

Period	Description
<p>Pre- 1100 AD</p>	<p>1ST DYNASTY – OGISO (GOD REPRESENTATIVE FROM SKY) The early Ancient Benin Kingdoms were known as Igodomigodo and the leader was known as Ogiso or Obagodo. Owodo was the last Ogiso on the throne. About 31 Ogisos reigned before the banishment of Ikaladerhan. He changed his name to Izoduwa (Yoruba Ododuwa), the heir apparent to Ogiso Owodo. Evian and his son Ogiamien administer the kingdom during the interregnum</p>
<p>About 1170 Search for banished Prince Ikaladerhan (the Heir Apparent)</p>	<p>ORANMIYAN (SON OF IKALADERHAN) ARRIVES BENIN CITY. He was crowned King and became the first Oba dynasty. Establishment of the 2nd dynasty, the lines of Oranmiyan</p>

<p>1200 – 1440 Era of Empire Consolidation</p>	<p>1200 – Eweka the son of Oranmiyan was crown King 1255 – Prison systems established named EwAncient Benin Kingdom 1283 – Benin City Wall and moat dug by King Oguola 1300 – Ga migrated to Ghana from Benin City The seat of government was relocated from Usama to the present site</p> <p>Between 1200 and 1440, Kings Uwakhuahen, Ehenmihen, EwAncient Benin Kingdom, Oguola, Ancient Benin Kingdomni, UdagbAncient Benin Kingdom, Ohen, Egbeka, Oribiru, and Uwaifiokun reigned.</p>
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<p>1440 – 1605 Era of the Warrior Kings</p>	<p>ANCIENT BENIN KINGDOM NATION RESTRUCTURED INTO PALACE & TOWN CHIEFS</p> <p>1440 – Name of the Country was changed from Ubini to Ancient Benin Kingdom</p> <p>1441 – The inner Benin Moat was dug by King Ewuare</p> <p>1444 – Edaiken title was created for the heir Apparent, who is the King’s first son</p> <p>1472 – Ruy de Sequeira from Europe visited Benin City</p> <p>1485 – John Affonso d’Aveiro of Spain visited Benin City</p> <p>1504 – Civil war in Ancient Benin Kingdom between two princes, Arhuan and Esigie</p> <p>1515 – War between Ancient Benin Kingdom and the Igala (Idah War)</p> <p>1515 – Prince Ezechima founded established onitsha after a dispute over the claimant to Ancient Benin Kingdom throne.</p> <p>1517 – Benin established Ambassador with Portugal and Spain</p> <p>1517 – Prince Orhogbua visited Spain as an emissary of King Esigie</p> <p>1516 – Queen Mother Palace established in Urelu, political maneuver to curtail Queen Idia fame, King Esigie’s mum</p> <p>1550 – Lagos was founded as a Benin Camp</p> <p>1553 – Windham from Europe visited Benin City</p> <p>1570 – War General Ekpenede on direction from King Ehengbuda, led a</p>
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<p>1605 – 1700 Era of European Missionary Influence</p>	<p>BUILDING OF CATHOLIC FAITH BY SPAIN 1641 – King Ahenzae, the youngest King ever in Ancient Benin Kingdom land was crowned at age 16, because King Ohuan the son of King Ehengbuda died childless 1666 – Denis de Carli was invalided from Benin City to Spain 1684 – Reverend Fathers Francis de Romano and Filip da Figuar came to Benin City to inspect the mission 1669 – D. V. Nyandael (European Traveler) visited Benin City</p> <p>Between 1605 and 1712, Kings Ohuan, Ahenzae, Akenzae, Akengboi, Ahenkpaye, AkengbAncient Benin Kingdom, and Oreoghene. reigned</p>
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<p>1700 – 1897 British began to take control and promote colonialism</p>	<p>1702 - D. V. Nyandael visited Benin City the 2nd time 1769 – Captain J. F. Landolphe came to Benin City; Also in 1778, 1787 1788 – French established a trading station in Gwatto and was destroyed by the British in struggle 1815 – John King R. N. came to Benin City; Also in 1821 1823 – Belzoni, an Italian explorer dies in Gwatto, Benin port 1825 – Captain James Fawckner visited Benin City 1838 – Moffatt and Smith visited Benin City 1862 – Sir Richard Burton visited Benin City 1864 – Samuel Cheetham, Hugh Crawford, Clarke and Henry, all British traders visited Benin City 1885 – Benin was taken under British protection and made the subject of the British crown 1889 – Cyril Punch, Powis, McNaught, Annesley and Bleasby visited Benin City; Also in 1890 and 1891 1890 – Paton and Ochterton visited Benin City 1890 – Osemawe of Ondo betrothed his daughter to King Ovonramwen 1892 – Captain H.L. Gallwey, on behalf of the British Government signed a treaty with King Ovonramwen</p>
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<p>1897 – 2005 Era of the British Control and full colonization</p>	<p>3RD DYNASTY – ERA OF EUROPEAN COLONIAL RULE</p> <p>1897 - Ebeikinmwin was executed by the British 1897 –Obakhavbaye and Uso were executed by the British 1899 – Uromi Uprising protesting British invasion 1899 – Ologbosere was executed 1907 – British troops again sent to Benin 1913 – Mr. James Watt was made Resident of Benin Province 1918 – Okogie, the Enogie of Uromi was exiled to Benin City 1918 – The Great Epidemic of Influenza 1954 – Emotan Statue was unveiled 1956 – H.M. Queen Elizabeth II visited Benin City</p> <p>Between 1897 and 2019, Kings Eweka II, Akenzua II, King Erediauwa and current King Ewuare II have reigned</p>
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