



GHANA HIGHLIGHTS & THE AKWASIDAE FESTIVAL

10 days | 18 people | Arrival Thursday, July 29, 2027 | Reference # 4196230Har18

Explore Ghana's vibrant culture with private guides in Accra, Kumasi, and Elmina. Experience the unique opportunity to assist in the Akwasidae Festival, a cherished celebration of the Asante people, where vibrant displays of culture come to life.

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Price does not include insurance

Pricing is valid until Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Book your adventure.

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Trip summary

Step into the bustling heart of Ghana, where traditions flourish and cultures await your discovery. Stroll through Accra's lively markets, gain insights into the historical significance of Cape Coast's past, and experience a unique opportunity to assist in the Akwasidae Festival—a cherished celebration of the Ashanti people, showcasing vibrant cultural displays. This immersive journey will deepen your understanding of Ghana's rich heritage while connecting you with the warmth of its people. Crafted by your Destination Expert, this journey is tailored to you and guided by knowledgeable local private guides.

THU, JUL 29, 2027

Day 1

ACCRA

Get In and Get Some Rest

- Private Vehicle & Guide
- Afternoon at Leisure

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)

FRI, JUL 30, 2027

Day 2

ACCRA

Explore with an Expert

- Private Vehicle & Guide
- Essential Accra (8 hrs) - Private Tour
- Lunch

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)

SAT, JUL 31, 2027

Day 3



ACCRA TO KUMASI

Farm Fresh

- Accra to Kumasi with Cocoa Trail Tour (10 hrs) - Private
- Dinner

Lancaster Kumasi City

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)

SUN, AUG 01, 2027

Day 4

KUMASI

Cultural Immersion

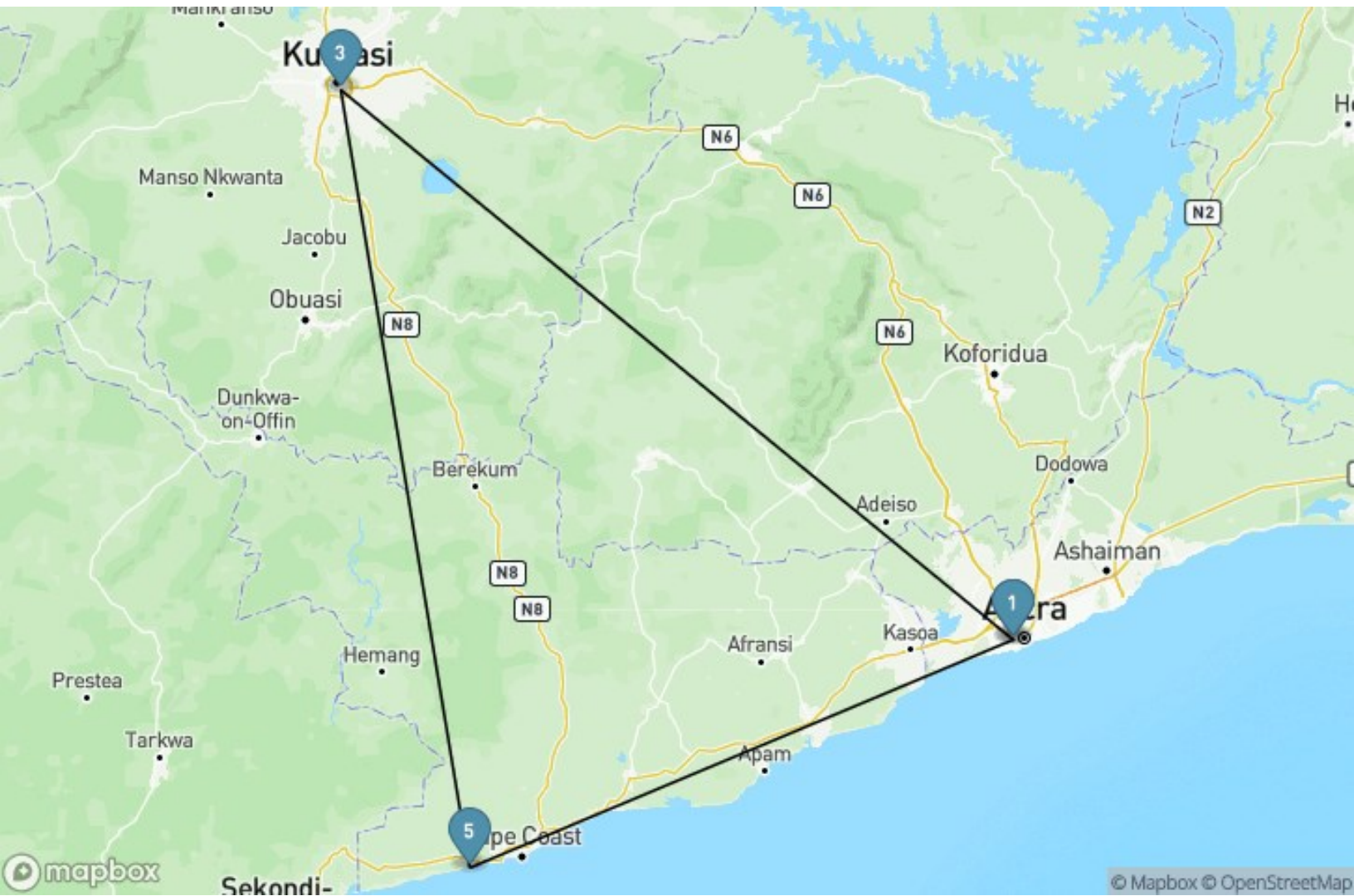
- Sunday Morning Church Service
- Private Vehicle & Guide
- Kumasi City Tour & Sunday Akwasidae Festival
- Lunch

Lancaster Kumasi City

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)

MON, AUG 02, 2027 Day 5	 KUMASI TO ELMINA Vintage Adventure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kumasi to Elmina via Assin Manso & Palm Wine Farm (7 hrs) - Private • Dinner Coconut Grove Beach Resort Standard with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)
TUE, AUG 03, 2027 Day 6	ELMINA Lest We Forget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Vehicle & Guide • World Heritage Sites & Dungeons: Essential Elmina & Cape Coast (5 hrs) - Private Tour • Lunch • Meet The People with Naming Ceremony (3 hrs) - Private Coconut Grove Beach Resort Standard with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)
WED, AUG 04, 2027 Day 7	 ELMINA TO ACCRA It's a Jungle Out There <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elmina to Accra via Kakum National Park (6.5 hrs) - Private Labadi Beach Hotel Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)
THU, AUG 05, 2027 Day 8	ACCRA Chasing Waterfalls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Vehicle & Guide • Boti Falls and Aburi Gardens - Activity Labadi Beach Hotel Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)
FRI, AUG 06, 2027 Day 9	ACCRA Creative Cuisine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Vehicle & Guide • Free Day With Vehicle, Driver & Guide at Your Disposal • Flavors of Ghana: Bespoke Culinary Experience Labadi Beach Hotel Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)
SAT, AUG 07, 2027 Day 10	ACCRA Bon Voyage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Airport Transfer Depart (Intl Airport) () 9 DBL (18 Adults)

Trip map



Pricing information

Pricing valid Until Wednesday, August 27, 2025, and do note that we don't begin confirming your services until a deposit has been paid. Availability can change quickly, and so tweaks to your pricing may occur in the event that we are unable to secure any of the included items once the itinerary is finalized.

Type	People	Trip price /person	Insurance
Double	18	\$4,898.00 USD	--

PRICE NOTE

Price with single occupancy: \$6,913

WHAT’S INCLUDED

- A fully customized itinerary based on your interests and schedule
- 24/7 in-destination support from our local office
- All accommodation stays, tours and transfers for scheduled activities are covered, unless otherwise listed in the itinerary
- A private driver for tours and transfers (in some countries our local private guides also act as your driver - your Destination Expert will discuss with you if applicable)
- A greeting at the airport or at your accommodation from one of our representatives – your expert will confirm your meet and greet location with you
- Breakfast each morning at your hotel, plus any meals indicated in the itinerary
- One suitcase and one carry-on per person for trip transfers

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

- Your international airfare – please do let your expert know if you’d like to receive pricing from our Air Team
- Travel insurance, which we offer and can be purchased after you’ve booked your tour
- Visas (unless noted)
- Tips for services and experiences
- Excess baggage charges, and where applicable, baggage not included in your fare
- Personal charges such as laundry, phone calls, SIM cards or room service
- Early check-in or late check-out from hotels (unless otherwise specified)
- Additional sightseeing, activities and experiences outside of your itinerary
- Optional enhancements like room or flight upgrades, or local camera or video fees
- Passport fees, immunization costs, and local departure taxes (when applicable)

Trip details



DAY 1 - THU, JUL 29, 2027: ACCRA

Get In and Get Some Rest

In the afternoon, enjoy some time on your own to relax.

Where you're staying

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)



DAY 2 - FRI, JUL 30, 2027: ACCRA

Explore with an Expert

Immerse yourself in the culture and history of Ghana's vibrant capital city on a private guided tour. Visit one of Accra's unique coffin shops, and view a collection of ornate caskets carved into objects reflecting the life, status and dreams of the deceased. Head to the Artists Alliance Gallery and admire its stunning collection of sculptures, carvings and artifacts, or perhaps opt to purchase a unique African souvenir to commemorate your journey. Explore the city's colonial past as you tour Old Accra. From the Dutch-built Ussher Fort to the 17th-century James Fort, the grand Post Office, and the old Light House constructed by the British, this part of the city stands as a reminder of the European influence in West Africa. Your tour continues as you transfer to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Mausoleum celebrating the First Head of State and President of independent Ghana. Pass by the Independence Arch and the Black Star Square as you make your way to the National Center for Arts and Crafts. If you are interested in Pan African Culture, you are also sure to enjoy a visit to the W.E.B. Du Bois Center, where the "Father of Pan-Africanism" himself spent his final years. Your tour concludes with a private transfer back to your hotel.

A lunch at a local restaurant is included in today's itinerary.

Where you're staying

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)





DAY 3 - SAT, JUL 31, 2027: ACCRA TO KUMASI

Farm Fresh

Depart Accra by private transportation as you head to Kumasi in the Ashanti Region. Drive through the northern suburbs of the capital city and climb the scenic Akwapim hills overlooking the northern parts of the Accra plains. En route you will visit the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Cocoa Farm at Akuapem Mampong - the very first cocoa farm established in Ghana from seeds brought by Fernando Po in 1876. From this small beginning grew Ghana's cocoa industry and the country's largest export. Transfer to the Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG) founded in 1938 as the Central Cocoa Research Station of the Gold Coast Department of Agriculture. Visit the cocoa plantation to observe the process of harvesting, drying and preparing cocoa beans for export. Your journey continues as you make your way towards Kumasi, taking in views of even more cocoa farms and cocoa beans being dried by the side of the road. Upon arrival in Kumasi you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

A dinner at a local restaurant is included in today's itinerary.

Where you're staying

Lancaster Kumasi City

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)

DAY 4 - SUN, AUG 01, 2027: KUMASI

Cultural Immersion

This morning, attend a service at a Baptist church in Kumasi.

Immerse yourself in the rich art, culture, and heritage of the powerful Ashanti on this private guided tour. Your first stop is the Manhyia Palace Museum, where you'll join in the vibrant celebration of the Akwasidae Festival. Held every six weeks on Sundays, this festival takes place in Kumasi and other Akan-speaking communities loyal to the King of the Ashanti. It's a colorful and unique event, where people travel from afar, many dressed in traditional attire, to greet their king at the royal court and present gifts as a show of respect. You'll witness a lively parade featuring drummers, folk dancers, horn-blowers, and praise singers honoring their ancestors. This is a rare chance to be close to local chiefs adorned in colorful traditional clothing. Your journey continues to the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and Cultural Centre. Though small, this museum is rich in Ashanti royal artifacts and offers a glimpse into the kingdom's royal past. The Kumasi Cultural Centre, where the museum is located, also displays a variety of authentic handicrafts and artifacts, some of which are available for purchase. Lastly, visit the Okomfo Anokye Sword Site, the legendary location where the revered Golden Stool is said to have descended from the sky.



A lunch at a local restaurant is included in today's itinerary.

Where you're staying

Lancaster Kumasi City

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)





DAY 5 - MON, AUG 02, 2027: KUMASI TO ELMINA

Vintage Adventure

Today transfer from Kumasi to Elmina with your private guide. A moving stop by Assin Manso allows you to trace back the steps of the enslaved as they made their harrowing journey to the Americas. Assin Manso Ancestral Slave River Park was one of the largest slave markets during the infamous trans-Atlantic slave trade. It was the final link in the slavery route from northern to southern Ghana. The Ndonkor Nsuo (the Slave River), is where the captives were oiled, fed and bathed in waters of their native land one last time. Here, they were meant to rest for several days or weeks as the traders knew that they could fetch higher prices when they appeared healthy and strong. Wash your hands and feet in the river, and take a moment to reflect on the experience of those who passed through this site. On your way you will also get an opportunity to visit a local palm wine farm. Palm wine plays an important role in the lives of Ghanaian communities, and it is widely used during festivals and traditionally marriage ceremonies. The approximate duration of today's transfer is seven hours.

A dinner at a local restaurant is included in today's itinerary.

Where you're staying

Coconut Grove Beach Resort

Standard with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)

DAY 6 - TUE, AUG 03, 2027: ELMINA

Lest We Forget

An impactful day awaits as you embark on a private guided tour of the infamous Forts, Castles and Slave Dungeons of Ghana. Learn and watch the history unfold in front of your eyes as you gain a better understanding of the slave trade in West Africa. Begin with visiting the Cape Coast Castle. The largest of its kind, this castle was built by the Swedes in 1653 and was later taken over by the British. Walk the path of the enslaved as your guide takes you through each of its ominous sections and enter the dungeons through the 'Door of Return'. Next, visit the Elmina Castle. Constructed by the Portuguese in 1482, it is also known as St. George's Castle. This fortification was the first European structure built in Sub-Saharan Africa, and it is Ghana's oldest castle on the West African slave trade route. It stands as a dark reminder of one of humanity's most horrific periods in history. Continue with a tour of the town of Elmina. See the lively fishing harbor and head to the historic Dutch Cemetery. You will also visit the St. Joseph's Minor Basilica, which was the first Roman Catholic Church established in the country.

A lunch at a local restaurant is included in today's itinerary.



Today, get immersed in the rich culture of Ghana as you get a unique opportunity to visit a nearby community and interact with the local people. Head to the countryside to witness the traditional way of life first-hand. Meet with the village chief and his elders and enjoy a special cultural performance. Receive a Ghanaian name as you participate in a naming ceremony, and learn more about the village life as you take a stroll through the community. Chat with the friendly locals and observe as they go about their daily chores. Today's experience gives you an invaluable insight into the reality of West Africa's rural areas.

Where you're staying

Coconut Grove Beach Resort

Standard with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)



DAY 7 - WED, AUG 04, 2027: ELMINA TO ACCRA

It's a Jungle Out There

Today transfer from Elmina to Accra. Your journey takes you through the historic Denkyira Kingdom to Kakum National Park, one of West Africa's surviving rainforests. A sprawling and lush sanctuary, Kakum is home to over 40 large mammals and 400 bird species, as well as countless butterflies. Explore this tropical wonderland with your guide. One of the most thrilling attractions of Kakum is the famous Canopy walkway, which is made up of a collection of bridges hanging 100 feet above the forest floor. Whether you choose to stay on the ground or venture up to the canopy walkway, Kakum promises an unforgettable encounter with West Africa's exotic fauna and flora. Following your visit to the park continue towards Accra. The approximate duration of today's transfer is six hours and 30 minutes.

Where you're staying

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)



DAY 8 - THU, AUG 05, 2027: ACCRA

Chasing Waterfalls

A great adventure within the dense jungles of West Africa awaits at the spectacular Boti Falls in Ghana's Eastern Region. After visiting Aburi Botanical Gardens, head over to the Huhunya Forest. Begin the scenic decent of 250 concrete steps until you reach the bottom of the falls. On your way admire the exotic flora and fauna of this mesmerizing part of the world and listen out for the beckoning sound of the falls in the distance. As you reach your destination, a breathtaking sight of twin waterfalls falling over an outcrop of



igneous rock emerges in front of your eyes. Take in the beautiful views and take the time enjoy your surreal surroundings. You may opt to hike even further to see the Umbrella Rock, a peculiar rock formation overlooking the green hills of Ghana's Yilo Krobo District. After the conclusion of your tour you will be privately transferred back to your accommodation in Accra.

Where you're staying

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)



DAY 9 - FRI, AUG 06, 2027: ACCRA

Creative Cuisine

Spend today relaxing at the hotel, exploring Accra's shops and markets, eating out at local restaurants or partaking in the Homowo Festival.

This evening, embark on an immersive journey through the flavors and culture of Ghana during a private culinary experience with Chef PaJohn Bentsifi Dadson, a passionate advocate for the country's rich heritage. Fusing his loves for writing, hospitality, and cooking, he champions authentic connections through cuisine. Chef PaJohn's invites you to discover the vibrant flavors of Ghana with a private dinner at his chic bohemian rooftop restaurant, PaJohn's, nestled in the heart of Accra. Indulge in an exclusive dining experience as PaJohn and his team entertain you with Ghanaian humor and music, while you savor exquisite dishes that reflect the diverse culinary traditions from across the nation. This experience introduces you to PaJohn's philosophy, *WangoWango*, which celebrates the joy of food and the thrill of exploring Ghana's varied regions, evoking a profound sense of happiness. At the conclusion of your evening, relax on a private transfer back to your hotel.



Where you're staying

Labadi Beach Hotel

Superior Room with Breakfast, 9 DBL (18 Adults)



DAY 10 - SAT, AUG 07, 2027: ACCRA

Bon Voyage

A private transfer between the airport and your hotel is provided.

Where you're staying

Depart (Intl Airport) ()

Ask Karen about these options



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Cedi Bead Factory & Koforidua
Beads Market



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Journey Along the Cocoa Trail
(7.5 hrs) - Private



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Strictly Ghanaian Cuisine
Cooking Class (6 hrs) - Private

Accommodation



ACCRA

Labadi Beach Hotel

Set amidst tropical landscaped gardens, overlooking one of Ghana's most beautiful beaches is the famous Labadi Beach Hotel. The hotel is located in Accra, Ghana's administrative, communications, and economic centre in close proximity to Kotoka International Airport and within the vicinity of business, financial and entertainment districts. Labadi is locally renowned for its food and the unique spirit of Ghanaian hospitality, and is located within easy access of both the city and airport. Presenting 100 spacious double and twin rooms and an additional 4 luxury suites, complete with conferencing and banqueting facilities, the hotel has earned its reputation as being the most sought after business venue in the country.

Room: Superior Room

Superior Rooms (minimum 323 sqft / 30 sqm) are spacious and feature a king bed for opulent relaxation. These rooms have a private balcony, an en-suite bathroom with separate shower, toilet and bathtub, TV, air conditioning, electronic safe, minibar, coffee and tea facilities, as well as complimentary wifi. Maximum occupancy: 2 adults.



KUMASI

Lancaster Kumasi City

Lancaster Kumasi City is the only four star hotel of international standards in Kumasi, only 20 minutes away from the airport and located close to the city center of the second biggest city of Ghana. This remarkable hotel, the Lancaster Kumasi City is set in extensive tropical gardens in the central business district. This magnificent hotel has 160 rooms with various room types, a well equipped Business Centre, a Forex Bureau for your financial transactions, a swimming pool specially designed for adults and another one for children. Enjoy this first class African style experience.

Room: Superior Room

Superior Rooms (269 sqft/ 25 sqm) feature 1 queen-size or 2 single bedding, a contemporary elegance and a spacious interior including a balcony with city views, specially designed for 1 to 2 guests. Additional room amenities, including mini-bar, flat-screen TV, guests are assured of a relaxed and exciting stay.





ELMINA

Coconut Grove Beach Resort

Coconut Grove Beach Resort and Conference Centre is located in Mmoframa Akyinim, on the coast of Elmina the historic Capital of the Gold Coast. The hotel has been in operation since December 1994, and has seen ongoing systematic growth which has enabled the hotel to win awards as well as establish a reputation that attracts tourists seeking rest and relaxation from all over the world. All rooms are air-conditioned, with hot and cold water, mini bar, satellite multi channel TV reception, and Wi – Fi connection. The Ocean View Restaurant has an enviable reputation for the best sea food served fresh in the region.

Room: **Standard**

The 38 Standard rooms (194 sqft/ 20 sqm) are ideal for both single and double occupancy. All rooms are air conditioned with hot and cold water, showers, mini bar, satellite multi-channel TV reception, in-room safe, Wi-Fi Internet services, and a work desk.

The fine print

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- Your deposit is due immediately on booking (20% of program price).
- 50% is due 100 days prior to trip departure.
- Remaining 30% is due 35 days prior to trip departure.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 151+ days prior to departure will receive a full refund minus a \$350 per person administrative fee.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 121-150 days prior to departure will be subject to a 10% cancellation penalty.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 91-120 days prior to departure will be subject to a 20% cancellation penalty.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 31-90 days prior to departure will be subject to a 40% cancellation penalty.
- Cancellations 30 days or less prior to departure will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.
- Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary
- Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.
- Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 90 days of tour date we may be forced to offer substitutes.
- Payment of the program price constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out at www.privateguided.com/terms-and-conditions
- Living Standards and practices at destination may differ from those in North America with respect to provisions of utilities, services and accommodation.

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