



Remainder Trip Timelines & Preparation Checklist

(Please make sure you are regularly checking Whats app for updates)

1. **By July 1, 2021**-Purchase travel insurance. [Click here](#) for list of recommended carriers. I would recommend to at minimum get \$4k in trip coverage and 50k in medical insurance (Please check, coverage still may be available)
2. **By October 20th-2021**- For those who purchased Package A/Flight included you will receive your flight itineraries
3. **By October 23rd, 2021**- Need to secure your physical passport and 2 passport photo. Please ensure passport does not expire before July 2022. You will need to let me know if you would like me to process:
 - Single entry visa (good for one trip to Ghana-**included**)
 - Multi entry visa (good for multiple trips to Ghana valid for 2-5 years based on Embassy's discretion- **NOT included and will be an additional \$100**)
 - OR You will secure visa on your own
 - Note: If you are not able to get your visa processed in time, you will have to pay about \$300 for Visa on arrival.
4. **October 23, 2021- 5-7PM CST**- In person Meet & Greet and trip touch base meeting . I should have some passports back with visas so will pass them out at the Meet & Greet. I will also be covering itinerary, updates and have you all sign travel waivers.

- If not able to attend in person, Virtual meeting will be **6-7PMCST**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87276871059> Meeting ID: 872 7687 1059.
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- 5. **By November 5th**- Need to get fitting/measurements if you want to get African outfits made. My Operations Manager will be following up with further information/pricing

- 6. **By November 15th**
Get Vaccinations/Pills ([Click here for details on CDC website](#))
 - **Required- Yellow Fever vaccination.** [Click Here](#) for list of clinics who administer the vaccine in US. MUST carry yellow fever card as it will be checked to clear passport control and customs. (NOTE: I would suggest making an appointment for this vaccine ASAP as clinics have been known to run out)

 - **High Recommended- Malaria pills.** You can visit a travel health clinic (CVS or Passport Health) or check with your normal physician for prescription. You can also check with the clinic you make appointment for Yellow Fever Vaccination to see if they can write prescription for Malaria pills

 - **Highly Recommended Now- Polio Vaccination.** If you were vaccinated against polio as a child, but have never had a polio booster dose as an adult, you should get this booster dose. Adults need only one polio booster dose in their lives. Check with the clinic you make appointment for Yellow Fever Vaccination to see if they can administer Polio or Polio booster vaccination OR normal physician

 - **Highly Recommended Now- COVID Vaccine**

- 7. **By December 1st,2021**- Trip should be paid in full or risk forfeiture of your trip payments.

- 8. **December 19th at 4PMCST**- Last Trip Touch Base Zoom Call/Reminders/Answer Questions. Will send out emails/calendar invites.

- 9. **December 24th**- Take Covid Test prior to leaving US

- 10. **December 25th**- Most of group will be leaving Chicago to JFK

11. **December 25th** - Overnight stay at Fairfield Marriott-JFK. 156-08 Rockaway Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11434 USA. Breakfast and transportation from hotel to JFK airport is included. (this is included in Package 1/Flights included)
12. **December 26th** - Depart US for Ghana!
13. **December 27th-January 3rd** - Rethink Africa Tour
14. **January 3rd, 2021**- Depart Ghana



Preparation Checklist/Things to Note:

COVID Tests

1. Must take COVID test on December 24th or 25th prior to leaving US (cost varies/some insurance covers)
2. Will need to take another COVID test when landing in Accra Airport (\$150)
3. Will need to take another COVID test prior to leaving Ghana (about \$60)
4. Vaccinated passengers will still need to take all COVID tests

Items to Bring

1. At least \$750 cash (meals not included in itinerary, souvenirs, tips/gratuities, activities not included in itinerary)
2. School items for volunteer event (list will be provided at Meet and Greet)
3. Credit Card and Debit Card (Ensure to contact bank and let them know you will be traveling)
4. Insect repellent (look for ingredients containing DEET, Picaridin Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) OR IR3535)
5. Travel Adapter- Please purchase a universal adapter. Ghana uses type D and G outlets.
6. Sunscreen- 30-50 SPF
7. Hand Sanitizer
8. Wet wipes
9. Travel size tissue

10. Antacids tablets (Tums or Pepto bismol)
11. Summer Wear (Weather in Ghana will be 85 F or higher)
12. Swim Wear
13. Comfortable shoes (sandals/and or gym shoes)
14. All White & All Black Outfit (Going Out)
15. 1-2 Bottles of your favorite Alcohol (Liquor stores are hard to find and you can also get at Duty Free in airport. May be more expensive and limited options)

Phone/Wifi

1. Wifi will be available in hotel and on tour bus to scheduled events
2. Contact mobile company regarding international data plan (WIFI will be scarce in Africa)
3. If phone coverage does not work, the following will be available for purchase on arrival:
 - a. Sim card with data plan- **about \$20**. Please check with carrier to confirm phone is unlocked and can accept foreign sim cards. If not, you can bring an unlocked phone or purchase one in Accra
 - b. Mobile hotspot- **about \$60** (but can connect multiple devices so can share price with someone you will be with the entire trip)