

The Black History Foundation Annual Themed Cruise

A seven-day immersive experience designed to educate, engage, and empower participants through an in-depth exploration of African, Afro-Indigenous, and African Diasporic histories. Join us for a journey through time and memory, tracing the movement of African peoples, cultures, and traditions across the Atlantic.

Journey Through Time and Memory

The Black History Foundation Annual Themed Cruise is not just a journey through space, but also through time and memory. This premier fundraising event aligns with our mission to preserve and promote the global African narrative.

Through expert-led discussions, site visits, cultural workshops, and culinary experiences, participants will gain a deeper understanding of Africa's historical footprint in the Americas. The cruise will be token gated for Black History Foundation Meme Coin holders as a premium experience benefit.

Our Goals

- **Fundraising:** Support scholarships, historical preservation projects, and educational programs
- **Reclaiming Narratives:** Explore lesser-known histories omitted from mainstream education
- **Cultural Connections:** Highlight preservation of African traditions across the diaspora
- **Community Empowerment:** Foster networking, learning, and shared cultural pride

Cruise Overview & Pricing

Departing from Galveston, Texas, this 7-day cruise (plus 1 pre-cruise day) will visit selected locations tied to African and Afro-Indigenous history, including Mexico, Belize, and the Caribbean.

- **Total Cabins:** Across four different accommodation types

- **Total Revenue:** Including base price and donations
- **Total Profit:** Supporting foundation initiatives

Pricing includes a donation component to support the foundation's work:

- Inside Cabin (+\$2,000)
- Balcony Cabin (+\$3,000)
- Suite (+\$5,000)

The cruise will be promoted during our Juneteenth Telethon.

Educational Themes

Ancient African Influences in the Americas

Explore the fascinating connections between ancient African civilizations and pre-Columbian societies in the Americas.

- **Astronomy Night:** Navigate by the Southern Cross
- **Black & Brown Pyramid Builders:** Architectural and cultural contributions
- **Mami Wata & HuriKhan:** African and Taino hurricane mythology

We'll investigate African presence in pre-Columbian societies, examining the architectural, spiritual, and cultural contributions of African-descended peoples in Mesoamerica and the American South. On-ship astronomy nights will recreate the experience of ancient sailors navigating by stars.

The Igbo of Belize & Afro-Caribbean Resistance

Discover the profound influence of Igbo culture in Belize and throughout the Caribbean.

- **Museum Tour:** Explore exhibits showcasing Igbo linguistic influence in Belizean Creole
- **Jewelry Comparisons:** Analyze ancient Belizean hieroglyphs featuring adornments similar to traditional Igbo jewelry
- **Music & Festivals:** Compare Belizean Jankunu Festival with Igbo masquerade traditions
- **AfaAI Project:** Learn about efforts to preserve and digitize Igbo language using artificial intelligence

The AfaAI project integrates technology to decipher connections between modern African languages and ancient African languages across the globe, preserving cultural knowledge for future generations.

Culinary & Cultural Traditions Across the Diaspora

Taste the history of the African diaspora through its culinary traditions that have influenced global cuisine.

- **Hibiscus Journey:** From ancient Egypt to Caribbean sorrel
- **Tigernut Horchata:** African origins of a Latin American favorite
- **Cacao & Chocolate:** African contributions to cultivation and rituals
- **Shared Spices:** Chili, cinnamon, nutmeg across continents

We'll trace hibiscus from ancient Egypt and Sudan to Senegal, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Known as Jamaican Sorrell, Bissap, Zobo, Sobolo, and many other names, this plant connects cultures across the diaspora through its distinctive flavor and medicinal properties.

Science & Spirituality of Sacred Plants

Explore the scientific and spiritual connections between African botanical knowledge and architectural alignments across continents.

- **Sea Island Cotton:** Tracing *Gossypium barbadense* from the Yucatan to Texas, cultivated for over a thousand years
- **Heracleum & the Pineal Gland:** Investigating plants linked to melanin production and brain function
- **Cosmological Alignments:** Shared architectural principles in Caribbean, Yucatan, America, Mesoamerica, and Africa
- **Juneteenth Connection:** The significance of Texas cotton history to the last place to announce the end of slavery

Why This Initiative Matters

The Black History Foundation Annual Themed Cruise is an experiential journey bridging the past and present. Through education, cultural immersion, and community engagement, this event will serve as a transformative platform for preserving and celebrating African history.

Filling Historical Gaps

Bringing visibility to hidden African narratives that have been omitted from mainstream education and historical records.

Strengthening Global African Identity

Connecting the African diaspora through shared culture, traditions, and experiences that highlight our common heritage.

Supporting Sustainable Fundraising

Providing ongoing financial support for Black History Foundation initiatives including scholarships, preservation projects, and educational programs.

We invite corporate sponsors, donors, and cultural organizations to support and participate in this initiative. Join us in this important work of reclaiming and celebrating our shared history.