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Join the Harris and May Family on a

Ghana, African Heritage Tour

July 9th – 20th 2024

(12 Days)



Only
\$5,299*
Per Person

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Tour Highlights:

The 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.

Our tour also includes participation in the Akwasidae Festival one of the most colorful and exciting traditional festivals in all of Africa. This festival is an unforgettable experience. Have your cameras ready! This tour also includes participation in a traditional Naming Ceremony where tour members will get their African name.

Our tour also includes opportunities to experience nightlife in Ghana. From the jazz clubs, Reggae clubs, or other musical immersions, prepare to dance the night away at one of Ghana's unique night spots.

DAY 1-3: Accra, the capital city of Ghana and Shai Hills Nature Reserve:

Visit to Jamestown, one of the oldest districts in the city of Accra and a stop used by slave traders moving 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 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 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; and stop at points of interest as we crisscross through Accra, one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in Africa.



Explore Makola Market, one of the largest and most colorful markets in Africa. Browse through the stalls and experience an authentic African shopping experience.



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



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.



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

Visit to 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 antelopes; and experience Wili Falls, a magnificent waterfall that will invite you to jump in.



Days 6-8: Volta Lake Cruise and Kumasi, and its Surrounding Towns.

Before leaving the scenic Volta Region, we will indulge ourselves with a lunch cruise on the Volta Lake, one of the largest man-made lakes in the world. Enjoy the beautiful panoramic views while you cruise in the open waters and enjoy a leisurely lunch.



After our lunch cruise, we will leave the Volta Region and travel to Kumasi, capital city of the ancient Asante empire.

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.



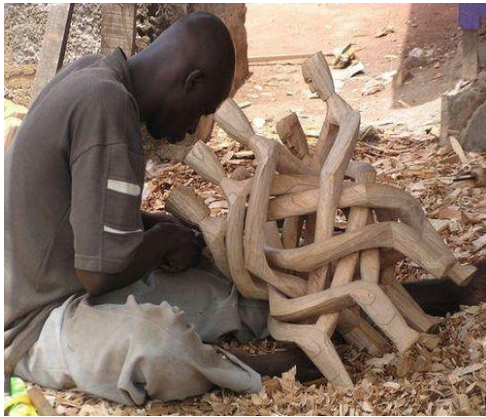
See the famous sword that Okomfo Anokye drove into the ground in the 1700's which until this day cannot be pulled out.

You will have time to explore the National Center for Culture and see Artisans at work and 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.



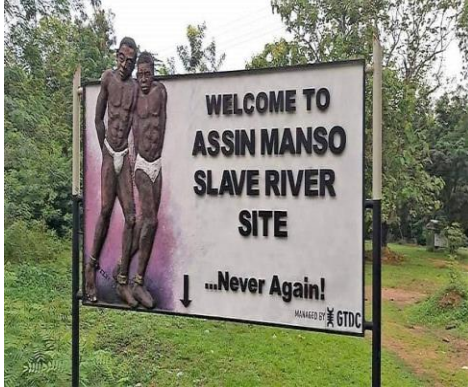
Traditional Naming Ceremony:

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 guided tours through the Cape Coast Slave Dungeon, infamous as the place where the largest number of enslaved Africans were housed before shipment to the Americas.



After the tour and lunch, we will return to the hotel for a relaxing evening of fun and entertainment, including our Departure Dinner with Cultural Performances, culminating with music, dancing, and a bonfire on the beach.



Package Includes:

- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago*
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (twin/double occupancy)
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Buffet with Cultural Performances
- Departure Buffet with Cultural Performances
- Traditional Naming Ceremony
- Participation in Traditional African Festival
- Comfortable air-conditioned bus
- Experienced, Licensed Driver
- Airport Transfers
- Knowledgeable Tour Guide
- Entry Fees to all sites visited
- Expert tour management and destination support throughout your journey.

***Tour price with roundtrip airfare from Chicago, \$5299. Without airfare, tour price is \$3499 per person.**

Single room upgrade cost of \$675

Examples of hotels we use:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• La-Palm Royal Beach, Accra• Coconut Grove Beach Hotel, Elmina | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lancaster Kumasi City Hotel (formerly the Golden Tulip)• Volta Serene, Ho |
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