



AFRICAN CONNECTIONS

"Your Gateway to Africa"

# Return to the Motherland African Heritage Tour

**October 22nd – November 1st 2024  
(12 Days)**



**Only \$3499 per person**

**Space is limited.**

**Pay \$250 to reserve your Spot**

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# African Connections Presents: Return to the Motherland African Festival Tour

## Tour Highlights:

Our tour includes visits to several unique cities in Ghana including Accra, Ghana's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital, Kumasi, the famous capital of the Asante Empire, and several of the towns and villages in the Asante region, and Cape Coast, and Elmina in the historic Central Region.



DAY 1-4:

# Travel to Ghana and Accra City Tours.

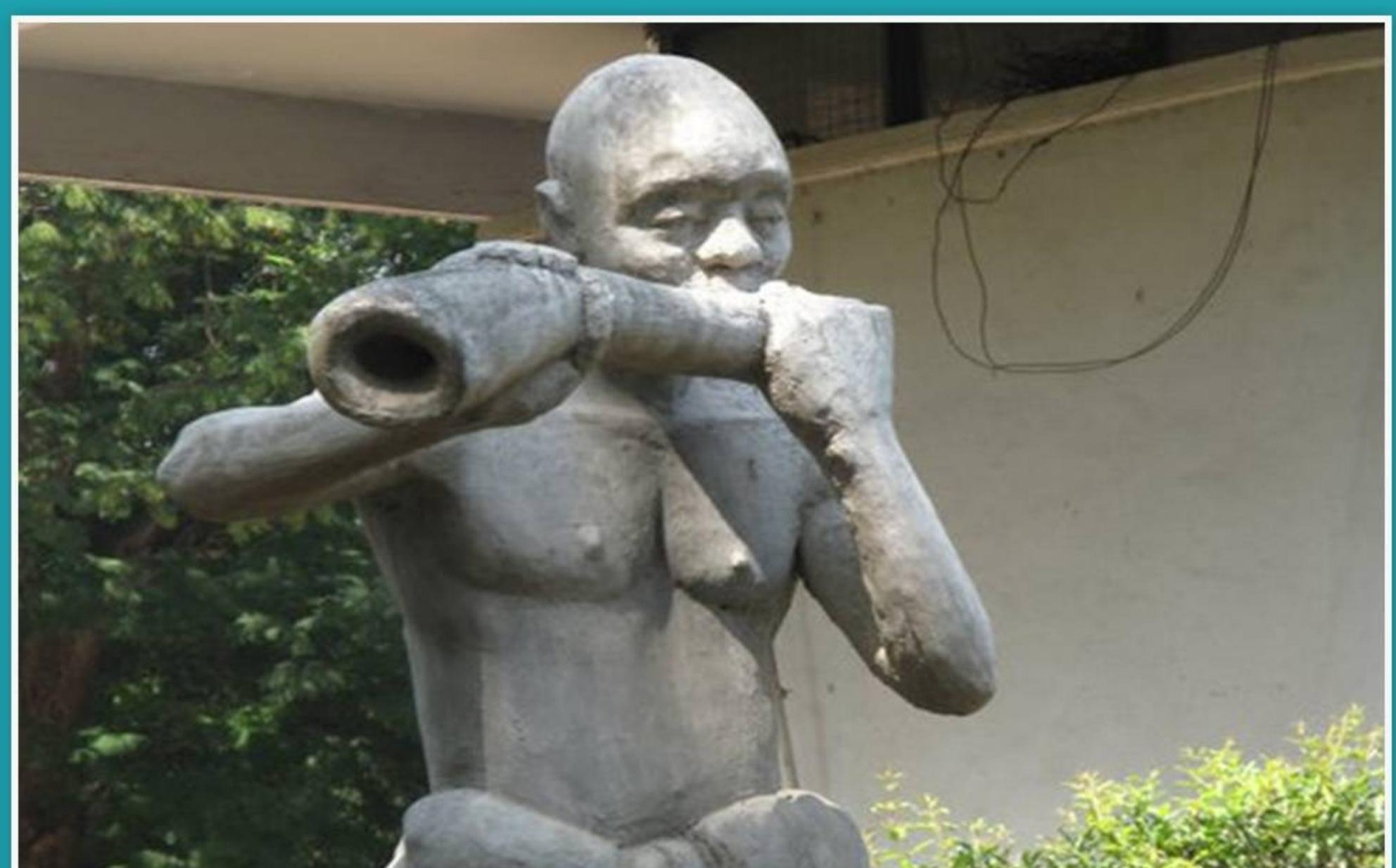
We will visit Independence Square (where Ghanaians celebrate the nation's Independence Day each year); and stand under Black Star Square which is a monument to the Black Star of Ghana, which Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first Prime Minister adopted in tribute to Marcus Garvey.



We will visit the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, which is the final resting place of the first President of Ghana and one of Africa's most renowned Statesmen and Pan-Africanists; and the W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Center for Pan-African Culture, which is a research library and gallery containing the invaluable manuscripts of W.E.B. DuBois.



Visit Ghana's National Museum, which houses the largest and oldest of Ghana's six museums. It originally opened in 1957 as part of Ghana's Independence celebrations and houses an exciting collection of exhibits showcasing Ghana's culture and history from pre-historic times to the present.



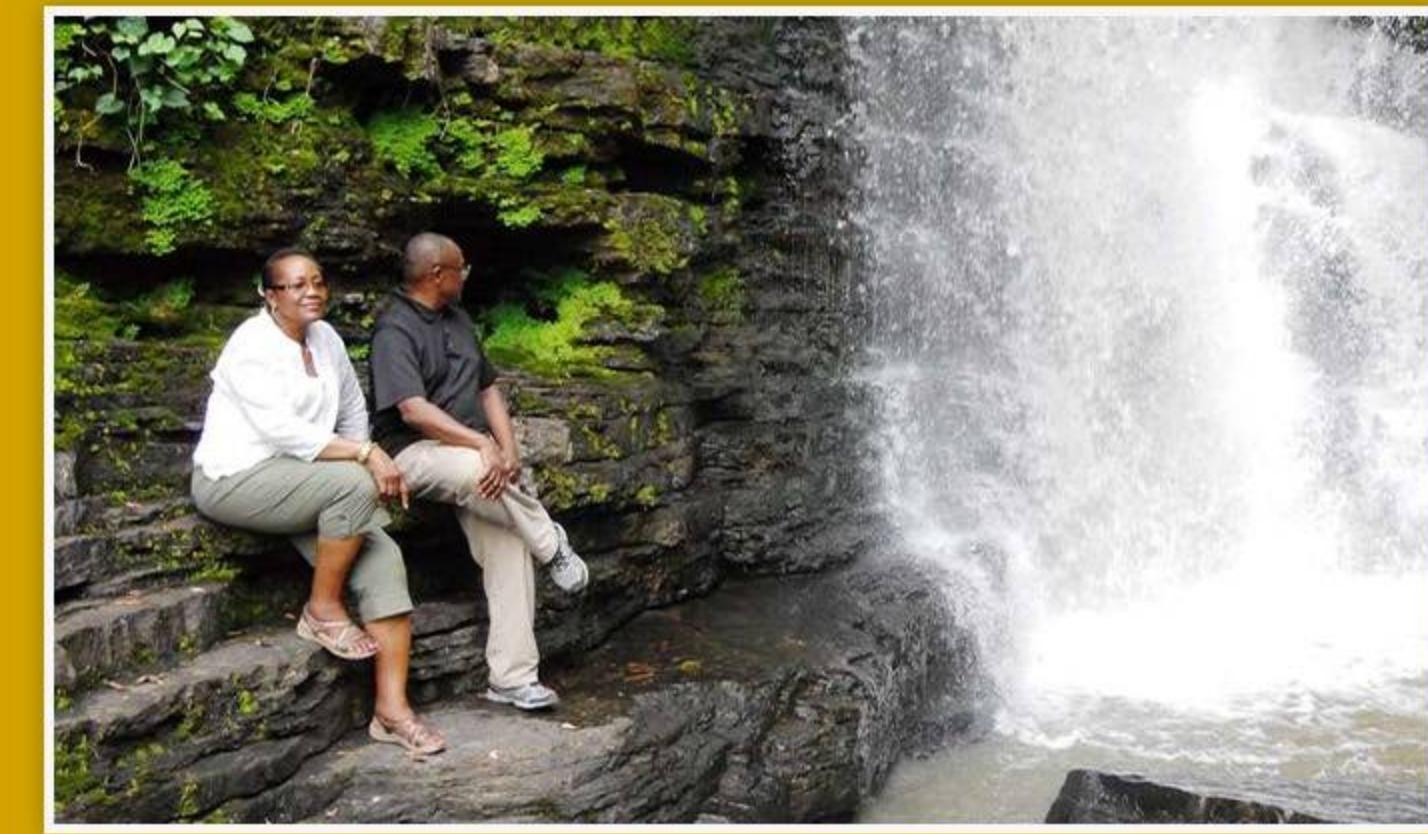
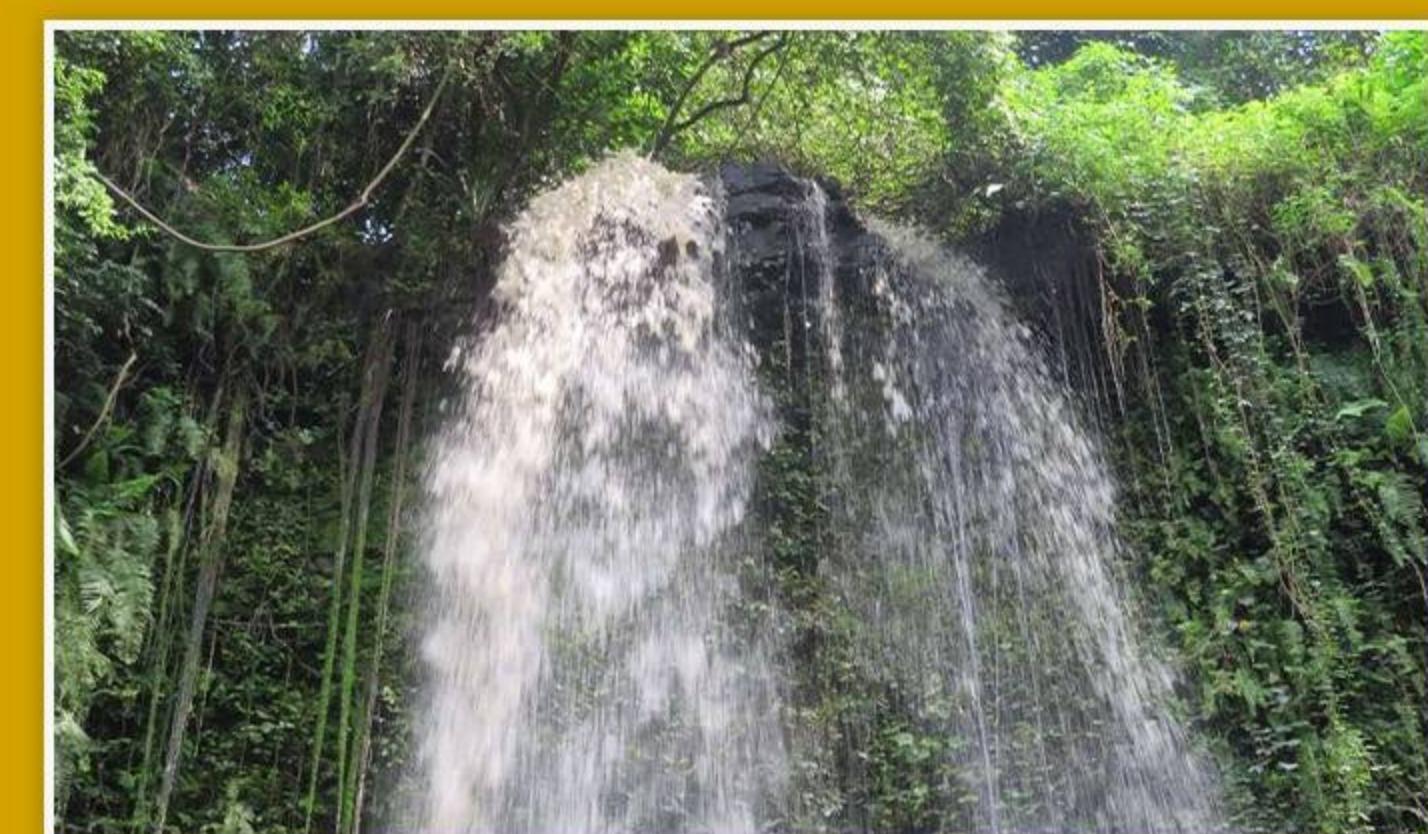
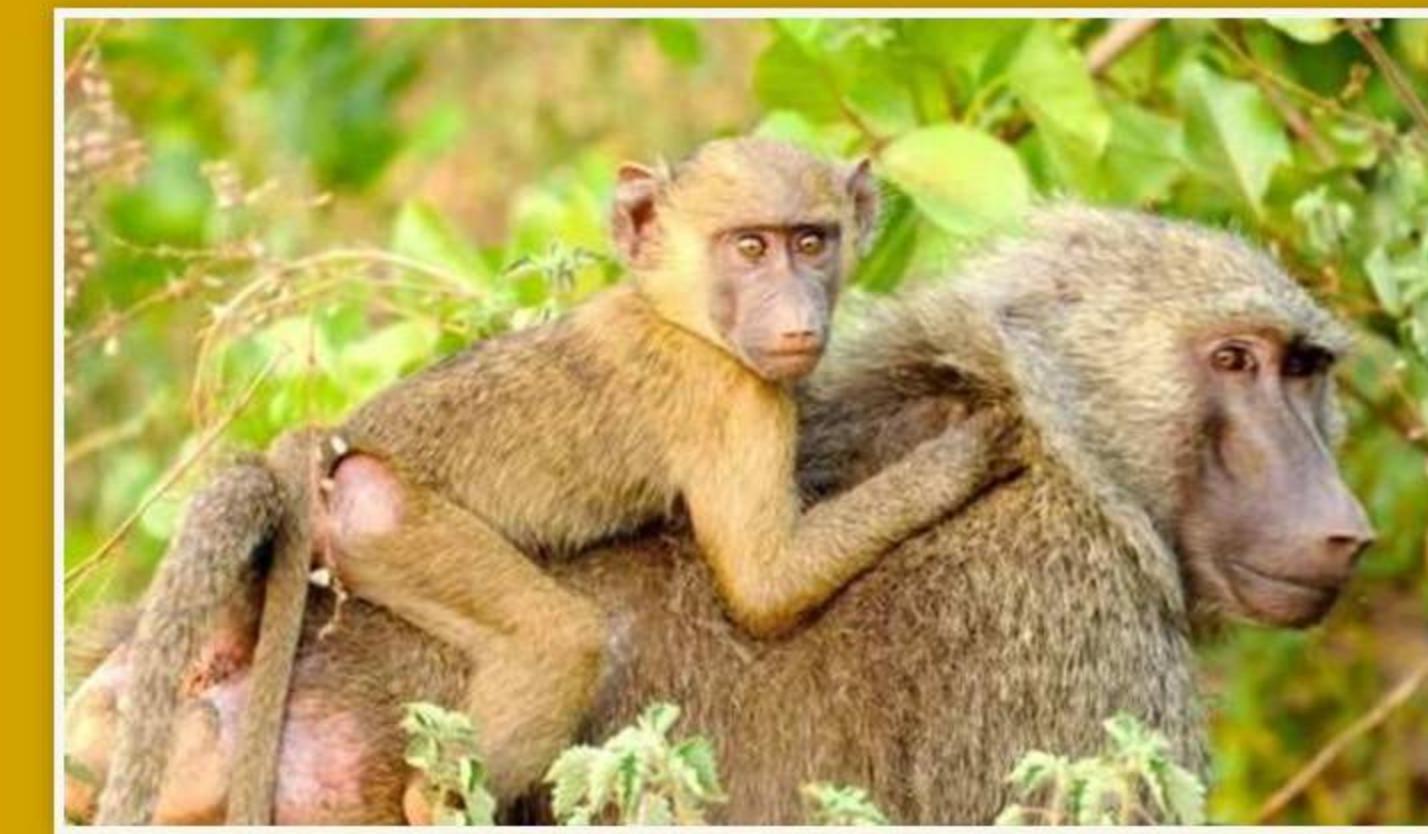
# Visit to Shai Hills Reserve

Shai Hills Resource Reserve is the natural habitat of Baboons, green monkeys, antelopes, zebras, numerous tropical mammals, reptiles and over 172 bird species.

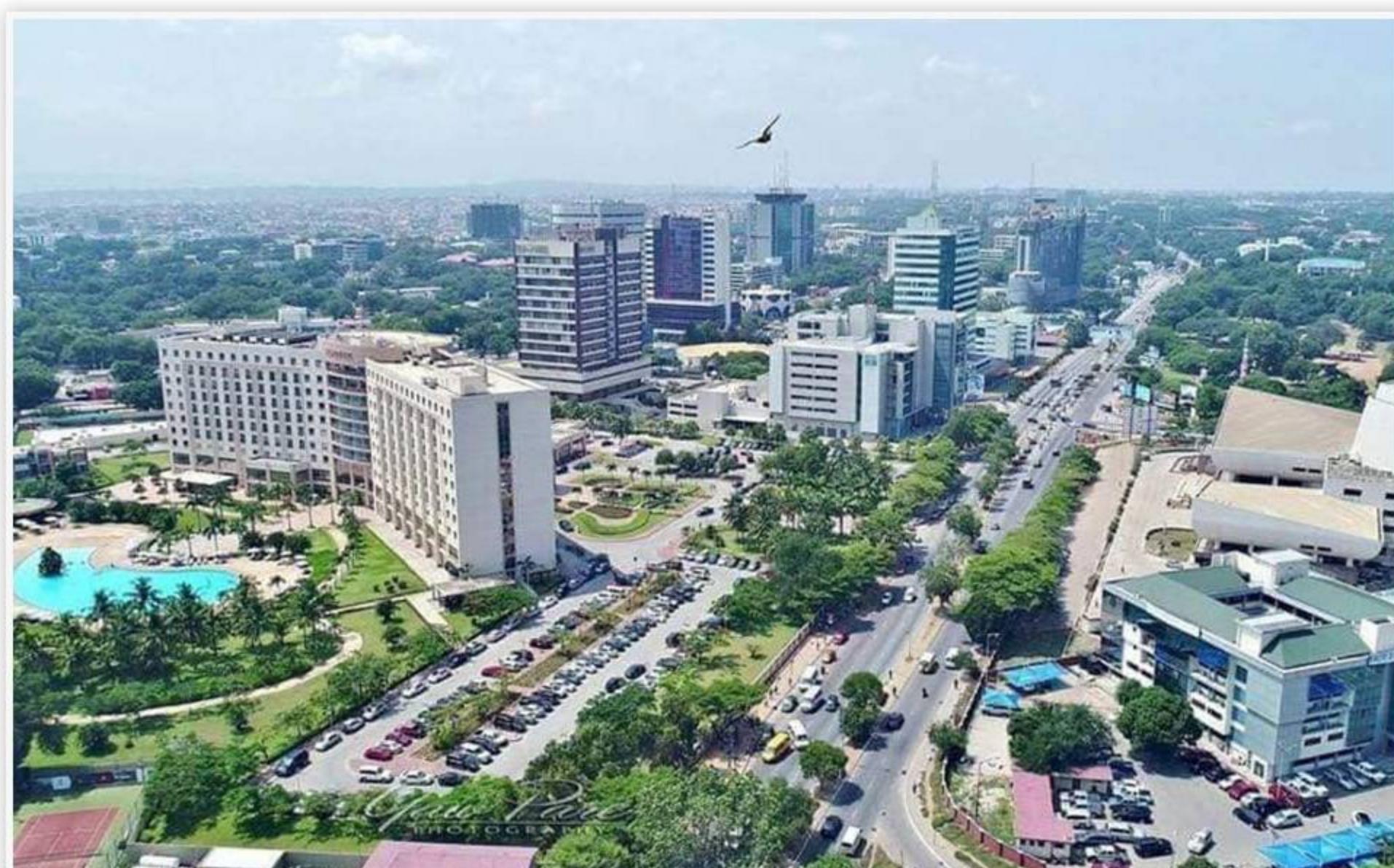
Explore the reserve accompanied by an experienced park guide with vast knowledge of the people and culture of the Shai tribe as well as all the intricacies of each animal species you will see.

## Asenema Waterfall:

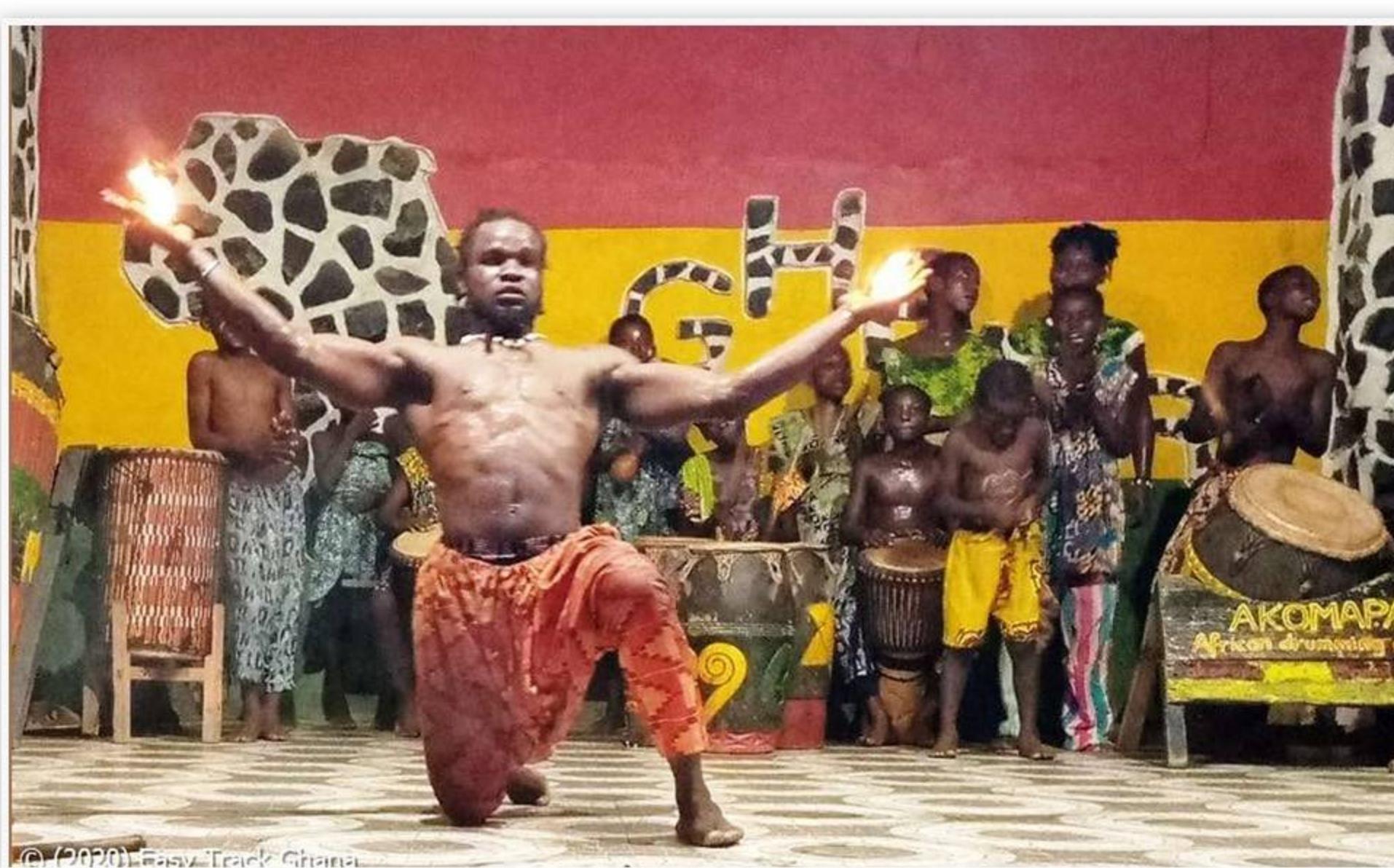
The Asenema Waterfall is one of the hidden gems in the rainforest of the Akuapem Hills. With its powerful and enchanting display of cascading water, the Asenema Waterfall is a natural wonder that is sure to leave you spellbound.



We will drive through the commercial districts of Accra and see the amazing development and growth of Accra. Stop at points of interest as we crisscross through Accra, one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in Africa.



While in Accra, enjoy an evening of entertainment and fun at our Akwaaba (Welcome) Dinner Buffet with Cultural Dance and Drumming Performances.



**DAY 5-7:**

# We Tour Kumasi, and its Surrounding Towns.

## Akwasidae Festival

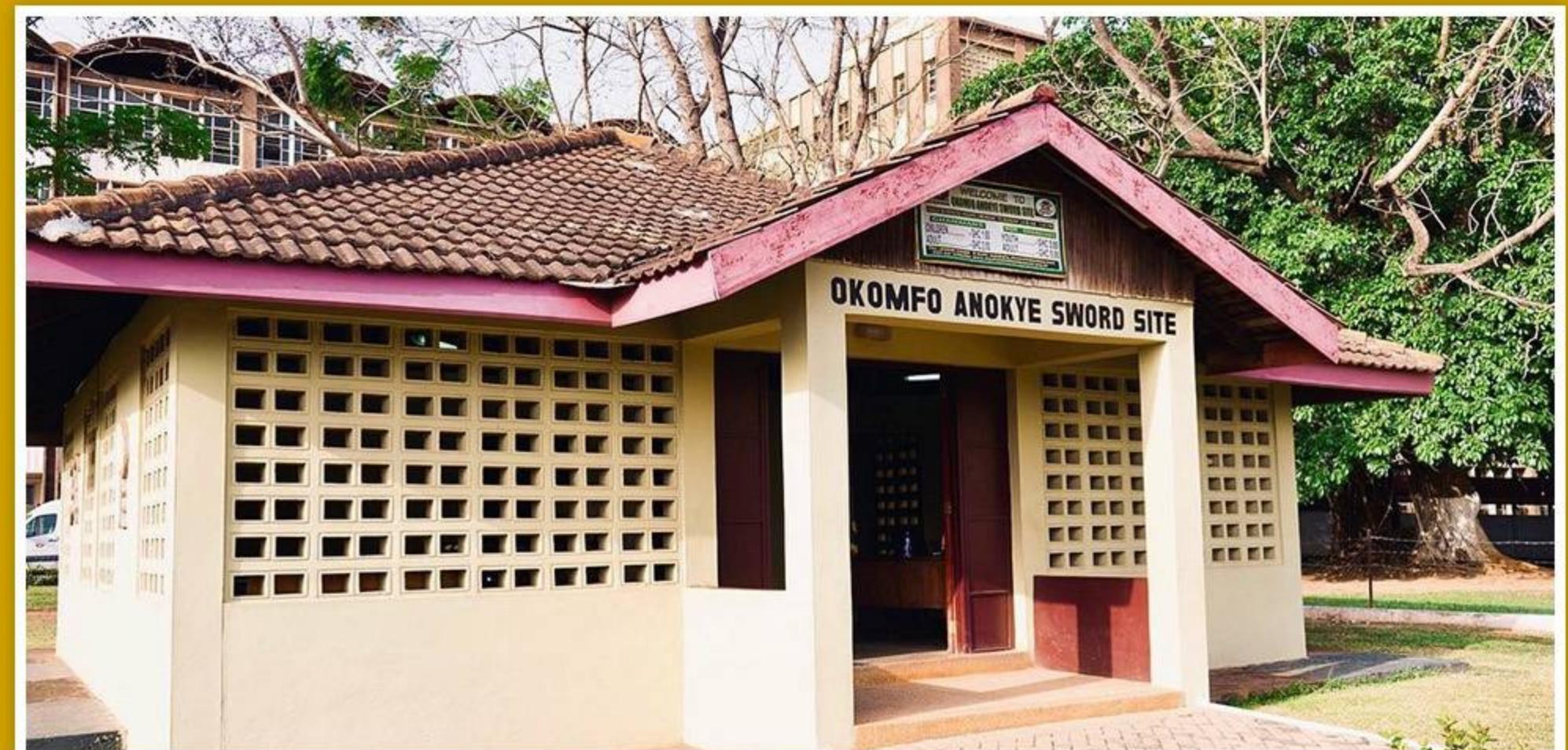
Members will have the opportunity to witness the amazing Akwasidae Festival, one of the most important and historically significant festivals in all of Africa. The Akwasidae rituals and events honor the ancestors and allows Asante chiefs and their subjects to pay homage to the Asantehene “the king of kings,” the king of all of the Asante.



While at Manhyia Palace, visit the Museum, which is filled with countless relics and artifacts that highlight the richness of the history and culture of the Asante people.



Stop for photos at the Okomfo Anokye Monument, dedicated to the traditional priest who “conjured” from the skies the famous Golden Stool that unified the Asante people.



You will have time to browse through the National Center for Culture, see Artisans at work and browse through the shops filled with brass items, batik cloth, wood pieces, artwork, and pottery.V



Visit the woodcarving village of Ahwiaa where you will see craftsmen carving wood masterpieces; Ntonso, famous for its kente and adinkra cloth; and Adamawoase, one of the most popular kente weaving villages.



# Traditional Naming Ceremony

Tour members will have the opportunity to participate in a Traditional Naming Ceremony, where each tour member will be given a traditional Asante name based on his/her day of birth and welcomed into his/her “adopted” family with dance and celebration.



**DAY 8-10:**

# We tour the Central Region.

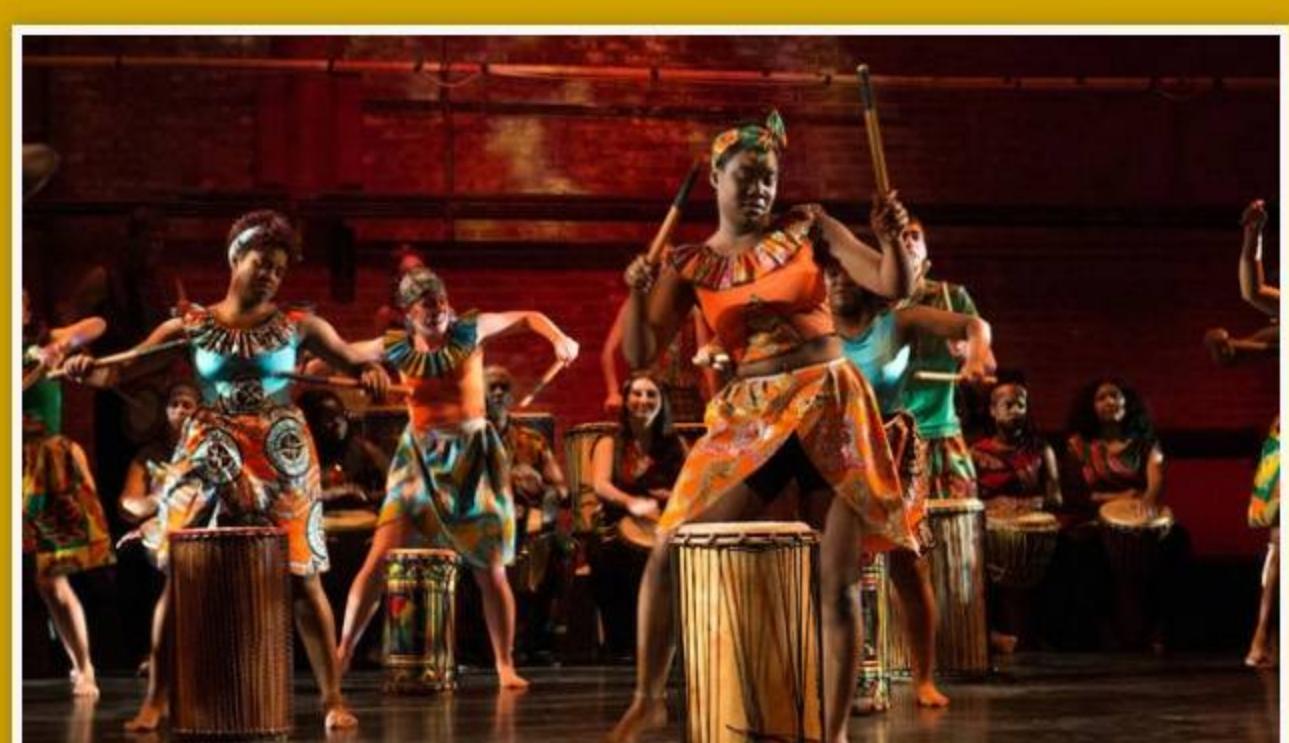
Stop at Assin Manso to participate in a Ceremony of Remembrance at “Slave River”.



We will have a guided tour through Elmina Slave Dungeon and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons, infamous as the places where the largest number of enslaved Africans were housed before shipment to the Americas.



After the impactful tours of the slave dungeons, we will return to the hotel and try to change the mood with an evening of entertainment and fun with a Buffet Dinner with Cultural Dance and Drumming Performances.



## Examples of hotels we use:

- La-Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra



- Lancaster Kumasi City (formerly known as the Golden Tulip) in Kumasi

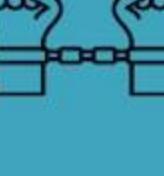
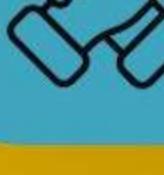


- Coconut Grove Beach Resort in Elmina



# Don't miss the Excitement! For the time of your life, experience Ghana!

## Our Tour Package Includes:

-  Double/Twin Accommodation in Deluxe Hotels
-  Breakfast Daily
-  Welcome Dinner with Cultural Performances
-  Departure Dinner with Cultural Performances
-  Daily nightlife options
-  Participation in Akwasidae Festival
-  Ceremony of Remembrance at “Slave River”
-  Traditional Naming Ceremony
-  Transportation throughout on comfortable air- conditioned bus
-  Experienced Driver
-  Knowledgeable Tour Guide
-  Tours and Entry Fees to all sites visited
-  Expert tour management and destination support services



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