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PANAFEST is a cultural event dedicated to the enhancement of the ideals of Pan Africanism and the development of the African continent.

PANAFEST is a biennial cultural festival of art and culture attended by people of African descent who convene in Ghana from all over the African continent and the Diaspora to celebrate the music, art and theatre of the African experience.

The recurring theme of **PANAFEST** is ***“The Re-Emergence of African Civilization.”***

The theme for PANAFEST 2023 is “Reclaiming the African Family: Confronting the Past to Face the Challenges of the 21st Century.”

Our PANAFEST TOUR includes participation in exciting PANAFEST ceremonies and activities including the Grand Durbar of Chiefs, a festival of colorful costumes, traditional dancing, drumming and cultural displays.

Go into the slave dungeons and participate in the Candlelight Vigil to honor our ancestors.

Participate in a traditional naming ceremony, where you get your African name.

Celebrate our culture and the resilience of the African family with musicals, dancing, drumming, dramatic performances and so much more.

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 its surrounding towns and villages, and Cape Coast, and Elmina in the historic Central Region.

DAY 1-3: Accra, the capital city of Ghana.

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.

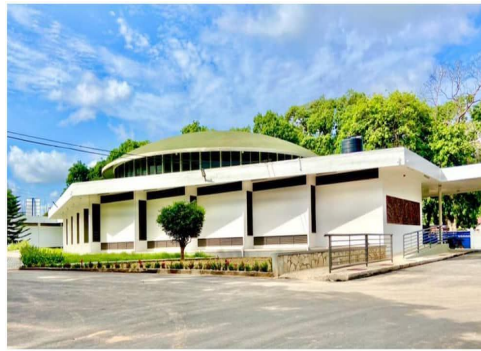


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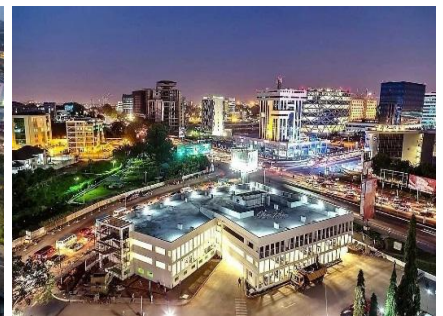
Visit Ghana's National Museum, which houses the largest and oldest of Ghana's six museums. It originally opened in 1957 as part of Ghana's Independence celebrations.



The museum re-opened in June, 2022, after a long closure for modernization, with an exciting collection of exhibits showcasing Ghana's culture and history from pre-historic times to the present.



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 4-6: We Tour Kumasi, and its Surrounding Towns and Participate in the Akwasidae Festival.

Tour Members will have the opportunity to explore the capital city of the ancient Asante Kingdom and its surrounding towns and villages.

Visit Manhyia Palace, the traditional home of the Asantehene "the king of kings," the king of all 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.





Participate in Traditional Naming Ceremony:

While in the Asante Region, 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 7-10: We tour the Central Region and participate in PANAFEST.

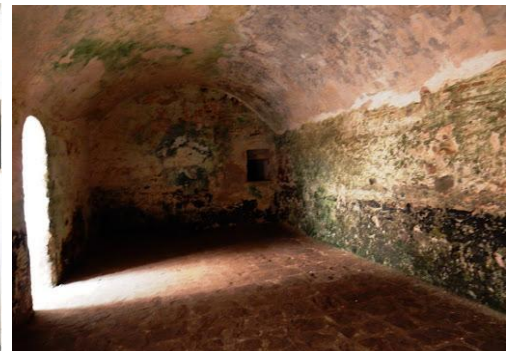
On our way from Kumasi, we will stop at Assin Manso to **participate in a Ceremony of Remembrance at “Slave River”** where Enslaved Africans were forced to wash after their long march, which could take as much as six months, from as far away as what is now Nigeria to the coast of Ghana.



After this forced “bath” Slaves were marched to the dungeons where they were held until their departure on the Slave Ships heading to America, the Caribbean or Brazil.



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.



PANAFEST EVENTS

Including:

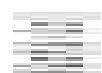
The Grand Durbar of Chiefs and Queens

While in the Central Region tour members will have the opportunity to participate in PANAFEST events including the exciting and colorful **Grand Durbar of Chiefs** that is an unforgettable display of pageantry, with dancing, drumming and traditional ceremonies to honor the chiefs, elders, and ancestors.

This royal pageant of Kings, Queens and elders will be unforgettable!



Reverential Night Ceremonies



Participate in the **Candlelight procession and Reverential Night ceremonies** that will take place inside the Cape Coast Slave Dungeons, with dramatic re-enactments of the brutality and torment faced daily by those enslaved and warehoused in Cape Coast Slave Dungeon, as well as prayers, remembrance, and silent reflection.



Package Includes:

- Double/Twin Accommodation in 3-4 Star Hotels (Examples of hotels below)
- Breakfast Daily
- Four other meals (lunch/dinner) including Welcome Dinner with Cultural Performances
- Experienced Driver
- Transportation throughout on comfortable air- conditioned bus
- Traditional Naming Ceremony
- Knowledgeable Tour Guide
- Entry Fees to all sites visited
- VIP Admission to PANAFEST events
- Expert tour management and destination support throughout your visit.

Single room upgrade: \$600

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Hotels We Use:

- La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra



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



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- Coconut Grove Beach Resort in Elmina



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