

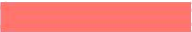
7TH - 15TH
FEBRUARY,
2019



BLACK HISTORY TOUR

STARTING AT

\$ 1413



MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: 6



DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY

1

AKWAABA WELCOME

Arrive in Accra, Ghana. Transfer from airport to your hotel and relax. Overnight at Park View Hotel.



DAY

2

TORGORME NAMING CEREMONY & POTTERY MAKING

After breakfast, depart for a scenic drive to a beautiful

River. Experience a traditional naming ceremony, one of the cornerstones of Ghanaian culture heritage. You'll take part in the naming ceremony, where you will be given a traditional African name and welcomed into the local community by the chiefs and townspeople. You'll also enjoy authentic traditional drumming and dancing during the ceremony. Other activities include a demonstration of pottery making which is the main occupation of the women in the village. Overnight at Park View Hotel (Meals Included: Breakfast)



DAY

3

ACCRA-ELMINA CASTLE & ELMINA FISHING VILLAGE WALKING TOUR

After breakfast, check out of hotel and depart for Cape Coast to embark on a tour of the Elmina Castle (also known as St. George's Castle) built by the Portuguese in 1482. Designated as an official UN World Heritage Site, Elmina Castle is an important symbol of the traumatic history of the Trans-Atlantic slave. Take a tour of the castle and learn how the legacy of the slave trade has shaped Africans and African Diaspora for generations. The colourful harbour nestled below the Elmina Castle, full of pirogues preparing to go to sea offers one of West Africa's greatest photo opportunities. Overnight at Coconut Grove African Village (Meals included: Breakfast)



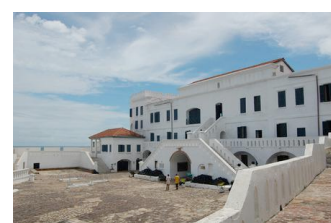
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4

KAKUM NATIONAL PARK & CAPE COAST CASTLE

After breakfast, depart early in morning for a drive to Kakum National Park, one of West Africa's surviving tropical rain forests. Extending over 360sq km, Kakum is the home to over 40 large mammals and 400 bird species as well as many species of butterflies, flora and fauna. The most popular attraction is the Canopy walkway which is made up of seven bridges extending 330m, hanging 30m (100 feet) above the forest floor. Enjoy a 2 km nature walk through this forest to discover the wide variety of exotic floral species and the medicinal values they offer.

Later in the day, visit the Cape Coast Castle which was built by the Swedes in 1653 and was later taken over by the British. Like Elmina Castle, Cape Coast castle is a UNESCO world heritage site and a poignant memorial to the millions of Africans who were victims of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. This castle also houses the West African Historical Museum established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the Ghanaian Government in 1994. Overnight at Coconut Grove Beach African Village (Meals included: Breakfast)



DAY

5

ELMINA - ASSINMANSO - KUMASI

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and drive through the forest zone to Kumasi to the seat of the Ashanti Empire to explore the legends of the famous Ashantis, whose legacies are still evident today. You'll also visit Assin Manso, the location of "Donkor Nsuo", a riverbank which served as a Slave market and final transit point for a large number of enslaved Africans during the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade. This is the final resting place for two ancestors whose mortal remains were returned from the USA and Jamaica and re-interred there. Overnight at Noda Hotel (Meals included: Breakfast)



DAY

ASHANTI CRAFT VILLAGES & BESEASE SHRINE.

This day is devoted to visiting the three famous Ashanti craft villages. After breakfast depart for Ahwiaa, the wood carvers' village, Ntonso, the home of Adinkra cloth, and Bonwire, the Kente weaving village.



You will have an opportunity to see how African crafts are made and to buy directly from the artisans who make them.

Afterwards, visit the Besease shrine a UNESCO World Heritage site, and experience ancient customs of the traditional Ashanti religion. The Besease Shrine is a traditional fetish shrine, near the town of Ejisu. Each of these shrines is a home for a particular spirit, called obosom that mediates between mortals and the supreme god Nyame. Observe the unique architecture and experience the mode of ancestral worship to the ancient gods. Overnight stay at Noda Hotel (Meals Included: Breakfast)



DAY

7

KUMASI CITY TOUR - ACCRA

On this day, you will visit Manhyia Palace Museum, to obtain information on the legacies of the Ashanti kingdom. A regal history that dates back to 1700 is told with relics and artefacts. Enjoy a drive through the city with monuments dedicated to the memory of the great Ashanti people. End the day's tour at the National Cultural Center which features the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and various studios of the brass makers, potters and batik makers. At the end of the tour head back to Accra. Upon arrival, check into your hotel.



DAY

8

ACCRA CITY TOUR - JAMESTOWN WALKING TOUR

After breakfast, depart your hotel for a sightseeing city tour

economic districts of Accra, the capital of Ghana. This 137-year-old city has a blend of colonial and modern architecture that summarize her history. You will visit the W. E. B. Dubois Centre for Pan African Culture, Independence/ Black Star Square and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park. Visit the Arts Centre where you will have an opportunity to use your bargaining skills to shop from an open-air market for artefacts from Ghana and West Africa.

End your tour with a visit to James Town. The people of James Town are Afro-Brazilian descendants and former slaves who decided to return to Africa. About seventy Afro-Brazilians of seven different families arrived in South Ghana and Accra, in the region of the old port in James Town in 1836. On your tour, you will find one of the Homes of the



Tabom People, former slaves who returned to Africa after the abolition of slavery in Brazil. The house became of Accra. You will drive through the administrative and museum, known as 'Brazil House'. Overnight at Park View Hotel Accra Beach Hotel (Meals Included: Breakfast)

DAY 9 FAREWELL DEPARTURE

Devote this day to doing some last-minute sightseeing and shopping. Later in the day, transfer to the airport for final departure home.



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