

EXPERIENCING GHANA

JULY 28 – AUGUST 8, 2021

ITINERARY

TRAVEL DAY: WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021

DAY 1: THURSDAY JULY 29, 2021 – ARRIVAL IN GHANA

AKWAABA - Welcome to Ghana!!

Upon arrival in Accra, proceed through Immigrations, claim luggage and clear Custom procedures, exit and meet your local tour guide. Transfer from the airport to your hotel and check in with a stop to change money. Arrive at your hotel freshen up, relax and have lunch. Brief orientation by your guide on the bus

1:00:pm

Depart on a city tour of Accra visiting the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and Park, final resting place of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the first President of Ghana. The Mausoleum has been visited by many world dignitaries. Continue to visit W.E.B. Du Bois Centre for Pan Africanism, it is a Pan African Center for culture and it also has a research library and gallery full of manuscripts.
Continue and drive past the Independence Arch and Black Star Square - Accra's ceremonial grounds. View from a distance the Christiansburg Castle which was the official residence of the President of Ghana. Continue to the National Art and Cultural Centre for shopping, view a varied collection of Ghanaian hand-crafted items on sale. You may try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors.

7:00pm:

Meet Tailors and dressmakers featuring casual wear and formal garments made from local fabric and textile will visit your hotel. You may purchase ready-made clothes or place an order for a custom-made outfit. Hair braiders will also be available to showcase a wide range of hairstyles.

Dinner (*on your own account*).

Overnight: Sunlodge Hotel

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DAY 2: FRIDAY JULY 30, 2021 – ACCRA- CAPE COAST

Breakfast at your hotel.

8:00am:

Check out hotel and depart Accra for the Central Region to visit Cape Coast Dungeon which served as the headquarters and seat of the British colonial government until 1877. Go on a comprehensive tour of the dungeon, the Slave dungeons and the West African Heritage Museum. The guide will lead you to slave quarters and Negotiation Hall where our ancestors were bargained and sold, an expert will perform the returnee ceremony at the **“Door of no return”** to signify your return and union with brothers and sisters to the motherland (*all white clothing*). Cape Coast Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Monument Events that took place within the walls of this castle shaped the history of the world. Visit the museum in the Cape Coast Castle where exhibits chart the origin and mechanism of the slave trade. Here you will learn more about the scale of the resultant Diasporas. There are also exhibits that feature inspirational modern leaders such as Marcus Garvey and Martin Luther King.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Proceed to your hotel. Arrive and check into your room

Dinner at your hotel *with live Band Music (Jazz) – to be confirmed*

Overnight: Ridge Royal

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DAY 3: SATURDAY JULY 31, 2021 – CAPE COAST/ ELMINA- KAKUM PARK

Breakfast

Depart to visit Kakum National Park. Go on a morning walk of the “Kuntan Trail” with its countless trees with medicinal properties. For the young at heart experience the “Canopy Walkway” suspended 100 feet from the forest ground for a panoramic view of the flora and fauna of the remaining vestiges of the rainforest.

Lunch at a local restaurant

Proceed after lunch to visit Elmina Castle to take a guided tour of the first and oldest European structure built of any substance on African soil. This was built by the Portuguese in 1482 and later used as an auction market for a comprehensive guided tour. See the slave dungeons and condemned cells where slaves who attempted to escape were incarcerated and learn about the history of the slave trade. View its utterly distinct architecture.

Dinner at your hotel (*on your own account*)

Depart your hotel to participate in reverential night ceremony at the Cape Coast dungeon. (all white clothing)

Overnight: Ridge Royal

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DAY 4: SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2021 – ASSIN MANSO KUMASI

Breakfast and hotel checkout

Depart after breakfast for Kumasi, enroute at Assin Manso, the burial site of the remains of two former slaves exhumed from NYC's Wall Street and Kingston Jamaica, re-entered on Emancipation Day in 1998 and the "Slave River" which was the last rest stop for slaves on their "one-way" trek to the slave dungeons and the Door of No Return.

Continue and participate in the Emancipation Day ceremony before departing to Kumasi in the Ashanti Region.

Arrive in Kumasi, check into your hotel, rest of day for relaxation and reflection.

Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Miklin Hotel

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DAY 5: MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2021 – KUMASI CITY TOUR

Breakfast

Depart on a city tour of Kumasi visiting the Manhyia Palace – residence of the Ashanti King and Palace Museum National Cultural Centre, The Centre for National Culture is situated in the heart of the Kumasi. It is the cultural home of Ghana and the first and foremost Cultural Centre to be established in West Africa if not the whole of Africa which houses' Prempeh II Jubilee Museum, drive past Kumasi Central Market – the largest open-air market in West Africa.

Lunch at local restaurant

Return to your hotel, rest of day for relaxation

Dinner at local restaurant (*on own account*)

Overnight: Miklin Hotel

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DAY 6: TUESDAY AUGUST 3, 2021 – ASHANTI TRADITIONAL NAMING CEREMONY

Breakfast

Depart after breakfast to visit a typical Cocoa farming community, to pay a courtesy call on the Chief and his elders for traditional Ashanti (Ghanaian) naming ceremony with Ghanaian traditional expert. This would provide a unique opportunity to see traditional cultural performance and to meet and interact with the people. Learn more about village life in Ghana and share experiences.

Proceed to visit a few Ashanti craft villages to see the skill and imagination of local craftsmen using simple tools and traditional technology to produce breath taking artifacts and designs from which you may pick souvenirs for family and friends back home. Visit Ahwiaa – the woodcarver’s village specializing in woodcarving such as the Ashanti stools, fertility dolls and walking sticks. Ntonso – noted for its indigenous artist whose expertise lies in Adinkra textual printing using traditional symbols that express the spiritual, moral, political and socio- cultural philosophies of the Akan people, you will have an opportunity to create your own designs and Bonwire for the famous Kente cloth.

Return to Kumasi for lunch

Return to your hotel, rest of day for relaxation

Dinner at local restaurant

Overnight: Miklin Hotel

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DAY 7: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4, 2021 – KUMASI VOLTA RIVER (AKOSOMBO)

Breakfast

Depart Kumasi after breakfast for Akosombo in the Eastern Region of Ghana. Drive past several scenic villages and charming towns and through the evergreen forests. Note the change in vegetation from coastal shrub to forest to as we drive south westwards. Stop to visit a Beads Factory to observe the intriguing bead making process. Watch the centuries old process of bead making from start to finish using local materials like crashed glass, sand and stones in making variety of beads. Learn, and discover the art of bead making.

Continue to Akosombo for Lunch

Check into your hotel, rest of day free for relaxation.

Overnight: Afrikiko River Front Resort

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DAY 8: THURSDAY AUGUST 5, 2021 – DAM TOUR AND RIVER CRUISE

Breakfast and hotel check out

Depart the hotel after breakfast to visit The Akosombo dam covers 8,502 square kilometers (3,283 sq mi), which is 3.6% of Ghana's land area, with water volume of 148 cubic kilometers. Lake Volta is the world's third largest man-made lake by volume, the largest being Lake Kariba which is located between Zimbabwe and Zambia in Southern Africa and contains 185 cubic kilometers of water. The dam provides electricity for the country. Continue and cruise on the Volta river, enjoy the clam and serene soundings of villages dotted along the river go by their daily activities.

Lunch at a local restaurant

Rest day free for relaxation and reflection at your hotel.

Overnight: Afrikiko River Front Resort

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DAY 9: FRIDAY AUGUST 6, 2021 – AKOSOMBO - ACCRA

Breakfast

Check out of hotel and depart for Accra, arrive and proceed on a tour of University of Ghana, visit the Department of International studies/ Institute of African Studies (*to be confirmed*)

Lunch (*on your own account*)

Check into your hotel

Dinner at local restaurant with live band music (*venue to be confirmed*) meet and interact with local people and to explore night life in Accra

Overnight: Roots Hotel

B/D

DAY 10: SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021 – ACCRA ROUNDS

Depart after breakfast to visit Aburi Wooding Caving Village for shopping, view a varied collection of Ghanaian hand-crafted items on sale. You may try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors.

Lunch at local restaurant

Return to Accra via the Akwapim Ridge, enjoy the scenery of green lush tropical vegetation and the hustle and bustle of traditional village activities.

Dinner at local restaurant (*on your own account*) with live Jazz Music (*venue to be confirmed*) meet and interact with local people and to explore night life in Accra (*a bus to transfer group to venue and leave after 10:30pm members to hotel, group members can stay and catch uber to hotel (on your own account)*)

Overnight: Roots Hotel

B/L

DAY 11: SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 2021 – DAY AT LEISURE

Breakfast

Attend church service (*optional*) to experience Ghanaian Christian church service

Return to your hotel and check out.

Check out of hotel – *Late check out possible (to be confirmed)*

Lunch at local restaurant (*on your own account*)

Transportation to Airport

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End of service

PACKAGE RATE QUOTED FOR PROF. CHILES TRAVEL GROUP

Total Fare

Double Occupancy: \$1669

Single Occupancy: \$1887

Deposit/Payment Schedule

June 1, 2021 – 50% of total fare

July 1, 2021 – 75% of total fare

July 15, 2021 – 100% Paid in Full

Package Rate Includes the Following:

Round Trip Ground Transfers

11 Nights hotel accommodation on Bed & Breakfast basis.

Overland transportation via air-conditioned vehicle.

Meals as outlined in itinerary. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner (Beverage Extra)

Tours and entrance Fees to tour sites as outlined in itinerary.

English Speaking Professional Tour Guide.

SANKOFA HERITGE GROUP – Adwoa Adu

Hotel and Restaurant Taxes

Not Included

All Personal Expenses (e.g., telephone bills, laundry, etc.)

Visa cost

Covid19 test, quarantine, treatment, and related cost

Insurance (flight and health)

Items not listed above as included

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