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MEET THE TEAM



Lawrence McLean

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



Andrea McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style. She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around, there is always laughter.



William McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

“Great things in business are never done by one person. They’re done by a team of people.”

– Steve Jobs

THE ITINERARY

SATURDAY, NOV 8

 **USA → SL**

ARRIVE IN FREETOWN



THE COUNTRY LODGE HOTEL

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

SUNDAY, NOV 9



**TOUR OF FREETOWN &
CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY**

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR OF FREETOWN

12:00 PM BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:30 PM DEPART FOR TACUGAMA CHIMPANZE SANCUTARY

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

MONDAY, NOV 10



**DEPART FOR BUNCE ISALND
TOUR**

9:00 PM DEPART FOR BUNCE ISLAND

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

COOKING CLASS

(For those who booked)

6:00 AM DEPART FOR COOKING CLASS

8:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

TUESDAY, NOV 11



DEPART FOR ROGBONKO VILLAGE

9:00 AM CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR ROGBONKO VILLAGE

5:00 PM CHECK INTO WUSUM HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, NOV 12



CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR BANANA ISLAND

9:00 AM CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR BANANA ISLAND

5:00 PM CHECK INTO BAFA RESORT

THURSDAY, NOV 13



CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR BUREH & TOKEH BEACH

9:00 AM CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR BUREH BEACH

12:00 PM ARRIVE AT BUREH / BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:30 PM DEPART FOR TOKEH BEACH

2:00 PM CHECK INTO THE PLACE RESORT

THE ITINERARY

FRIDAY, NOV 14



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

11:00 AM CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

THE EXTENSION

FRIDAY, NOV 14



FREE TIME

SATURDAY, NOV 15



RIVER NUMBER 2

11:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

1:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



FLY TO DAKAR

5:00 PM CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

8:10 PM DEPART FOR DAKAR / via AIR SENEGAL HC214

11:05 PM ARRIVE IN DAKAR / CHECK INTO LE MARTIN HOTEL

SUNDAY, NOV 16



MANGROVE LUNCH

10:00 AM DEPART FOR LUNCH

1:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



FLY TO PRAIA

2:00 PM CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

5:00 PM DEPART FOR PRAIA / via AIR SENEGAL 207

6:10 PM ARRIVE IN PRAIA / TRANSFER TO HOTEL

THE EXTENSION

MONDAY, NOV 17



SANTIAGO ISLAND TOUR

- 9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR OF SANTIAGO ISLAND
- CIDADE VELHA
 - TARRAFEL
 - REBLEDADOS
- 5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

TUESDAY, NOV 18



FLY TO SAL

- 6:00 AM** CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT
- 10:45 AM** DEPART FOR SAL / via Cabo Airlines VR4011
- 11:40 AM** ARRIVE IN SAL AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL



HILTON CABO VERDE RESORT

11:40 AM CHECK IN



TURTLE WALK

- 1:00 PM** DEPART FOR TOUR
- 5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, NOV 19



BUGGY TOUR

- 1:00 PM** DEPART FOR TOUR
- 5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

THE EXTENSION

THURSDAY, NOV 20



FREE TIME

FRIDAY, NOV 21



CATAMARAN TOUR

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

FAREWELL DINNER

SATURDAY, NOV 22



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

11:00 AM CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



FREETOWN

Freetown is the capital and largest city of Sierra Leone. It is a major port city on the Atlantic Ocean and is located in the Western Area of the country. Freetown is Sierra Leone's major urban, economic, financial, cultural, educational and political centre, as it is the seat of the Government of Sierra Leone. The population of Freetown was 1,055,964



FREETOWN HISTORICAL TOUR

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



TACUGAMA CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY

You will 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, 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.



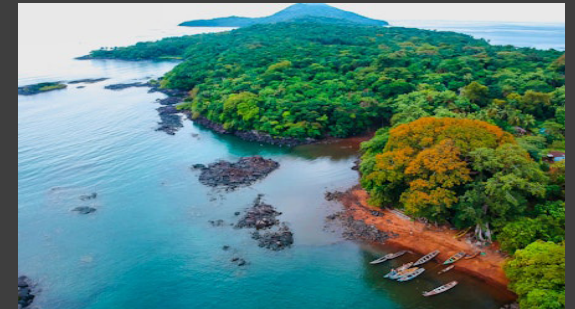
BUNCE ISLAND

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.



ROGBONKO MATAKA

Rogbonko Mathaka (meaning "The Place in The Forest"), is located 30 mins from Magburaka Junction. With no electricity, running water, telephones and little contact from the outside world, you will be meeting the villagers, eating their food, witnessing their culture and sharing their daily lives. You will be welcomed with a cultural performance. The tour guide will accompany you for forest walks and a tour of some of the farms and explain the relevance of daily life in the village. Learn about the different activities that keep the villagers occupied and satisfied with such a humble life. An outstanding aspect of Rogbonko experience is the basket weaving. The basket woven at Rogbonko is closely similar to the sweetgrass basket woven by the Gullah/Geechee and this skill is widely believed to have been retained by enslaved Africans from West Africa but especially Sierra Leone.



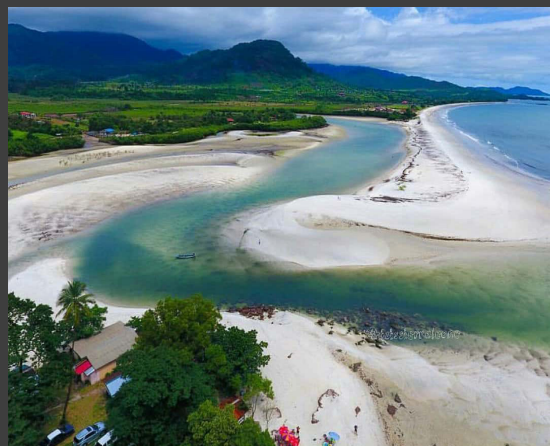
BANANA ISLAND

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 welcome by the sleepy but friendly community and go on a tour of this quiet paradise.



TOKEH BEACH

Tokeh is a small coastal village settled on the Western Area Peninsula has one of the most beautiful beaches Sierra Leone has to offer. Tokeh beach has a backdrop of lush, green mountains and the old wooden pier that runs into the sea make this place a visual spectacle. You can explore the area or spend your time on the beach or pool area.



RIVER NUMBER 2

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.



PRAIA

Praia has a cosmopolitan culture. People of African ancestry are the majority in the city, mainly because of the centuries old slave trade and plantation economy of the islands, but there is still a significant European population including many Portuguese. The African influence predominates in the languages, food, and social patterns. The European influence can be seen in the Catholic religion, urban architecture, and clothing. Like other former Portuguese colonies there is a significant Kriol (creole) culture as a result of the intermarriage of many Portuguese and Africans.



QUINTAL DE MISCA

Quintal da Música is a space that combines gastronomy and culture in the very centre of Praia. Typical Cape Verdean cuisine is served to the backdrop of nightly live traditional music. Nationally and internationally renowned artists have delighted customers here with their music, an experience that keeps them coming back time and time again.



SANTIAGO ISLAND TOUR

The largest island in the archipelago and home to Cape Verde's capital, Praia, Santiago is an island rich in history, while also functioning as the main hub for inter-island transport across the country. Green valleys and lush plantations meet rugged mountains and bustling African towns, offering visitors yet another side to Cape Verde's impressive diversity.



CIDADE VELHA

Cidade Velha (literally, "Old City"), which is the very spot where life on Cape Verde began. This was the place where the very first Portuguese settlers landed, soon creating a military base around which within four years a town had grown. Originally naming it Ribeiro Grande, the Portuguese rapidly built a lucrative trading post between Africa and the Americas, once again involving the trading of African slaves as one of its commodities



SAL

Century-old churches, ruins, and monuments make this a unique destination. Renowned for its sublime beaches, Angra dos Reis is home to lots of history, even at the bottom of the ocean. This extraordinary region will simply amaze you! Located about 160 km from the city of Rio de Janeiro, Angra dos Reis and its clear blue-green waters offer tourists the possibility to visit a different island every day of the year. The region includes more than 360 islands and approximately two thousand beaches covered in lush native Atlantic Forest vegetation, which makes it a favorite spot among visitors who enjoy sunshine and beach activities.



TURTLE WALK

Once arrived to the beach one of the guides will stay with you seated on the sand while the other guide will start searching for the turtle. When the guide finds a turtle, you will be informed by VHF radio and start walking on the beach to arrive to the turtle. It is recommended to bring a beach towel to be more comfortable while waiting on the beach. Dark colored clothes and closed shoes are recommended.

ACCOMODATIONS



THE COUNTRY LODGE HOTEL



ACCOMODATIONS



WUSUM HOTEL



ACCOMODATIONS



**BAFA RESORT
(CAMP)**



ACCOMODATIONS



THE PLACE RESORT

ACCOMODATIONS



LE MARTIN HOTEL



ACCOMODATIONS



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