

# DETTY DECEMBER

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Detty December in Lagos is the rhythm of the streets  
The smell of Suya sneaking its way through the car windows

The hot air sticking to your skin as Wizkid blares from the car speaker, as we journey  
over the bridge from the mainland

to the island waiting impatiently in traffic hoping to make that party  
that vibz  
that enjoyment.

You've been counting down the days, setting up what's app groups laying out this years  
agenda for "Detty December

2024". Hoping that this years trip makes it out of the group chat... and it does. The truth  
is we all want to chop life.

To trace the history of the land our ancestors called home, which we hope will one day  
know our names too.

Cause Detty December isn't only about the music, dancing and reuniting with family, its  
also about basking in the joy of

returning home and discovering new parts of us ready for the new year ahead.