

## **Rethink Africa Trip Itinerary**

### **Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

Depart respective cities for NYC. Overnight stay at Fairfield Inn-JFK.

### **Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Depart NYC to ACC via Kenya Airline. There will be a short layover in Nairobi, Kenya

### **Dec 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Dinner included**

Akwaaba, Welcome to Ghana!

Once arriving at Kotoka International Airport by 4PM, either I or a representative will be waiting to escort you to the hotel. Please look for a sign with Keynect Global OR Bibiniba Tours

Later that evening enjoy traditional Ghanaian food, drinks and celebration at our **Welcome Dinner**. We will cover the itinerary, meet and greet with the group, enjoy entertainment, purchase African art and souvenirs and receive fitting for African print clothing (if ordered).

### **Dec 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Breakfast and light refreshments included**

#### **Suggested Attire: African print casual/festival wear**

Depart in the AM for **Aburi Gardens** and enjoy a brief walking tour of the beautiful botanical gardens and take a mini-photoshoot with this amazing scenic backdrop.

After visiting the gardens, we will depart for a **volunteer event at Children of God Community School and Performing Arts** where you will be able to learn about the school's mission, spend time with the students and staff, enjoy a cultural performance, and present school supplies and donations. Light refreshments will be served.

Please refer to list at <https://chasingchass.com/Donation%20List.pdf>

Later that afternoon, you can hang and catch vibes at **Afrochella-the African version of Coachella**. Experience Africa's best food, fashion, culture, and music. General admission is included and table/bottle packages will be announced later for an additional fee.

**Note:** shuttle service will run between the venue and hotel from 3:30PM-12AM

## **Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Breakfast Included**

In the AM, explore the history and culture in Accra the country's capital city during the **Accra City Tour**. Here you will learn more about the origins of the city and prominent Ghanaian and African Diaspora leaders such as Kwame Nkrumah and WEB Dubois. You will also get a glimpse of the hustle and bustle of **Makola Market**, one of the largest open-air markets in the country and participate in a ceremony at the Diaspora African Forum where you can honor past relatives by sponsoring their name on the Remembrance wall. Later you can relax and grab a traditional style lunch (not included) at the **Arts Center** and explore the art market and purchase souvenirs.

In the evening, feel free to explore the city on your own and check out [my top picks](#) of restaurants for dinner. Later in night we will check out one of the hottest lounges/clubs in Accra (entry fee and a complimentary drink included)

## **Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast and lunch included

Depart late morning to **visit the African Ancestral Wall**- a mural consisting of over 90 portraits of iconic leaders in Africa and her Diaspora. This wall was self-funded and constructed by a Los Angeles native where he was inspired to move to the country to share these heroic stories of our ancestors with students, visitors and locals. Enjoy a traditional Ghanaian lunch with the family that owns the site.

Return to Accra late afternoon for **leisure time**. Feel free to explore the city on your own and check out [my top picks of restaurants](#) and nightlife or relax at the hotel. My concierge team will be available to help you book in-home hair, nail, massages appointments ([Click here to book](#) and advanced booking is required) or make dinner/nightlife reservations, etc.

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Breakfast and NYE Dinner and drinks included**

**Suggested Attire: All Black formal/going out wear for NYE celebration**

NYE will be a leisure day to relax and get ready for the night-time festivities!

Chill out by pool or hang out at the beach(shuttle transportation included). Also, feel free to explore the city [on your own](#) ( visit markets, go to brunch/lunch at top restaurants, win big at the casinos, etc.). My concierge team can help book in-home hair, nail or massage, appointments for you ([Click here to book](#) and advanced booking is required)

At night, enjoy a **private NYE Dinner** and toast at a top restaurant featuring international cuisine. Later you will have the choice of bringing in 2022 at a Church Celebration or NYE Party (drinks included)

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Breakfast and Box lunch included**

**\*\*Note: We will be checking out of the Accra Marriott hotel. Please make sure to pack your bags in advance. You can hold large bags at the Marriott hotel and just bring small carry-on with you for this part of the journey\*\*\***

Check-out of the Accra Marriott hotel and head to the airport to **tour a new city in Ghana-Kumasi.-second largest city in Ghana**. This part of the tour will feature the rich culture of Ghana and you learn about the famous and powerful Ashanti(Asante) Kingdom. It will include **a visit to the Ashanti(Asante) Kingdom Palace museum, Adinkra craft village tour, Kente weaving workshop and learning more about the history of cocoa** and the many uses of it. The tour will end with a **Traditional naming ceremony** where you will receive your official Ashanti(Asante) name and cultural celebration hosted by the Queen Mother and the Chief of the town.

Later that evening we will check into our hotel/serviced apartments and will have dinner at the hotel (not included).

## **Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Breakfast and lunch included**

Wake up early AM and check out of Kumasi hotel to depart for **Assin Manso Ancestral Slave River Park**- was one of the largest slave markets for gathering people to sell into slavery during the infamous trans-Atlantic slave trade. Assin Manso served as the place where slaves had their last bath on their journey. After we leave these ancestral grounds, we will head to Cape Coast Slave Dungeon where they held slaves before they were loaded onto ships and sold in the Americas. This **"gate of no return"** was the last stop before crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Given this will be a very emotional and thought provoking experience, we will have a debrief session over lunch to discuss and process the atrocities of those events.

Later that afternoon we will visit a local university/community center where we will learn about investment opportunities in Ghana.

In the evening we will check-in to our Cape Coast hotel and have dinner in the area (not included)

## **Jan 3<sup>th</sup>**

### **Breakfast and offerings included**

### **Suggested Attire: All white casual wear**

**We will rise around 4AM to participate in a Sunrise Ancestral Ceremony where we will be using that time to reflect and spend quality time with our ancestors. We will have a farewell breakfast at the hotel and will depart for Accra.**

We should arrive in Accra by 12PM. Here there will be a health clinic representative on standby to conduct COVID tests to leave the country (about \$65). We will coordinate having all results available in advance before heading to the airport.

**You will have about 5-6 hours to explore the city on your own one last time. We will all meet back at Accra Marriott hotel by 6:30PM to retrieve luggage and head to the airport. If your flight is at another time please provide itinerary ahead of time so we can coordinate airport transfer arrangements**

Until next time GHANA!

**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>-**

Majority of group have a full day layover in Nairobi. I have coordinated a full day tour with a tour provider there (\$220). This includes visa, Safari, Giraffe Center, Elephant Sanctuary, Nairobi Day tour and more. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included.

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Arrive at JFK at 6:35AM and travel to your respective cities in the USA.