Dear Visitor,

By the special grace of Jesus, Prophet TB Joshua has given us graceful permission to coordinate visits to SCOAN Lagos for residents of the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe.

We have come across some people who question why one has to travel all the way to Lagos, Nigeria to meet Prophet TB Joshua and/or the Wisemen in order to hear the Gospel, have your broken heart mended, be set free as a captive, to have demons cast out of you, to receive your healing, etc. just as Jesus charged His disciples with in the Bible?

Yes, distance is not a barrier as in the case of the healing of the servant of the centurion by Jesus (Luke 7:1-10). Remember though that the Bible also teaches us that some people travelled to meet Jesus as well as some prophets of God for their needs. Naaman travelled to Prophet Elisha seeking a cure for his skin disease (2 Kings 5:1-27). God led Saul to Prophet Samuel who announced to Saul, God's plan for Saul's life and destiny (1 Samuel 9:1-27). The woman with the issue of blood for years followed Jesus until she was able to touch the hem of His garment to receive her healing (Mark 5:25-34). The Shunammite woman travelled to find Prophet Elisha when her son died for him to be raised from the dead (2 Kings 4:18-37). Multitudes also followed Jesus in His time on earth wherever He went to hear the Good News and receive healing (Matthew 8:16, Matthew 4:24. Matthew 12:15, Luke 6:19, Acts 10:38).

God can also send His prophets to you as in the case of Prophet Elijah and the widow of Zarephath who received a miracle of abundant grain and oil in a season of famine (1 Kings 17:8-24), Prophet Elisha and the Shunammite woman who received the fruit of the womb (2 Kings 4:12-17) and in the case of Jesus who went through the town of Samaria to reach out to a woman (John 4:4-42). Jesus went through the tombs of Gadarenes to deliver a demon-possessed man (Mark 5:1-9) and also went to the tomb of Lazarus to raise him from the dead (John 11:1-44).

Jesus said that He came to give us life, not death; and not just life but life in abundance (John 10:10). When we approach Jesus for something, we must have faith and believe that we will receive and we will (Mark 11:24). Let us know that it is God’s will to save, heal and deliver us. Once we know that it is His will for us to receive good and perfect gifts from Him, when we ask, we can be sure that we are open to receive what we are asking and we will (1 John 5:14). Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Let us approach His throne in confidence, believing that we will receive and we will have what we ask for (Mark 11:24)

God bless you, in the mighty name of Jesus as you continue to read to find answers to most questions you would like to ask regarding your visit to SCOAN Lagos.

Emmanuel
Mr. Michael and Mrs. Alice Lathbridge
What do I need to know **BEFORE** I consider applying to visit SCOAN Lagos?

**PLEASE NOTE**
Some visitors may decide to apply to visit SCOAN Lagos without the necessary funds available. They will however do this with a strong faith that the Lord will provide when the time comes.

It is an amazing thing to have confidence and trust and faith in the Lord. Yes, we serve a mighty God who makes the impossible possible. He is a God of suddenly and He is Jehovah Jireh – our Great Provider.

However please ensure that you have the resources available to travel i.e. sufficient funds to pay for your visa, to purchase your return flight ticket to Lagos, Nigeria and to pay for your accommodation in SCOAN Lagos **BEFORE** you apply.

**HAVE FAITH AND BELIEVE** – Faith pleases God
**COME TO GOD WITH A SINCERE HEART** – Do not lie about your needs

We receive from the Lord in the same way that people in the Bible received from the Lord—whether it is salvation, healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit or some other gift God has provided. We receive by faith.

**JAMES 1:5–7** says, “if any of you lack wisdom, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But LET HIM ASK IN FAITH, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive ANYTHING of the Lord.”

**MATTHEW 21:22** says, “and all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, BELIEVING, ye shall receive.”

The Word of God therefore makes it clear that faith or believing God’s Word brings results and that we receive from the Lord by faith.

**Can I visit the SCOAN as part of a group if I am not in GOOD HEALTH?**

You will **NOT** be able to visit SCOAN Lagos as part of a group if you are not able-bodied i.e. if your health challenges are such that you:

- Are in a wheelchair
• Use crutches  
• Have other mobility problems like wobbly knees, swollen limbs  
• Are heavily pregnant and are nearing your expected date of delivery  
• Have open wounds/ulcers  
• Have medical conditions which cause difficulties in climbing stairs several times a day 

These above listed conditions do not meet the SCOAN Lagos health requirements for accommodation purposes.

Visitors with the above health challenges do not come as part of a group to SCOAN Lagos. They access other types of accommodation eg. hotels, homes of relatives and friends, etc. from where they visit SCOAN Lagos on a daily basis for the duration of their stay in Lagos.

What are the **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** for SCOAN Lagos accommodation? 

Health and Safety is important at SCOAN Lagos.

SCOAN Lagos accommodation is on multi-floored buildings and involves the use of staircases to access your room/sleeping quarters, bathrooms, dining areas, etc. There are no lifts.

Wheelchair users, crutches users as well as those with shortness of breath and dizzy spells for instance are usually unable to go up and down the stairs as frequently as is needed.

There are no qualified medical personnel in SCOAN Lagos as well as the needed equipment to intervene in serious medical conditions if they recur before the prayer line periods.

Visitors with open ulcers and septic wounds will discomfit others who share sleeping quarters with them.

Heavily pregnant women who are almost due to give birth and have mobility problems will put themselves at risk and threaten the Health and Safety policies and regulations of SCOAN Lagos.

What if my current health condition does not comply with the SCOAN requirements for **ACCOMMODATION**?

You may opt to:
Apply to visit SCOAN Lagos via the website. Do not apply to visit as part of a group. If invited to visit, please arrange private accommodation close to the church premises and attend the prayer line and church services as a daytime visitor.

Ask a family member to visit SCOAN Lagos on your behalf. He/She will bring along your photograph to the prayer line and bring you some anointing water by God’s grace for your personal administration in your home.

Telephone SCOAN Lagos prayer warriors to pray with you over the telephone. Please find their numbers below:

+234 (0) 7031265599  +234 (0) 8033730663
+234 (0) 7031307311  +234 (0) 7038616677
+234 (0) 8072546496  +234 (0) 8076767359
+234 (0) 8088096917  +234 (0) 8033730650

How do I APPLY to visit SCOAN Lagos?

If you meet the SCOAN accommodation health requirements, then you will need to:

- Complete the application process.
- Wait for an acknowledgement of your application by SCOAN Lagos via email from your group coordinator.
- Continue to wait until you receive some feedback regarding your application from your group coordinator either via email or telephone. You will be invited to a screening interview.
- If you are offered an invite by SCOAN Lagos, your group coordinator will send you the information about your accommodation in SCOAN Lagos. You will be required to choose an ACCOMMODATION of PREFERENCE.
- If you are offered an invite by SCOAN Lagos, your group coordinator will also send you the information required for your Nigerian visa application.
- Following your successful visa application, your group coordinator will negotiate travel dates with you, plan and book your flight and confirm your departure and arrival dates with you.

I live outside UK in the EUROPEAN UNION (EU). What if I am unable to attend the screening interview when scheduled?

Please contact your group coordinator who will advise you on what to do. You will have his/her contact details following the approval of your visit application to SCOAN, Lagos.
What does the SCREENING INTERVIEW entail?

Your group coordinator will be present with some SCOAN Evangelists who will discuss with you, the information that you provided on your application. This will enable SCOAN Lagos to establish what exactly your needs and expectations of your visit to SCOAN Lagos are. You will be able to ask any questions you have. You will also be able to clarify any information you have been given.

All applicants who are invited to the screening interview MUST bring along with them the following:

- Your original passport as proof of your identity. Please make a photocopy of your original passport and bring that too.
- An original medical report for applicants who have declared a medical condition on their application form. Please make a photocopy of your original medical report and bring that too.

Your group coordinator and the SCOAN Evangelist (s) will certify the photocopies that you provide as true copies for record purposes. These certified copies will be retained by SCOAN International.

- Any medication – prescribed or not - that you use or have used to rectify or heal your condition.
- Any medical devices and/or aids – prescribed or not - that you use or have used to support your condition.

What are the MEDICAL REPORT requirements?

If you have declared a medical condition on your application form for which you are expecting assistance with at SCOAN Lagos, you MUST bring the following along with you an ORIGINAL MEDICAL REPORT from your medical practitioner. This medical report MUST:

- Be on the practitioner’s OFFICIAL LETTER HEAD and be stamped and signed by the medical practitioner.
- Clearly state your FULL NAME and the medical DIAGNOSIS of the medical problems that you experience.
- Be TYPED; not handwritten.

If you have declared Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as a medical condition, you MUST:

- NOT bring a report that only states that you have undergone screening for HIV.
- Bring an official letter as per the above for a medical condition but your medical report must state exactly the type of HIV you have eg. HIV I, HIV II or FULL BLOWN HIV.
Will I need **TRAVEL VACCINATIONS** to visit SCOAN Lagos?

A **YELLOW FEVER** vaccination is compulsory. Airport officials will expect you to produce a yellow fever vaccination certificate at immigration check points. This vaccination is valid for 10 years when taken. If you arrive at Lagos, Nigeria without a yellow fever vaccination certificate as proof, you will be asked to have the vaccine administered by health officials at the airport at a very high cost to yourself.

It is recommended that you take **ANTI-MALARIALS** as a precaution against Malaria. See your travel nurse or medical practitioner for a discussion about anti-malarial options to enable you to make an informed choice.

How do I apply for my **VISA**?

Your group coordinator will send you a link to the Immigration and Visa services section of the Nigerian High Commission UK for your visa application. Your group coordinator will also provide you with the **HOST/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** for your application.

You will be required to register on the website using your email address. The email account of choice for this website is either a YAHOO or GMAIL account. It will be helpful if you set up one if you do not usually use either.

Fill the application truthfully and choose a **TOURIST VISA**. It is advisable to also choose a **SINGLE ENTRY VISA**, which is what you will need for this journey. If you however opt to apply for a multiple entry visa, please bear in mind that it will incur a more expensive cost and may or may not be granted.

The system will automatically generate your visa application fees to be paid by yourself. The amount payable is based on the **NATIONALITY** you hold as per your passport.

The system will also automatically generate an **APPOINTMENT DATE** along with an **APPLICATION IDENTITY NUMBER (ID)** as well as a **REFERENCE NUMBER**. Please disregard the appointment date.

Follow the instructions on the screen and pay your relevant fees. Proceed to print out the **COMPLETE APPLICATION**, the **RECEIPT OF PAYMENT** of visa fees and the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT slip**. Please ensure that the receipt of payment bears the **LOGO** of the **NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE**.
SIGN the completed application form that you have printed.

Provide 2 recent PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS with your signature at the back of the photographs.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE

- £20.00 POSTAL ORDER made payable to the Nigerian High Commission UK.
- A VISA PROCESSING FEE of £72.00 made payable by CASH to the Nigerian High Commission UK. This additional payment is charged by the Nigerian High Commission’s outsourced agent who processes all payments made to the Nigerian High Commission on their behalf. Please note that this agent is not from SCOAN International.

YOUR VISA APPLICATION IS NOW COMPLETE. Ensure that you have the following:
1. Your original passport with at least 1 year of travel validity.
2. Your completed and signed application form.
3. 2 recent passport size photographs of yourself with your signature at the back of the photographs.
4. Your receipt of payment bearing the logo of the Nigerian Immigration Service.
5. Your acknowledgement slip.
6. £20.00 postal order payable to the Nigerian High Commission.
7. £72.00 cash payable to the Nigerian High Commission.
8. Proof of employment. If you are not in employment, or are self-employed, please speak with your group coordinator.
9. Bank statement from your bank bearing your full name.
10. Utility bill bearing your full name and your residential address.

Place all the above listed items in an envelope CLEARLY LABELLED with your NAME, ADDRESS and CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER and submit the envelope in PERSON to your group coordinator either at an address in London that he/she will communicate to you or via post opting for a RECORDED NEXT DAY DELIVERY guaranteed service.

Visitors with passports from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) who wish to use these passports to travel to SCOAN Lagos DO NOT need to apply for a Nigerian visa.

The visas currently take approximately 6-7 working days (excluding bank holidays) to be processed by the Nigerian High Commission UK. When they are ready, your group coordinator will receive them on your behalf and let you know via telephone or email (whichever suits you best). Your group coordinator will then proceed with the confirmation of your travel date and let you know how to get to the airport of departure in the UK for your journey to SCOAN Lagos.
How will I TRAVEL to SCOAN Lagos?

SCOAN Lagos air travel arrangements from the UK to Lagos, Nigeria are usually made with ARIK AIR. This supports one of the objectives of SCOAN International to promote National affairs and support job creation for our youth.

Arik Air has promised to endeavour to support you with the best price offer as per your season of travel. It is strongly suggested that you travel with your group to SCOAN Lagos but if you however wish to use another airline, please speak with your group coordinator.

You will pay your flight fare to your group coordinator who will then forward the money paid to the airline office for your ticket to be issued. It is preferable that you make this payment via bank transfer into an account that he/she will communicate to you. As your money for your flight ticket fare ought to have been ready and available before your initial application to visit SCOAN Lagos was made by yourself, your group coordinator may ask for this money to be paid for your ticket at any stage during the application process.

When your flight tickets are issued by Arik Air, your group coordinator will inform you via your preferred mode.ie email or telephone. Please check the baggage allowance for the airline or enquire from your group coordinator. Arik Air flies from Terminal 4 - London Heathrow airport in the UK to Murtala Muhammed airport in Lagos, Nigeria.

When you arrive at Murtala Muhammed airport in Lagos, Nigeria, following check-out, authorised personnel from SCOAN Lagos will be waiting with a safe and secure vehicle to transport you to their premises in Ikotun-Igbe, a suburb on the outskirts of Lagos. Please make it your responsibility to stay with your group. The transfer journey time will be approximately 45minutes depending on traffic – could be more.

Where will I STAY in Lagos? Is it SAFE?

You will stay at the premises of SCOAN Lagos in Ikotun-Igbe, a suburb on the outskirts of Lagos, Nigeria.

Upon arrival at the SCOAN Lagos premises, you will be warmly welcomed and will be escorted to your room of choice. Please remember that you chose your preferred room before or at your screening interview. If you decide to change your choice of accommodation upon your arrival at SCOAN Lagos,
your change will be accommodated based on room availability. If a top up fee is needed for your upgraded accommodation option, you will be expected to pay the difference.

Visitors do not usually have the need to leave the church premises. In the event that you are expected to e.g. visit the Prayer Mountain, if required, authorised personnel of SCOAN Lagos will escort you safely and securely.

What will be my **DURATION OF STAY** at SCOAN Lagos?

As an international visitor, you will usually stay for one (1) week.

How will my **ITINERARY** be organised for the week of my stay at SCOAN Lagos?

Your week will be organised as the Holy Spirit leads. God will meet you at your point of need and treat you like an individual, in Jesus’ name.

How much **PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY** will I need for my visit to SCOAN Lagos?

The amount of money that you take with you will depend on your financial circumstances. As you will be fed and watered during your stay, you may find that you may only need enough money to purchase food or drink at the airport, buy emergency toiletries or other items needed at the SCOAN Lagos shop if not provided by SCOAN Lagos, purchase books, CDs, DVDs, offering for church service and for paying for email or telephone services.

As a guideline, it has been observed that £100 has been sufficient funds for some visitors in the past. Please ensure that you conduct your money exchange activities before you leave London Heathrow airport. You may need to exchange your accommodation fees into US Dollars as well as your personal spending money into Nigerian Naira. You will be advised of the exchange rates at the time of exchange.

Remember to bring your proof of residential address with you to the airport. It will be required should you wish to exchange money at the airport.
What is the **ACCOMMODATION** on offer at SCOAN Lagos?

SCOAN Lagos offers 2 main types of accommodation, which you will pay for upon your arrival at SCOAN Lagos in **CASH**. The preferred currency is **American (US) Dollars ($)**. Please have your money ready before you board the flight for Lagos at London Heathrow. Your group coordinator may check that this is the case and would not like to put you in an embarrassing situation.

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<td>Private Room</td>
<td>$4000 per room</td>
<td>Airport transfers; 2 double beds; Sleeps a family of 4 comfortably; En-suite toilet and shower facilities; Private butler at your service at all times during your stay; Room service – all your ordered meals served to you in your room and the table cleared up afterwards; Laundry collected and returned; Air conditioning; Daily room cleaning service; 3 meals each day – breakfast, lunch and supper; Beverages and fruit throughout the day;</td>
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Do I need to bring **BEDDING MATERIAL** with me?

Bed sheets and pillows with cases are provided but you may bring your own bed sheets and pillows if you choose to. You **MUST** however bring:

- Bath towels
- Blanket or light duvet or flat sheet for a covering at night. Choose what you bring based on your tolerance for the low temperatures offered by the air conditioning units in the rooms.
- Pillow is recommended in case you find the provided one unsuitable for your needs.

Is there a facility where I can purchase **FOOD AND DRINK** items during my stay at **SCOAN Lagos**?

Yes, there is a shop on the church premises which stocks a limited array of drinks, snacks and toiletries for sale.

You will not need to pay for food during your stay at **SCOAN Lagos**. This is because ALL food produced in the dining rooms is provided **FREE OF CHARGE** during your stay at **SCOAN Lagos.** i.e. breakfast, lunch and supper. Beverages (tea, coffee, cocoa (chocolate), and fruit are available throughout the day.

2 restaurants opened in 2012, which sell Western and Chinese meals. If you want to patronise these restaurants, you will have to do so at your own expense and pay for the food you want. If you want bottled water or certain drinks like coca cola, super malt, tonic water, etc., you will have to purchase them at your own expense from the shop on the church premises.

You will be allocated a dining room for International visitors. Its proximity will be based on the location of your sleeping quarters if you opted for a dormitory accommodation. Visitors who opted for a private room accommodation will be served in the dining areas of their rooms by their private butlers at meal times.

Your group coordinator will let you know of meal times and how to access beverages and others during your stay at **SCOAN Lagos.**
What is it like in **LAGOS, Nigeria**?


Lagos is a port and is the most populous city in **Nigeria**. Lagos is the second fastest growing city in Africa and the seventh fastest growing city in the world.[9] The official population of **Lagos State**, according to Nigerian census figures from 2006, stands at 7,937,932, making Lagos the third largest city in Africa.

Lagos is a metropolitan area which originated on islands separated by **creeks**, such as Lagos Island, fringing the southwest mouth of **Lagos Lagoon** while protected from the Atlantic Ocean by long **sand spits** such as **Bar Beach**, which stretch up to 100 km east and west of the mouth.

Lagos was formally annexed as the British **Lagos Colony** in 1861. This had the dual effect of crushing the **slave trade** and establishing British control over palm and other trades.[12] Lagos experienced rapid growth throughout the 1960s and 1970s as a result of Nigeria's economic boom prior to the **Nigerian Civil War**. Lagos was the capital of Nigeria from 1914 up to 1991.[13] The city was stripped of its status when the **Federal Capital Territory** was established at the purpose-built city of **Abuja**. On 14 November 1991, the Presidency and other federal government functions were finally relocated to the new capital city of Abuja.[13]

The airport at Ikeja near Lagos was built during **World War II**. **West African Airways Corporation** was formed in 1947 and had its main base at Ikeja. Originally known as Lagos International Airport, it was renamed in the mid 1970s, during construction of the new international terminal, after a former Nigerian military head of state **Murtala Muhammed**. The international terminal was modeled after **Amsterdam Airport Schiphol**. The new terminal opened officially on 15 March 1979. It is the main base for Nigeria's flag carrier airlines, **Aero** and **Arik Air**.

Murtala Muhammed International Airport consists of an international and a domestic terminal, located about one kilometre from each other. Both terminals share the same runways. This domestic terminal used to be the old Ikeja Airport. International operations moved to the new international airport when it was ready while domestic operations moved to the Ikeja Airport, which became the domestic airport. The domestic operations were relocated to the old Lagos domestic terminal in 2000 after a fire. A new domestic privately funded terminal known as MMA2 has been constructed and was commissioned on 7 April 2007.

In 2009, the airport served 5,644,572 passengers.[6]
What will the WEATHER be like in Lagos, Nigeria?

Lagos is HOT and HUMID.

YEARLY AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF LAGOS


Will I need any special items eg. CLOTHING?

- Bible and writing material.
- Decent clothes that cover your modesty will be strongly recommended at all times. They must be suitable – loose, cool, comfortable but not see through for the weather conditions in Lagos, Nigeria.
- Clothes that reveal your cleavage, are too short, are too tight, backless, strapless, thin strapped are not recommended for the lady visitors. They cannot be relied on to stay in place should your posture alter under the anointing of the Holy Spirit during prayer times.
- Long pants, long skirts or long dresses are recommended for lady visitors for Prayer Line and Sunday Church Services. These will help to preserve your modesty should you happen to fall under the power of the Holy Spirit during these services.
- Raincoat.
- Water bottle.
- Hair dressing appliances eg. hairdryer.
- Cardigan or shawl for your night flight should temperatures mid-air drop below your comfort zone.
- Warmer clothes or nightdresses, should you find the air conditioning units at nighttime, a bit on the cold side.
- Camera – photographs MUST NOT be taken at the Murtala Mohammed airport, Lagos. It is not permitted for National security reasons.
• Something of interest for you to engage in during waiting times at the airports eg. reading books, magazines, etc.
• Toiletries.

Thank you very much for taking your time to read through the above. We trust that you have found most if not all the answers you need to some vital questions you may have regarding your visit to SCOAN Lagos. If there are any more questions you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

Telephone: 07947119108
Email: tbjfansuk@gmail.com

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