



MSU Travel Waiver Request

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.
Your response has been recorded.

Below is a summary of your responses

[Download PDF](#)

Name of Person Submitting Waiver

John Doe

MSU Faculty Advisor (if applicable)

Professor Ann Smith

Traveler/Group Leader Name

John Doe

Traveler/Group Leader Status

PhD Level

List of Travelers

Please indicate each person's role.

For example:

John Smith - faculty

Jane Doe - undergraduate senior

Alan Jones - undergraduate sophomore

John Doe - PhD Level graduate student

Reason for Travel

Registered Student Organization (RSO)

Alternative Spartan Break (ASB)

CHM Rotation

COM Rotation

Internship

Conference Attendance

Research

Other

On-Site Emergency Contact Information

Traveler/Group Leader
Email

johndoe@msu.edu

Traveler/Group Leader
Cell Phone

(517)-XXX-XXXX

Other On-Site Contact
(if applicable)

Local cell: (123)-XXX-XXXX

Destination (city, country)

Enugu, Nigeria

Departure Date:

← June 2018 →						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

11-19-2018

Return Date:

← June 2018 →						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12-03-2018

What is the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory Level for this destination?
For help, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/destination>

Level 3 - Reconsider Travel



Are you traveling to any regions that have a Level 3 or Level 4 Travel Advisory from the U.S. Department of State? If so, list those regions below and describe your reason for travel. For help, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/destination>

Yes, Nigeria has a level 3 travel advisory. I am traveling to Nigeria for research and for a conference. The first part of my trip will be spent in Enugu, Nigeria, where I will be conducting pre-dissertation research in the National Archives of Enugu. The last five days of my trip will be spent in Lagos, Nigeria, where I will be attending and presenting at the "Annual ABC Organization Conference."

Accommodations

Type

Hotel

Name & Address

3,5 Byron Onyeama Close, off Chime Avenue, New Haven, Enugu

Dates of Stay

11/19/2018 - 12/03/2018

Why did you select this location?

This hotel is close to the National Archives of Enugu, where I will be conducting research every day I am in Enugu. My local contact in Nigeria recommended this hotel to me and assured me that it is a safe and reliable place to stay.

Describe any security features of these accommodations.

This hotel is located in a quiet neighborhood and employs armed security guards. There is also a police station located two blocks away.

Will you be traveling to second destination?

Yes

No

Destination (city, country)

Lagos, Nigeria

What is the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory Level for this destination?
For help, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/destination>

Level 3 - Reconsider Travel

Departure Date:

← June 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12-03-2018

Return Date:

← June 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12-07-2018

Accommodations

Type

Hotel

Name & Address

30 Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way, Lagos, Nigeria

Dates of Stay

12/03/2018 - 12/07/2018

Why did you select this location?

This hotel is very close (two blocks away) to the University of Lagos, where I have been invited to give a conference presentation related to my dissertation. I selected this hotel due to a recommendation from a fellow PhD student who previously traveled to Lagos, Nigeria and stayed in this hotel.

Describe any security features of these accommodations.

This hotel is located in a safe neighborhood with 24-hour security and a perimeter fence.

Will you be traveling to a third destination?

Yes

No

Describe any local partners you will be working with.

While in Enugu: Professor Achebe Department of National Archives of Nigeria Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria Professor Achebe is native to Enugu, Nigeria and will be working closely with me during my stay. He has offered to show me around the city when I arrive so that I may become familiar with my surroundings, where to purchase groceries and other necessities etc. I became acquainted with Professor Achebe through my MSU advisor who has worked extensively in Nigeria for 20+ years. While in Lagos: I am in close communication with the conference organizers at the ABC Organization. They have offered detailed information on safety tips for conference attendees, suggested restaurants etc.

Describe your experience travelling to this, or similar, destination(s).

I have extensive international travel experience both academically and personally, particularly in Africa. As an undergraduate student, I participated in a semester-long study abroad program in Morocco. Since beginning my PhD, I have conducted 3 months of research in Tanzania. My other international travel experience includes a backpacking trip through Europe and personal trips to Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Describe the activities - both academic and recreational - that you/your group will be undertaking while abroad.

The majority of my trip will be spent in Enugu, Nigeria, where I will be conducting research in the National Archives of Enugu. I will also allocate time on the weekends for site-seeing. In my free time, I plan to visit the National Museum of Unity and the Ugwueme and Udi Hills upon Professor Achebe's recommendation. I do not plan to travel outside of Enugu while working there. The last five days of my trip will be spent in Lagos, Nigeria, where I have been invited to give a conference presentation related to my dissertation. I plan to attend social events planned by the conference organizers such as a dinner at a local restaurant and reception at the University of Lagos. However, I do not have any additional recreational activities planned during this time.

Health, Safety, and Security Plan

For each of the categories below, identify the risks present in the destinations you will be visiting. Then describe the mitigation strategies that you will undertake to mitigate these risks. Be as complete and accurate as possible.

Please consult the CDC: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> and the US Department of State: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html> to identify risks.

	Risks	Mitigation Strategies
Health	<p>The CDC recommends that I am up to date on all routine vaccinations. The CDC also suggests to get a vaccine for hepatitis A, malaria, polio, typhoid, and yellow fever.</p>	<p>Per CDC recommendations, I have ensured I am up-to-date on my vaccines. I received my Yellow Fever vaccine, typhoid vaccine and plan to bring documented proof of my polio vaccination. I have an appointment with the MSU Travel Clinic to further discuss my health needs including malaria medication. While in Nigeria, I will only drink bottled water or water that has been boiled.</p>
Crime	<p>I am aware of the higher crime rates in Lagos. The Department of State warns of increased risk of armed muggings, assaults, burglaries, home invasions, car-jackings, rape, and violent extortions. They note that law enforcement authorities usually respond slow and provide little to no investigative support to victims.</p>	<p>I will therefore remain vigilant of my surroundings, stay closely connected with my local hosts, and will employ personal security strategies that have worked for me during my previous travels such as avoiding overt displays of wealth, not traveling alone at night, not keeping all cash and valuables in the same place etc. I am aware that I should not use ATMs especially in Lagos and plan to exchange currency only at my hotel. If I am the victim of a crime, I will first report crimes to local police and also contact the US Embassy.</p>
Terrorism	<p>The Department of State advises that terrorist incidents have occurred in the northern states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Plateau, Taraba, the Federal</p>	<p>Enugu and Lagos are situated in the southeastern region of the country and I will not be traveling outside of this area</p>

Plateau, Taraba, the Federal Capital Territory and Yobe – and especially Borno.

into the northern states.

Civil Unrest

There is the potential for protests or demonstrations in Enugu or Lagos, as they have occurred in the past.

I will avoid any protests or demonstrations should they arise during my time in Enugu or Lagos. I will carry emergency contact information with me including the MSU 24/7 International Emergency Assistance Line, contact numbers for my hosts, and the emergency phone number for the U.S. Consulate. I have also already enrolled in the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) so that I can monitor security messages issued by the U.S. Embassy in Abuja and the U.S. Consulate in Lagos. English is widely spoken in Nigeria and therefore I do not anticipate difficulty communicating.

Transportation

The U.S. Department of State advises against using public transportation in Nigeria. They also note that roads are generally in poor condition, which contributes to hazardous traffic conditions.

I will not use public transportation during my time in Nigeria. I will be flying in to Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport and immediately connecting to a domestic flight to Enugu. I will be greeted at the airport by a private driver and guide who has worked with Professor Achebe and my MSU advisor for many years. The private driver is employed by XYZ Transportation Company which has provided us with proof that they are a licensed, insured, and bonded company. The driver has 10+ years of experience in transportation and his cars are well-maintained and equipped with seat belts. I will be transported directly to my hotel upon arrival. Most days I will travel to and from my hotel and the National Archives with Professor Achebe. On days when Professor Achebe is unavailable, the private driver will be available for transportation. We will not travel after darkness. To attend the conference in Lagos, I will

fly back to the Murtala Muhammed International Airport where I will be greeted by conference organ

I thoroughly reviewed the Department of State's information regarding travel to Nigeria. Given my experience traveling internationally, significant local contacts, and the steps I am taking to protect my personal safety, I believe that I am well equipped to undertake this international trip. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Other

N/A

Additional Documents (optional): Letter of support/recommendation, conference agenda, travel itinerary, etc.

Drop files or click here to upload

Additional Documents (optional): Letter of support/recommendation, conference agenda, travel itinerary, etc.

Drop files or click here to upload

For assistance, contact the Office of International Health and Safety at oihs@msu.edu or 517-884-2174.