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# Return to the Motherland "A Beautiful Traditional African Wedding and Tour"

December 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 – January 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 (10 Day Tour)



# Travel to Ghana Experience Authentic African Wedding and Fantastic Tour



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#### **Tour Highlights:**

Our tour includes participation in a traditional Ghanaian Wedding with all the customary ceremonies and celebrations. Our tour also 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 Cape Coast, and Elmina in the historic Central Region.

#### DAY 1-3: Travel to Ghana and tour Accra, the capital city of Ghana:

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.

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.

Visit the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, which is the final resting place of the first President of Ghana, 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 containing the personal papers and invaluable manuscripts of W.E.B. DuBois.







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.







Days 4-5: New Year's Eve and New Years' Day:

There are numerous parties and special events in Ghana on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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We can help you select activities for these days or if you like we can leave these two days free for the group to determine what they'd like to do.

We will provide transportation and a tour guide for the group, on these days if needed.

### Days 6-7: Naming Ceremony, Traditional Wedding Ceremony; Traditional Wedding Reception; and tour of Kumasi and surrounding towns.

Members will have the opportunity to visit Manhyia Palace the traditional home of the Asantehene, the king of all Asante, and one of the most powerful chiefs in Africa.

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 and see Artisans at work. Browse through the shops filled with beautiful and unique 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.







#### **Traditional Wedding Ceremony:**

After the traditional naming ceremony, the couple will participate in a traditional wedding ceremony officiated by the chief, queen mother and elders. This ceremony will be full of all the dancing and celebration that Ghanaian weddings are known for.

The wedding ceremony will be followed by a reception with dinner, dancing and traditional entertainment.



Days 8-9: 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 guided tours through the Elmina Slave Dungeon and the Cape Coast Slave Dungeons, infamous as the places where the largest number of enslaved Africans were housed before shipment to the Americas.



Day 10: Travel to the United States.



#### Package Includes:

- Roundtrip air-fare from Chicago
- Accommodation in Deluxe Hotels (Examples of hotels below)
- Breakfast Daily
- Five other meals (Lunch/Dinner)
- Comfortable air-conditioned bus
- Experienced, Licensed Driver
- Airport Transfers

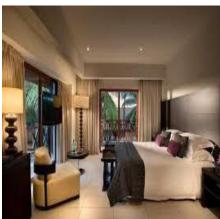
- Naming Ceremony
- Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- Wedding Reception
- Knowledgeable Tour Guide
- All Entry Fees to all sites visited
- Expert tour management and destination support to assist you throughout your journey

#### **Hotels We Use:**

- La-Palm Royal Beach, Accra
- Coconut Grove Beach Hotel, Elmina, Central Region
- Golden Tulip, City Hotel, Kumasi















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