

Juneteenth in Ghana 2025

Cultural Heritage Tour

11 Days/ 10 Nights Land Package
June 9-20, 2025

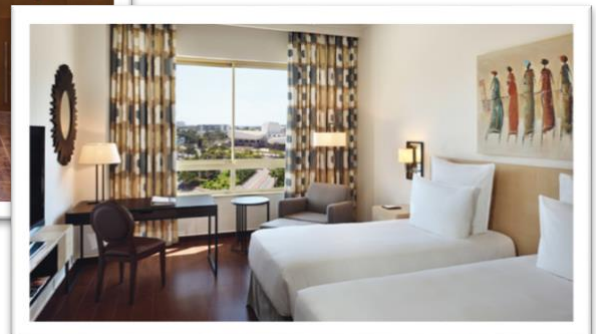
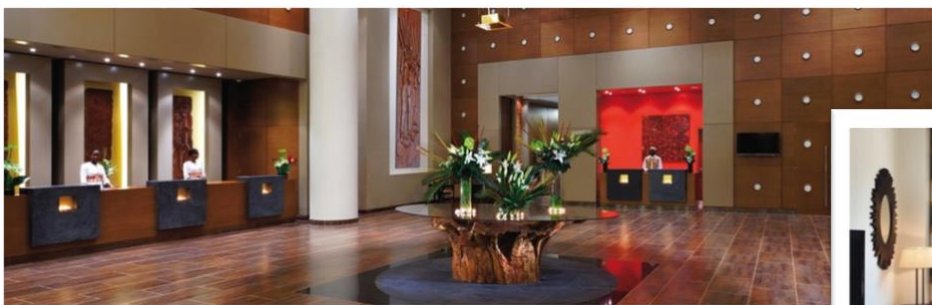
The Journey Begins...

DAY 0 (June 9) Travel Day. Depart from Atlanta to Accra, Ghana



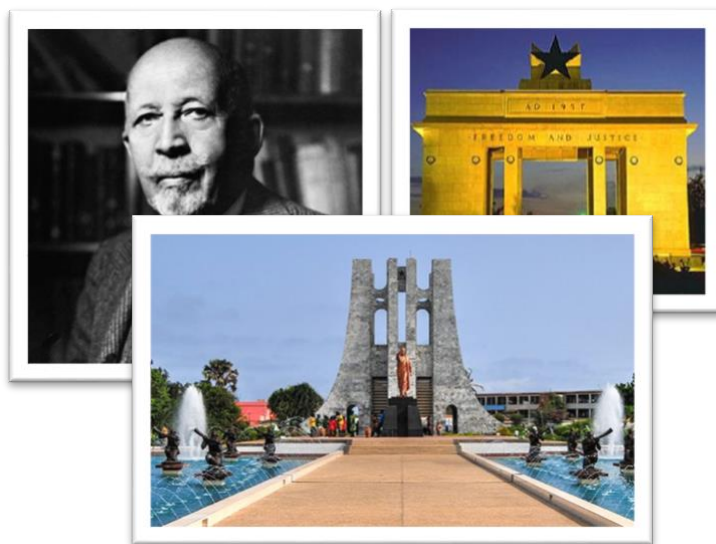
Accra

DAY 1 (June 10) **Akwaaba!!** ('Welcome' in the Twi language) • **Accra City Tour.** A morning arrival in Accra, Ghana will enable us to take a scenic drive around the city of Accra. This 138-year-old city, has a blend of colonial and modern architecture that summarize her history. Check-in to hotel. Welcome drink; leisure/ relaxation; dinner at our **5-Star Hotel in Accra.**



DAY 2 (June 11) WEB Du Bois Centre • Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park

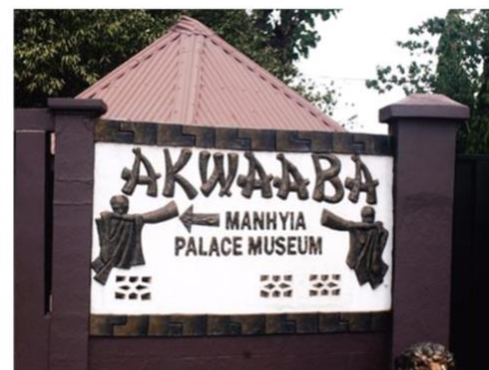
We will visit the W. E. B. Dubois Centre for Pan African Culture, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, and Independence/ Black Star Square. We will also take a tour of the Arts Centre where you will have an opportunity to use your bargaining skills to shop from an open air market for artifacts from Ghana and West Africa. For those interested in having clothing custom-made, you will have the opportunity to visit with local clothiers.



Kumasi – Kingdom of Gold

DAY 3 (June 12) Kumasi City Tour • Manhyia Palace Museum • Prempeh II Museum Kumasi

After breakfast, we will travel north to Kumasi to explore the seat of the Ashanti Empire to discover the legends of the famous Asantes, whose legacies are still evident today. Visit the Manhyia Palace Museum to obtain firsthand information on the legacies of the Ashanti kingdom. The history, dating back to 1700, is told with relics and artifacts. Later in the day, will also visit the National Cultural Centre which features the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum.



3-4 Star Hotel in Kumasi (2 Nights)

DAY 4 (June 13) Ashanti Craft Villages • Tentative Community Service Opportunity

After breakfast, we will continue our explorations in Kumasi by visiting Ashanti Craft Villages where kente cloth is woven and the art of Adinkra stamping is preserved.



Assin Manso • Cape Coast • Elmina

DAY 5 (June 14) Assin Manso Ancestral Walk • Cape Coast and Elmina Castles/Dungeons

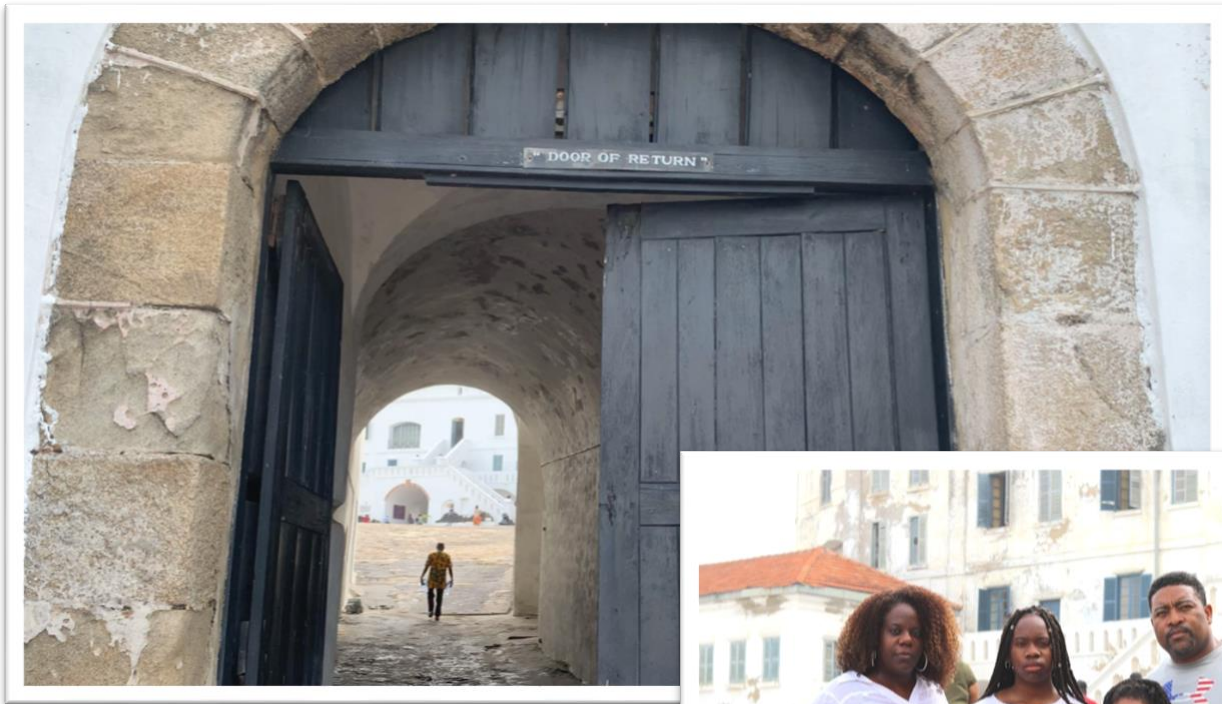
This portion of the tour will undoubtedly be one of the most emotional legs of our journey as the story of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade unfolds. After breakfast, we will depart from Kumasi and travel south through the former slave market route to Assin Manso. Captives were marched from the interior of the country to Assin Manso where they had their last bath before being sold at the market. This was the final trading point before they were sent to the dungeons to wait for ships to take them to the Americas. We will retrace some of these ancestral steps and visit the river where they had their last baths.



From Assin Manso, we will travel to the infamous forts, castles and dungeons of Ghana. Our first stop will be Cape Coast Castle on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean where we will walk through the “Door of Return”. This is where many of our ancestors took their last steps on African soil before enduring the Middle Passage. The tour of the dungeons underneath the castle is a life-changing experience for the Diaspora. The Cape Coast Castle was built by the Swedes in 1653 and later taken over by the British. This castle also houses the West African Historical Museum established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the Ghanaian Government in 1994.



Next, we will visit the Elmina Castle built by the Portuguese in 1482, also known as St. George's Castle. This castle was the first European structure built in Sub-Saharan Africa. Today, the harbors nestled below the Cape Coast and Elmina Castles are full of pirogues preparing to go to sea.





(The Obama Family at Cape Coast Castle, July 2009)



3-Star Hotel in Elmina (3 Nights)

DAY 6 (June 15) Atonement and Naming Ceremony

The trans-Atlantic slave trade involved a host of parties who made the trafficking and commoditization of humans possible. Kings and chiefs of warring tribes who participated in the slave trade had no idea of the brutality of slavery on the other side of the ocean. In Africa, the slave usually had rights, protection under law, and social mobility. The atrocities of chattel slavery perpetuated in the Americas by European colonizers were virtually unheard of in African communities.

Now, four centuries removed from the first ships that departed the West coast of Africa carrying human cargo and arriving in the United States of America... we must make amends.



Village elders will perform an Atonement Ceremony as a symbolic act of penance and reconciliation. The atonement will be sealed by the washing of your feet, prayers, a naming ceremony where you will be given a traditional African name, and sharing of food and drink.



Cooking Class

After being welcomed into a traditional village community and receiving your Ghanaian name, you'll connect to the people and food on a deeper level. This cooking class is an immersive cultural experience that celebrates West African cuisine. Learn to prepare a traditional Ghanaian meal in Esi's Kitchen, then enjoy the feast you have prepared!



DAY 7 (June 16) Free Day • Optional Excursion

Savor the day, unwind and relax by the ocean or at the pool. You also have the option to start the day at Kakum National Park, a picturesque home for nature lovers. You'll go on a guided forest walk and learn about the medicinal uses of forest plants. Then, you'll have the option to trek along the narrow rope bridges of the Canopy Walkway where you can gaze at the breathtaking scenery several stories above the forest floor.

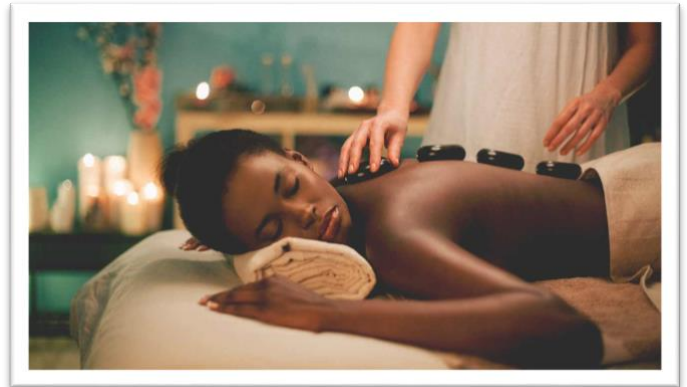


Kakum Canopy Walkway
(Optional Add-on Excursion)

Accra

DAY 8 (June 17) Travel • Free Day: Spa, Fitness Center, Swimming, Shopping, Rest/ Relaxation

After breakfast, we will make our way back to Accra. Those of you who have ordered custom Ghanaian designs will meet with the clothiers to pick up your clothing or have final alterations. Enjoy the splendor and amenities of a 5-star hotel in Accra while reflecting on the blessings that you've experienced. You'll most likely find yourself growing deeper in love with the Motherland and wonder what took you so long to make this amazing journey



Day 9 (June 18) Dance & Drumming Class

After lunch, get ready to move and groove to the rhythm of traditional drums and beats. This class is a cultural connection, recreation, and a workout all-in-one!



Learn the meaning of the saying, "*Don't waste the music!*" ... and joyfully surrender to the call of the drums.

DAY 10 (June 19) Photoshoot • Juneteenth Celebration

Photoshoot: “A Royal Return”

Don your finest African attire for a photoshoot and homecoming celebration. Our theme is “A Royal Return”.



DAY 11 (June 20) Farewell Lunch / Departure

Now that you’ve made the journey, you won’t want it to end! Shop for mementos that will keep Ghana near and dear to your heart... as well as gifts to share with your family and friends stateside. And most importantly, start making plans for your next visit to the Motherland with DiasporaTours! Transfer to airport; Depart to US.

End of Itinerary

This itinerary and arranged activities are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond the control of **DIASPORA TOURS. Every effort will be made to operate the tour as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.*

LOGISTICS

Land Package Prices

The current land package price for the 11-day/10-night Ghana Tour is **\$3735.63 per person for Double Occupancy and \$4768.63 for Single Occupancy.**

What's Included

- Hotel Accommodations
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner and Juneteenth Luncheon
- Listed Excursions
- Ground Transportation
- Expert Travel Guides
- Group Photoshoot

Flights

The Kotoka International Airport code is ACC. **Please plan to book your flights independently with your airline of choice.** The Group Organizer will provide more information on the recommended flight itinerary.

Travel Insurance

Please purchase a travel protection plan to cover unforeseen trip interruption, lost baggage, medical expenses and other in-travel circumstances that could occur. Consider AIG, Allianz, or American Express.

AUTO-PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A Deposit is required to secure your booking.
- Installment payments require automatic payments due the 1st of each month.
- A custom schedule will be generated for you upon receipt of your *Traveler Profile Form* and payment plan selection.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

STEP 1: Complete Traveler Profile Form

- Click the link [HERE](#) to submit the electronic Traveler Profile Form (TPF) to begin the registration process and reserve your land package.
- A separate TPF is needed for each roommate.
- Indicate on the form if you'd like to make one lump sum payment for the trip.

STEP 2: Complete Credit Card Authorization

- Upon receipt of your TPF, an invoice and a link for the Credit Card Authorization Form will be emailed to you within 24 hours.

STEP 3: Pay Deposit and Enroll in Payment Plan (Full or Installment)

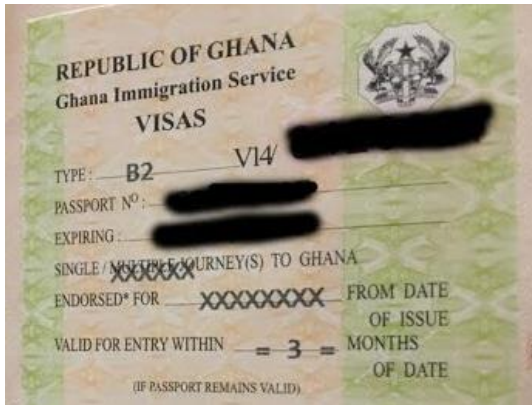
- When you pay your deposit invoice, you will need to enroll in the automatic payment plan for the monthly installments by saving your card information on our secure platform with data encryption. You can also make one lump sum payment for your entire balance due.

CANCELLATION/ REFUND POLICY

- ***Travel insurance is HIGHLY recommended*** to cover unforeseen trip interruption.
- Deposit Payment is refundable until 3 days after it has been paid (less any applicable late fees/ bankcard processing fees). Deposits are non-transferable.
- Installment payments are refundable until 3 days after the due date for that payment, less the deposit paid and any applicable late fees/ bankcard processing fees. Installment payments are non-transferable.
- Full payment is refundable (less the deposit paid and any applicable bankcard processing fees) until 7 days after it has been. Payment is non-transferable.
- Land package rates listed are subject to change prior to your deposit payment. Your price is locked in once your deposit is paid.
- All trips are non-transferable.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Visa



- All US citizens are required to secure a visa from the Embassy of Ghana in New York or Washington, DC in order to enter the country.
- The web portal to apply for your visa is here: <https://ghanaembassydc.org/>
- Regular processing for Single Entry Visa is \$60 and takes 15-20 **business** days at the embassy. Expedited processing is \$100 and takes 7-10 **business** days at the embassy. Sometimes, these timeframes are not honored, so read the next few bullets carefully:
- ***Diaspora Tours highly recommends you apply for the expedited service no later than April 10-20, 2025. The regular processing is not recommended after April 9th.***
- You must mail your passport to the embassy with your printed visa application documents and payment receipt.
- USPS or FedEx shipping is recommended when sending your package.
- You will also have to pay an additional \$29.75- \$32.00 shipping fees through the web portal to have your passport and visa returned with tracking info.
- The single-entry visa is good for 3 months from the date of issue. The multiple entry visa is good for 5 years.

- **Apply for your expedited visa no later than April 23, 2025. DO NOT MAIL YOUR PASSPORT OFF FOR A VISA AFTER APRIL 2, 2025... It may not be returned to you in time!** Diaspora Tours *may* be able to arrange an emergency visa-on-arrival for you if you miss the recommended application window. The cost will be \$300.00
- One (1) videoconferencing call will (tentatively) be held in March via Zoom to assist the group with Visa applications.

Yellow Fever Vaccine/ Card • Other Travel Medicines



- Proof of yellow fever vaccination is required as part of the visa application and country entry process.
- If your doctor does not offer travel medicine services, you can get your Yellow Fever vaccine, additional shots, and prescriptions through Board of Health Offices, and other local clinics and pharmacies.
- Other Travel Medicine Recommended: Malaria medication, diarrhea medication, and any additional immunization shots that you are due.
- Prescription Azithromycin (generic Zithromax) is often recommended for traveler's diarrhea (and certain other illnesses). However, over-the-counter (OTC) diarrhea medication may be sufficient. Talk to your doctor/ healthcare provider about what is best for you.
- Ask your doctor/nurse about GoodRx or other pharmacy coupons to purchase your prescriptions.
- Demand for travel vaccines increases as we approach the Summer months. Book your appointment with your doctor or Travel medicine Provider as soon as possible to ensure appointment availability. The YF vaccine is good for 10 years.