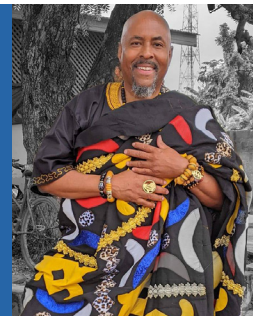


# Join Dr. Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr. on a West Africa Heritage Journey Ivory Coast – Ghana – Togo – Benin May 23 - June 4, 2026



**LAND ONLY PRICE - \$5,998 per person  
based on double occupancy**



**\$100 discount for deposits received by  
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## **Included in the price:**

- 10-night accommodation in four-star hotels
- 10 breakfasts and 10 dinners at hotels
- 2 lunches in Ivory Coast at local restaurants
- Farewell dinner in Benin at a local restaurant
- Transfers to / from international airports
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Services of professional tour guides
- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- Admission and entrance fees
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Portage at hotels – 1 bag per person (in/out)
- Naming ceremony

## **Not Included:**

- Flights (at your own arrangement)
- Meals not mentioned
- Travel insurance – recommended
- Tipping
- Yellow fever shot & Visas (at your own arrangement)
- Single supplement – \$1,250

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# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## **May 23: Atlanta – En Route to Abidjan**

Depart from Atlanta on your overnight international flight to Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Settle in and enjoy the in-flight service as dinner and breakfast are served, preparing you for the days of discovery ahead.

## **May 24: Arrival in Abidjan**

We arrive in Abidjan, the cosmopolitan economic capital of Ivory Coast. After airport formalities, we are greeted by our local representative and transferred to the hotel for some time to rest and refresh from the journey. Dinner and overnight in Abidjan. (D)

## **May 25: Abidjan City Tour with Banco Forest**

Today we enjoy a full-day city tour of Abidjan that includes the lush Banco National Park, a rare primary rainforest located right in the heart of the city. Stroll along shaded trails while learning about the park's unique biodiversity and rich tropical flora. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, we continue exploring Abidjan's modern districts and cultural landmarks before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Abidjan. (B/L/D)

## **May 26: Full-Day Yamoussoukro Excursion**

After breakfast we set off on a full-day excursion to Yamoussoukro, the political capital of Ivory Coast. Our tour highlights the magnificent Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, one of the world's largest churches, and the Presidential Palace, with its impressive crocodile-filled lagoon. A leisurely lunch is included during the day's visit. We return to Abidjan in the evening. Dinner and overnight in Abidjan. (B/L/D)

## **May 27: Abidjan – Cape Coast (Ghana)**

After breakfast, we depart Abidjan and travel east to the Elubo border, where we are welcomed by our Ghanaian representative. Continuing into Ghana's Central Region, we arrive in Cape Coast, a city deeply rooted in the country's colonial and slave trade history. In nearby Elmina, we visit Elmina Castle, also known as St. George's Castle, the first European fortress built in sub-Saharan Africa in 1482 by the Portuguese. Later seized by the Dutch in 1637, it remained under their control for almost three centuries. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage Site stands as a somber reminder of Africa's past. Dinner and overnight in Cape Coast. (B/D)

## **May 28: Cape Coast – Slave History Trail**

This morning we explore Cape Coast Castle, one of Ghana's most poignant sites. Built by the Swedes in 1653 and later taken over by the British, the castle was once the seat of colonial administration and a central point of the transatlantic slave trade. Its dungeons, governor's quarters, and the Door of No Return remain powerful symbols of history. In the afternoon, we travel inland to Assin Manso,

a town that served as a major slave market. Here, captured men and women were made to take their "last bath" before being marched to the coast. Today, Assin Manso is also a memorial site where the remains of enslaved Africans have been reinterred with dignity. Dinner and overnight in Cape Coast. (B/D)

## **May 29: Cape Coast – Kakum National Park – Accra**

After breakfast, we head into the lush rainforest of Kakum National Park. The highlight here is the canopy walkway, a suspended bridge system 45 meters above the forest floor, offering a bird's-eye view of the tropical ecosystem. Returning to the coast, we revisit the exhibitions and museum at Cape Coast Castle, where collections of artifacts, documents, and art provide a broader context to the transatlantic slave trade. In the afternoon, we continue our journey east to Accra, Ghana's bustling capital. Dinner and overnight in Accra. (B/D)

## **May 30: Accra City Exploration**

A full day is devoted to Ghana's capital city. Our visits include the W.E.B. Du Bois Centre, dedicated to the African American scholar and Pan-Africanist who spent his final years in Ghana, and the National Museum, home to remarkable prehistoric and ethnographic collections. We continue to Independence Square, also known as Black Star Square, and then to Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Mausoleum, honoring the country's first president. We drive through colonial-era James Town, with its lighthouse standing guard over the Gulf of Guinea, and finish at the Arts Centre, a lively marketplace of crafts and souvenirs. Dinner and overnight in Accra. (B/D)

## **May 31: Accra – Lome (Togo)**

Following breakfast, we journey across the border into Togo. Upon arrival in Lome, we begin with Independence Square and the International Museum of African Art. At the famous Fetish Market, we gain insight into traditional medicine and voodoo practices, with stalls selling herbs, charms, and ritual objects. The Assigame central market offers a lively encounter with the "Nana Benz," women renowned for their trade in Dutch wax fabrics, and the Art Street showcases local craftsmanship. Dinner and overnight in Lome. (B/D)

## **June 1: Lome – Agbodrafo – Glidji – Ouidah – Cotonou (Benin)**

Today we trace the historical slave route. In Agbodrafo, also known as Porto Seguro, we visit the "Wood Home," once used as a slave dungeon. At Glidji, the spiritual heart of the Guen people, we are received by traditional leaders and introduced to rituals such as the libation ceremony and



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the raising of the sacred stone. Crossing into Benin, we reach Ouidah, a city revered as the cradle of voodoo. Our exploration includes the Sacred Forest of King Kpassè, the Temple of Pythons, and the Catholic cathedral, a testament to Benin's religious coexistence. Along the Slave Route, we see the Auction Square and the Gate of No Return, stark reminders of the human toll of the slave trade. By evening, we follow the scenic coastal road to Cotonou. Dinner and overnight in Cotonou. (B/D)

## June 2: Porto-Novo & Ganvie

After breakfast, we travel to Porto-Novo, Benin's political capital. Here we encounter the spiritual guardians known as the "Zangbeto" and see the Afro-Brazilian architecture that reflects the return of freed slaves from the Americas. Later, we drive to Lake Nokoué and embark on a motorized boat to Ganvie, Africa's largest stilt village, home to more than 45,000 Tofinu people. Nicknamed the "Venice of Africa," Ganvie's floating markets, fishing culture, and traditional

lifestyle reveal a fascinating way of life adapted to the waters. Return to Cotonou. Dinner and overnight in Cotonou. (B/D)

## June 3: Cotonou – Departure

After morning at leisure, we enjoy a short sightseeing tour of Cotonou, Benin's economic capital. We admire the Amazone statue, honoring the legendary female warriors, and view the Graffiti Wall, where contemporary street art depicts Benin's daily life. At the vast Dantokpa Market, one of West Africa's largest, we experience its endless maze of stalls before making a final stop at the Arts Market for last-minute shopping. Then, we enjoy our farewell dinner at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport for the return flight home departing before midnight. (B/D)

## June 4: Arrival in Atlanta

We arrive back in the United States, our journey through West Africa's history, culture, and traditions still vivid in memory.

\* (B,L,D) = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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