

# Return to the Motherland

Black History Month African Heritage Tour™

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### **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, Ho and Hohoe, in the Volta Region, and Cape Coast, and Elmina in the historic Central Region.

#### DAY 1-3: Accra, the capital city of Ghana. Our tour includes:

We will visit Jamestown, one of the oldest districts in the city of Accra. Jamestown was a significant stop on the slave routes that were used by slave traders to move their human "cargo" from points of capture to the slave dungeons on the coasts of Ghana.

See Christiansburg Castle (Former fort and slave dungeon and until recently, the official residence of the President of Ghana); and Jubilee House which is now the official residence and office of the President of Ghana.

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.

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.







Days 4-5: Explore the Volta Region. Our tour includes:

We will visit the Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary situated in a lush indigenous tropical forest; explore the Agumatsa Wildlife Sanctuary a lush tropical forest containing hundreds of exotic birds and over 400 species of butterflies, monkeys, and a number of antelopes; and experience Wili Falls, a magnificent waterfall that will invite you to jump in.



Days 6-8: We Tour Kumasi, and its Surrounding Towns. Our tour includes:





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.

See the famous sword that Okomfo Anokye drove into the ground in the 1700's which until this day cannot be pulled out.







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.











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.







Days 9-12: We tour the

Central Region. Our tour

includes:

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.











## **Examples of hotels we use:**

- La-Palm Royal Beach, Accra
- Coconut Grove Beach Hotel, Elmina,
- Lancaster Kumasi City Hotel (formerly the Golden Tulip), Kumasi
- Volta Serene, Ho













- Deluxe Accommodation (twin/double occupancy)
- Breakfast Daily
- Four other meals (lunch/dinner) including Welcome and Departure Dinners with Cultural Performances
- Transportation throughout in comfortable air-conditioned vehicle
- Experienced Driver
- Knowledgeable Tour Guide
- Entry Fees to all sites visited





- Traditional Naming Ceremony
- Expert tour management and destination support throughout your journey.

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