamba-Kilimi National Park is located in the northwestern part of the country. Spanning over 1,100 square kilometers, it encompasses savannah grasslands, dense forests, and the scenic Kilimi River.



Our National Animal, the Western Chimpanzee



Sierra Leone has been home to the western chimpanzee as long as our forests have existed.

Cenic Beauty

In addition to our renowned beaches, the interior of Sierra Leone has rivers, forests and lakes that create lasting memories for all visitors.



Sierra Leone is home to several picturesque islands, each offering unique experiences for visitors. Bunce Island is a destination rich in heritage, as an exit point for thousands of Africans during the transatlantic slave trade. This haunting site was settled and fortified by English slave traders in 1670, and before that it was used by Portuguese slave traders since the 1500s.

Our Islands



A Diversity of Accommodation



Sierra Leone has a wide variety of accommodation available to suit most budgets. Whether you choose a resort, chalet, guesthouse or hotel; you will always be met with the warm hospitality the country is famed for.

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