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The Republic of Liberia, is Africa's oldest independent Nation, located in west Africa, bordered by Sierra Leone west, Guinea North, Ivory coast east and Atlantic Ocean south. The Official language is English with over 16 indigenous languages and a population of approximately 5 million, covering 43,000 square miles, it is the territory where freed slaves found a new home and settle, and also refer to as Africa's first melting pot of tribal and foreign



cultures and traditions, with freedom from slavery, its comprises of a blend of African and western influenced.

The Country's Eco-Tourism and unique Cultural heritage potential holds great demand to several International Tourism Markets, with its comparative advantages in natural landscapes, wildlife habitats (Primates, Pygmy Hippo, etc.), 617 Bird Species, remote and uncrowded surfs sports, forests, tropical life and coastal and marine environment serves as an accelerating advantages for tourism destinations.

In 2020, Liberia was ranked 8th by Forbes as one of the most attractive countries for world Tourism.

The Government of H.E Dr. George M. Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia under the **Pro-Poor Agenda for prosperity and Development** prioritize tourism and has since encourage Tourists to visit Liberia's historical site for site seeing and other Natural Ecotourism destinations, by instituting VISAS on Arrivals and other practical steps.

According to a survey conducted by The International Trade Centre (ITC) and the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), by '2025 Liberia will be an 'up-and-coming, fast-growing and increasingly sought-after travel destination

among international and local nature and adventure enthusiasts”. it is estimated that approximately 500,000 Liberian citizens are currently living abroad, or roughly 10 percent of the total population, by a survey conducted by the Liberian Diaspora Engagement Program, managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The country hosts the largest and only untouched proportion virgin Afro-Guinean rainforest in West Africa.



Liberia’s **Upper-Guinea forest** which is the **Africa largest and last untouched** rainforest, hosts; chimpanzees and other primates and the pigmy hippo as well as Exceptional birdlife, like the Liberian Greenbul and near endemic species of malimbos, hornbills, cuckoos, parrots, owls, trogons, honeyguides, woodpeckers, warblers, orioles, bush-shrikes, Guinea-fowl, francolins and others.

Biosphere for unique West African wildlife and bird species.



Liberia is also the home of Powdery white beaches to complement ecotourism with one of Africa’s great Ocean destinations for Surfing, stand-up paddling (SUP), kitesurfing Sport fishing and other marine sports.



The Country’s Liberia Maritime Authority is the world's second largest registry and founding member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), it has since taken leading role in global shipping, renowned for excellence, safety and innovative service.





TRAVEL DESTINATIONS AND TOURISM:

Kpatawee Waterfall:

Robertsport Surfing Camp- is the best concentration of lefthanders anywhere in Africa, Waves all year round, Remote and uncrowded surf spots Warm water & easy line-ups

Blue lake Bomi:

Sapo National Park:(SNP) is Located in Sinoe County in South-East Liberia, it contains the second largest area of primary tropical rain forest in West Africa after Tai National Park in neighboring Côte d'Ivoire, the park also contains the largest pygmy hippopotamus populations in Liberia (FDA)

Gola National Park located Central and South. In total Gola Forest covers 97,975 hectares and is located in Gbapolu and Grand Cape Mount Counties (FDA, 2008).

Gola This forest is one of the largest remaining intact areas of seasonal dense moist evergreen and semi-deciduous forests in West Africa. Of the 899 species of plant that are known to occur in the park, 232 are tree species

Lake Piso: Lake Piso, the largest lake in Liberia, is located in Gawulu-Tombe District in Grand Mount County about 72km west of Monrovia, Lake Piso is an open coastal lagoon with an ecosystem composition unique within Liberia: coastal vegetation, mountain forests, mangroves, swamps, brackish water, freshwater systems and island habitats (Table 1); FDA, 2008).

Wonegisi PPA located in Lofa county, it constitutes one of West Africa's last intact transitions from lowland rainforest to semi-montane Parinari dominated forest at altitude. The lowland forest type is dominated by trees such as Terminalia, Lophira, Pycnanthus, Albizia, Samanea, and Cryptosepalum species.

Sources: FDA, UNWTO, MICAT AND ITC