



# BACK TO THE ROOTS GHANA

Featuring - Accra, Cape Coast, Kumasi

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
9 Nights / 10 Days	30 People	New York	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$5,499.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$1,049.00

## OVERVIEW

The tour begins in Accra, Ghana's bustling capital city. Explore its lively markets, visit historical sites such as Independence Square and Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, and immerse yourself in the vibrant arts and crafts scene.

From Accra, the tour takes you to Cape Coast, a coastal city with a rich history tied to the transatlantic slave trade. Explore Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle, UNESCO World Heritage sites that played significant roles in this dark chapter of history. Learn about the resilience and stories of those who passed through these fortresses.

Next, the tour continues to Kumasi, the cultural heartland of Ghana, and the seat of the Ashanti Kingdom. Discover the traditional crafts of the region at the Kejetia Market, visit the Manhyia Palace Museum to learn about Ashanti history and traditions, and witness vibrant traditional ceremonies and rituals.

This Ghana tour provides a well-rounded experience, combining the historical significance of Cape Coast, the cultural richness of Kumasi, and the vibrant energy of Accra. It is an ideal way to explore Ghana's diverse offerings and create lasting memories.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Accra	Movenpick Ambassador Hotel Accra	4 Nights
Cape Coast	Ridge Royal Hotel	2 Nights
Kumasi	Lancaster Kumasi City	2 Nights

## DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 08 Night accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily Breakfast and Dinners
- ◆ Accra city tour including a visit to National Museum
- ◆ Living Heritage Ceremony at Torgorme Village
- ◆ Canopy Walkway and Kakum Rain Forest tour
- ◆ Fishing village and Elmina castle tour in Cape Coast
- ◆ Visit to site of “Donkor Nsuo”, the former Slave River and market in Kumasi
- ◆ Visit Ashanti Craft Village
- ◆ Visit Besease Shrine, a world heritage site
- ◆ All transportation and sightseeing on a private basis
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of English-experienced cultural tour guide
- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals
- ◆ All other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fee
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ COVID-19 testing RT-PCR Fee
- ◆ Local city taxes if applicable to be paid directly at hotels upon check out
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Tourism Dirham fee of AED 7 to AED 20 (USD 5-15 ) per night on guests staying at hotels

## ADD-ON

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**Day 7 - Admission to Dubai Frame : \$50**

**Day 1 - Inside Burj Al Arab Tour (Minimum 2 Pax) : \$170**



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 Depart USA/CANADA [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Ghana to start your back-to-the-roots journey to Ghana.

## DAY 2 Accra Arrival [-/-/D]

Upon arrival in Accra, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).  
Check-in at the hotel. Evening enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Accra

## DAY 3 Accra (City tour with visit to Traditional African Market) [B/-/D]

After enjoying your breakfast, embark on an informative sightseeing excursion of Accra, the capital city of Ghana. This orientation tour provides an opportunity to explore the highlights of Accra, a city that has served as Ghana's capital since 1877 and remains the bustling hub of the Greater Accra Region, as well as the country's most populous city.

Travel through the various districts of Accra, including the administrative and economic sectors, and witness the vibrant atmosphere that characterizes the city. Visit notable landmarks such as the Artiste Alliance Gallery, the W.E.B. Du Bois Center for Pan African Culture, and the Independence/Black Star Square. Gain insight into significant historical events in Ghana's history and the crucial role played by the country's first president in leading Ghana to independence.

Continue your tour with a visit to the National Museum of Ghana, situated in Accra. This museum, the largest and oldest among the six museums managed by the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board, was inaugurated on March 5th, 1957, as part of the nation's independence celebrations. Immerse yourself in Ghana's rich cultural heritage as you explore the exhibits within its walls.

Conclude the day's tour at the Arts Center, a vibrant

open-air market where you can practice your bargaining skills while shopping for a wide array of goods sourced from Ghana and other West African countries. Marvel at the diverse selection of fabrics, showcasing different materials, designs, colors, and textures, offering you an opportunity to purchase unique pieces that catch your eye.

Later this evening enjoy dinner.

Overnight in Accra

## DAY 4 Accra (Living Heritage Ceremony [Torgorme Village]) [B/-/D]

Following breakfast, commence your journey from Accra to a picturesque village nestled along the lower stretch of the magnificent Volta River. Upon arrival, you will be warmly received by the village chief and esteemed elders, accompanied by the joyful rhythms of traditional drumming and captivating dance performances by the villagers.

As part of this cultural experience, the group will have the privilege of participating in a special naming ceremony, which serves as a gesture of recognition and inclusion. During this ceremony, each participant will be bestowed with a Ghanaian name, symbolizing a newfound identity as a Ghanaian and a cherished member of the local community. As a gesture of celebration and welcome, a thoughtful gift will also be presented to each participant, further fostering a sense of connection and belonging. Your day will conclude with delicious dinner

Overnight in Accra

## DAY 5 Accra – Canopy Walk Way & Kakum Rain Forest – Slave Dungeon Experience ( Cape Coast Castle) [B/-/D]

Following your breakfast, begin your journey towards Cape Coast, passing through the historically significant Denkyira Kingdom, a region with a rich past. Continue onwards to Kakum National Park, a remarkable testament to the preservation of West Africa's tropical rainforests. Here, you'll have the choice between two captivating activities. You can opt for a 2-kilometer

nature walk through the lush rainforest, where you'll have the opportunity to encounter a diverse array of extraordinary plant and animal species and learn about their medicinal properties. Alternatively, you can embark on an exhilarating stroll along the canopy walkway, suspended 40 meters above the forest floor, offering breathtaking views.

After enjoying lunch at your own leisure, embark on a poignant tour of the infamous forts, castles, and slave dungeons that bear witness to Ghana's dark past. Unfold the pages of history as you delve into the harrowing story of the transatlantic slave trade, whose repercussions are still felt far beyond the African shores to this day. Your first stop will be the Cape Coast Castle, originally built by the Swedes in 1653 and later seized by the British. Here, you will gain insight into the intricate relationship between the Western slave traders and the African tribes that facilitated the transatlantic slave trade. Step inside the castle's dim and suffocating dungeons, and let your imagination transport you back in time, allowing you to empathize with the millions of Africans who endured unimaginable suffering. The castle also houses the West African Historical Museum, providing further historical context and artifacts for exploration.

Overnight in Cape Coast

DAY 6 Cape Coast - (Fishing Village – Slave Dungeon (Elmina Castle)) [B/-/D]

Embark on a captivating exploration of Elmina, a picturesque and lively fishing village that seamlessly combines charm and introspection. Immerse yourself in the village's primary industry - fishing - as you engage with local fishermen, gaining insights into the intricacies of their trade and the daily challenges they face. This firsthand encounter offers a unique opportunity to appreciate one of Ghana's oldest and most significant professions.

Next, venture into the heart of the village and meet the fishmongers who play a vital role in the fishing community. Watch as they skillfully demonstrate the various stages of smoking fish in traditional earthenware ovens. This immersive experience provides a fascinating glimpse into the age-old techniques employed in this important trade, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region.

After enjoying lunch at your leisure, proceed to explore Elmina Castle, also known as St. George's Castle, a profound historical landmark constructed by the Portuguese in 1482. Here, you will gain a deeper understanding of the complex relationship between Western slave traders and the African tribes involved in the trans-Atlantic slave trade. As you venture into the castle, you will witness the haunting dungeons where local individuals were once confined, enduring the oppressive conditions before embarking on the arduous and perilous journey across the Atlantic. The experience of witnessing these stark realities firsthand serves as a powerful reminder of the inhumane nature of the slave trade.

In the evening, join the group for a "kasa" session, a time for meaningful discussions and conversations. Led by your knowledgeable tour leader or guide, these sessions provide an opportunity to delve deeper into Ghanaian culture, engage with fellow travelers, and share impressions and reflections on the tour experiences. It is a time for connection, learning, and further appreciation of the rich tapestry of Ghanaian life.

Overnight in Cape Coast

DAY 7 Cape Coast - (Elmina – Assin Manso – Kumasi City tour) [B/-/D]

Following breakfast, complete the check-out process at your hotel and embark on a scenic drive through the forested region, heading towards Kumasi, the vibrant capital of the Ashanti Empire. Immerse yourself in the rich legends and traditions of the renowned Ashanti people, whose influential heritage continues to resonate in the present day.

During the journey, make a stop at Assin Manso, a significant historical site. Here, you will have the opportunity to explore the remnants of "Donkor Nsuo," once a bustling slave river and market. This poignant location served as the final transit point for numerous enslaved Africans before their tragic journey. It is also the resting place of two ancestors whose mortal remains were repatriated from the United States and Jamaica, finding their final resting place at this sacred site.

Continue the drive towards Kumasi, where you will visit the Manhyia Palace Museum, offering an invaluable

firsthand experience of the Ashanti kingdom's enduring legacies. Delve into the regal history that spans back to 1700, as you discover an impressive collection of relics and artifacts that illuminate the Ashanti's fascinating past. As you drive through the city, take in the sight of monuments dedicated to the great Ashanti people, serving as enduring tributes to their remarkable contributions.

Conclude the day's tour at the National Cultural Center, a vibrant hub that showcases the rich artistic traditions of the Ashanti region. Explore the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum, which exhibits a captivating collection of historical artifacts. Additionally, witness the remarkable craftsmanship of brass makers, potters, and batik makers as you visit their respective studios within the cultural center.

Overnight in Kumasi

#### DAY 8 Kumasi - (Ashanti Craft Villages) [B/-/D]

Following a satisfying breakfast set out from your hotel and dedicate the day to exploring three renowned craft villages of the Ashanti region. The first stop is Ahwiaa, a village known for its skilled wood carvers. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as you witness the intricate process of creating African crafts from wood. Gain firsthand insight into the craftsmanship and artistic techniques employed by the local artisans. Moreover, you will have the unique opportunity to directly purchase these exquisite creations from the talented craftsmen themselves.

Next, proceed to Ntonso, a village that holds special significance for its association with Adinkra cloth. Discover the secrets behind the production of this iconic cloth adorned with traditional symbols and designs. Engage with the skilled artisans who meticulously craft each piece, as they demonstrate the various stages of creating Adinkra cloth. You will have the chance to appreciate the artistry and symbolism embedded in this cherished Ghanaian textile and acquire your own piece as a treasured memento.

Concluding the craft village tour, visit Bonwire, a village renowned for its expertise in Kente weaving. Witness the mesmerizing process of hand-weaving intricate and colorful Kente cloth, an art form deeply rooted in Ashanti tradition. Marvel at the dexterity and precision

of the weavers as they bring vibrant patterns to life. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase authentic Kente cloth directly from the weavers themselves, ensuring a unique and meaningful keepsake of your Ghanaian adventure.

Throughout the day, you will have the chance to not only observe the creative process but also support the local artisans by purchasing their crafts directly. This ensures a genuine connection with the vibrant culture and traditions of the Ashanti people while acquiring beautifully crafted pieces that reflect the artistic heritage of Ghana.

Overnight in Kumasi

#### DAY 9 Kumasi - Besease Shrine - Accra [B/-/D]

Following a delightful breakfast, complete the check-out process at your hotel and commence your journey back to Accra. Along the way, take a captivating detour to visit the renowned Besease Shrine, a designated World Heritage Site. Situated near the town of Ejisu, this traditional fetish shrine holds deep cultural and spiritual significance.

Each shrine within the Besease complex serves as a sacred abode for a specific spirit is known as "obosom," acting as an intermediary between mortals and the supreme deity, Nyame. As you explore this sacred site, marvel at the unique architecture that reflects the traditional beliefs and practices of ancestral worship. Immerse yourself in the atmosphere and observe the rituals and customs associated with venerating the ancient gods.

After this enriching experience, continue your journey and arrive in Accra. Check into your designated hotel, where you can relax and unwind, reflecting on the day's memorable encounters and experiences.

Enjoy your dinner.

Overnight in Accra

#### DAY 10 Accra Departure [B/-/-]

You have a full day of leisure ahead, allowing you to start the day with a relaxed breakfast. Take this opportunity to unwind and enjoy the comforts of your

accommodation. Alternatively, you can choose from two exciting options to make the most of your day in Accra.

**Option 1: Visit Makola Market** Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Makola Market, one of Accra's largest markets. Delve into the bustling stalls, brimming with a wide array of goods including traditional crafts, clothing, fresh produce, and local delicacies. Let your senses be captivated by the sights, sounds, and aromas of this vibrant marketplace. Engage in the art of bargaining as you interact with local vendors, ensuring a memorable shopping experience.

**Option 2: Explore Osu District** Embark on a journey to the lively district of Osu, renowned for its vibrant nightlife, trendy boutiques, and art galleries. Immerse yourself in a fusion of modern and traditional Ghanaian culture as you wander through the streets lined with diverse shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues. Discover unique treasures, indulge in local cuisine, or simply soak in the vibrant ambiance of this dynamic neighborhood.

At the end of the day, your unforgettable Back to Roots journey through Ghana draws to a close. Your tour will officially conclude. As per your scheduled departure time, you will be transferred to the airport, bidding farewell to Ghana as you embark on your return flight.

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