

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 14, 2024 - JUNE 24, 2024

ESCAPE TO GHANA

DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS IN THE LAND OF CULTURE & HERITAGE

Juneteenth

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TRAVEL DATES

JUNE 14, 2024
thru
JUNE 24, 2024



PACKAGE

10 Days & 9 Nights

Price includes

Roundtrip, Flight, Lodging, Tours,
Transportation, Tour Guide, Meals,
Events, Festivals

\$4,950.00

Above Price for Double Occupancy
Single Occupancy \$5,600 (Direct)
*Connecting flight pricing
\$4700 (D) / \$5400 (S)



DEPOSIT

\$450 Single

\$400 Double

All Deposits are Non-Refundable

Secure your space now and
ask for the payments
installation

Join us as we mark this day by paying tribute to our ancestors. A once-in-a-lifetime chance for us to keep the momentum of the remembrance, procession, and self-determination movement going. Discover Ghana's unbroken origins. History, culture, art, music, nature, cuisine, nightlife, and many more.

**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL PROMOTION IS VALID ONLY ON
OCTOBER 1, 2023 - OCTOBER 31, 2023**

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"Journey to Freedom: Juneteenth Escape in Ghana - Discover Your Roots in the Land of Culture and Heritage"

TRAVEL DAY | FRI, JUN 14, 2024

Departure from JFK 11:55 PM Delta Airlines non-stop flight to Accra, meals drinks, and in-flight entertainment.

- Arrive 4-5 hours before the group flight departs.
- Need Valid Passport – Must be valid for six (6) months after arrival in Ghana.
- **TRAVELLERS** are responsible for visa processing. Africa Access will give you invitation letters to apply for Ghana visas by mail.
- **VISA** stamped by Ghana Embassy before departure.
- **YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION MANDATORY.** Proof of vaccination upon arrival.
- Service Project - Pack goodies for the children of Ghana. A list of essential items will be shared. (School Supplies, First Aid Kits, Sweets and Candies, Hygiene Products, Flip Flops and Clothing)

Day 1: Akwaaba to Ghana - Enculturation Orientation | SAT JUN 15, 2024

Arrive at Kotoka International Airport in Accra at 2:15 PM

Private shuttle transportation will take you to the African Regent Hotel. Once Settled, Relaxed, and unwound, Meet and greet your fellow travelers, We will arrange a private welcome dinner at Green Lantern to go over the tour briefing. (D).

Accommodations: African Regent Hotel

Meals: Dinner at Green Lantern

Attire: Black & Gold - Welcome Home Party



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Day 2: Accra City Tour: Sights and Landmarks | SUN JUN 16, 2024



After breakfast, Meet Tailors for African wear measurements. Then head out at 10 am for the city tour of Flag Staff House, Black Star /Independence Square, State House, Oxford Street (OSU), the W.E.B. Du Bois Center of Pan Africanism, and the Art Center of High Street, Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and Art & Craft Market. Lunch on your own at Reggie's Place. Return to hotel. If you want to get your hair braided, we can arrange for the stylist to come to the hotel at your own cost, Please notify us in advance. (B/D)

After Dinner, visit Jamestown to distribute goodies from the United States to the children of Jamestown.

Accommodations: African Regent Hotel
Meals: Dinner
Attire: Casual & Comfortable



Day 3: Beach Time, Cooking Class & More | MON JUN 17, 2024

After breakfast, travel about a 20-minute drive from Labadi Beach or hang out by the pool. Spend time relaxing and enjoying the hot African sun. Early evening, immerse in a Cooking Class - Ghanaian cuisine is rich in flavor and history. Learn how to make traditional dishes, with recipes that have been handed down through several generations, during this private cooking class in Accra. Connect with the local culture and make a few dishes from scratch, alongside your local guide. Then, sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labor paired with drinks and good conversation. (B/D)

Head Out to a Club to enjoy the Rest Of your Night expenses on your own.


Accommodations: African Regent Hotel
Meals: TBD (Cooking Class Site)
Attire: Casual & Comfortable



Day 4: Assin Manso - Slave River | TUE JUN 18, 2024

At 8 a.m., travel to Elmina stopover at Assin Manso, (River of the Last Bath for Slaves before departure to the new world). Get knee-deep into Ghana's slavery past by stepping on the path of thousands of enslaved captives. Our journey begins in Donkor Nsuo or the slave river, where prisoners had the chance to bathe before a three-week naked trek through the dense forest.

Name Change at Assin Manso (A will be facilitated by the elders. You'll have the chance to attend your own traditional Ghanaian naming ceremony where the elders will give you a soul and spirit name based on the day you are born. Please state interest in booking for preparation purposes Lunch at Mabel's Table.



Check-in Coconut Grove Hotel (B/L). All White Attire is usually worn on this day in observance of the "last bath" and "name change ceremony".

Accommodations: Coconut Grove Hotel
Meals: Lunch at Mabel's Table
Attire: All White, Casual & Comfortable Clothing, Walking Shoes & Swimsuit (Change of Clothes Recommended)

Day 5: Forts, Castles & Dungeons (Elmina & Cape Coast Slave Castles) Juneteenth, Liberation Day - Nod to the Unforgotten | WED JUN 19, 2024



At 10 a.m., visit major landmarks used during the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade Elmina Castle, Fort Jago Cape Coast Castle, and the Historical Museum. We'll visit Elmina Slave Dungeon, in the bowels of the dungeon, listen to first-hand accounts of the country's grueling slavery route, and go up to the "Door of No Return", the last frontier between the dungeons and the huge slave ships waiting on the port.

Experience a walk through the "Door of No Return", marking the beginning of a perilous journey of our ancestors. This time, we will also experience a return through the same doors.

All White Attire is usually worn on this day in observance of the "Door of No Return".

Afterward, we'll return to Coconut Grove Hotel, dine, relax, spend time enjoying the Cape Coast beach or pool, ride local horses, or enjoy a traditional performance of a live band playing Highlife Music (B/L).

Accommodations: Coconut Grove Hotel
Meals: Packed Lunch /Road Stops
Attire: Casual, Comfortable & Walking Shoes



Day 6: One with Nature - Rain Forest & Canopy Walk at Kakum National Park | THU JUN 20, 2024



At 8 a.m., Travel to the Kakum National Park to enjoy the dangling canopy bridge with a view of vegetation, flowers, and wild animals. The canopy walk is the longest and highest of its kind in West Africa. Much of Ghana's indigenous plant life, uncommon butterflies, and birds may be found in the forest.

After, Kakum, a 4-5-hour leisurely drive with stops, packed lunch to Kumasi. The second largest city in the country still drips with Ashanti traditions. Kumasi remains the seat of the Asantehene (Asante king) and the site of the Golden Stool, a symbol of royal authority and unity of the people. Billed as the "Garden City of West Africa,"

Once in Kumasi, we'll check in at Fredericks Lodge, a posh boutique hotel for a much-needed rest. Quick Kumasi orientation. (B/L).

Accommodations: Fredericks Lodge
Meals: Packed Lunch /Road Stops
Attire: Casual, Comfortable & Walking Shoes



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Day 7: The Ashanti Kingdom - Land of Gold and Kente Cloth | FRI JUN 21, 2024

After breakfast, start the city tour Visit the Ghana National Cultural Center – where we will explore the traditions that still linger below the surface.

The day starts with a visit to the traditional Adinkra Village. Here you'll enjoy an authentic Kente weaving, and stamp printing experience Exhibits include workshops on Ashanti Culture.

Visit Manhyia Palace (The Seat and Chief residence of the Asantehene - The Ashanti King and queen). This palace remains in use today and houses an interesting history museum. A tour to the War Museum which depicts the Ashanti wars with the British in the 1800's, round out your tour with a picture op at the Yaa Asantewaa Statue in Kumasi, the center for gold mining in Ghana. Observe craftsmen at work in the traditional Adinkra Village. Here you'll learn about artisan villages of Ntonso, Awaii, and Adanwomase villages featuring fertility dolls, sandals, Kente and Adinkra cloth, and Stools. Followed by a tour of a local cocoa farm where we'll get to know how these beans became the best-quality cocoa in the world.

After lunch, we'll visit Kokofrom Brass Community, and the huge, open-air Kejetia Market, where stalls sell everything from glass beads to Ashanti sandals.

School visit to donate school supplies and other essentials to the students/school. Depart for Accra. (B/L)

Accommodations: Fredericks Lodge

Meals: Lunch at Ike's Cafe and Grill

Attire: Casual & Comfortable

Day 8: Relax & Unwind / Cocoa Farm / Aburi Gardens / Oboadaka Falls | SAT JUN 22, 2024

Day at leisure. Rest and relax or explore a Day trip in the Aburi Mountains

Visit **Tetteh Quarshie Cocoa** farm to learn about how cocoa was first brought to Ghana. Following **Aburi Botanic Garden**, one cannot talk about horticulture in Ghana and West Africa without talking about the Aburi Botanical Gardens. The Garden has had many roles over the years including plant introduction and teaching scientific methods of agriculture but today is one of the many institutions leading the fight to save plant diversity through research, growing endangered plants, plant multiplication, horticultural training, and environmental education.

Aburi Craft Village where you'll find unique souvenirs, wall art, and other gift ideas for your friends and family back home. Get to know some of the country's fantastic artisans. The crafts village is a decent size with many shops to check out and contains plenty of local woodwork and artisans crafting as you shop.

Oboadaka Waterfalls near Pokrom, Aburi. 5-10 minutes' walk from where you park to the fall. Such amazing and serene views. It has a shallow pool and rocks making swimming not so enjoyable, but you can take beautiful photos. (B)

Accommodations: African Regent Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Attire: Casual & Comfortable clothing, Walking Shoes & Swimsuit



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Day 9: Cruising on Lake Volta (Farewell Cruise) | SUN JUN 23, 2024

Morning at leisure.



Afternoon boat ride at Akosombo Dam sipping wine and enjoying light local Ghana snack on **(Lake Volta)**. The Volta Lake is one of the greatest landmarks of Ghana. Enjoy the live band music as you cruise to Adomi Bridge. Enjoy the calm of the lake and bask in the beauty of the mountain scenery and surroundings. We'll spend the early evening and have our farewell dinner at **Bridge View Resort**. Return to the mainland by late evening and depart for Accra. Arrive by early evening and drop off at pick up point. (B/D).

Accommodations: African Regent Hotel

Meals: Farewell Dinner at Bridge View Resort


Attire: Flowy Dressy African Print Attire fit for a Cruise



Day 10: SHOP, LUNCH + TRAVEL DAY | MON JUN 24, 2024

Day at leisure. Rest and relax or explore more Accra on your own.

Last-minute Shopping:



The various markets are bustling, lively places where you'll find unique souvenirs and get to know the rhythm of the city. Smell the traditional Ghanaian ingredients, and revel in the feeling of being a local while you do some last-minute shopping at the Shops in Accra. Learn the Ghanaian art of negotiating your prices.

Art and Design Tour of Accra:

Visit the **Fantasy Coffin Makers**, who make coffins to reflect a person's affiliations, or The Artist Alliance Art Gallery or Nubuke Foundation.

Accommodations: African Regent Hotel

Meals: Lunch TBD

Attire: Comfortable Clothing for Travel

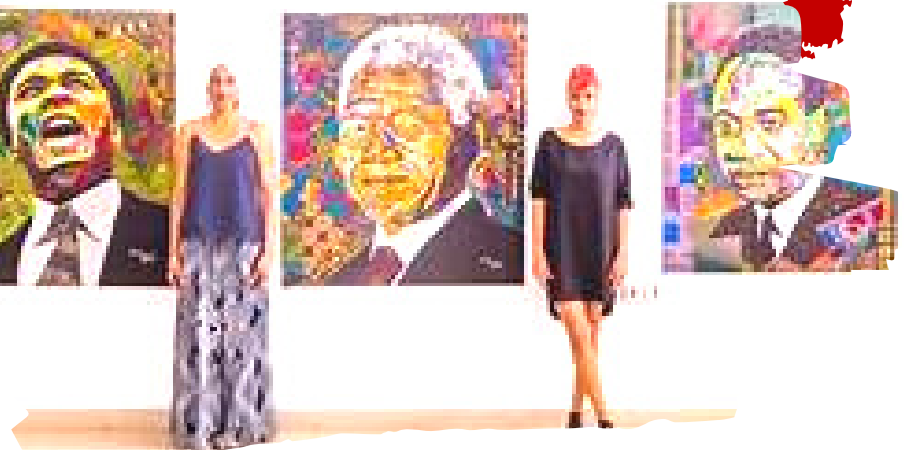
TRAVEL INFORMATION

Checkout noon from African Regent Hotel, Accra

Then head to the airport at 6 pm

Departure Flight - Depart at 10:10 p.m. to New York. Arrival 5:40 am in New York

Delta Airlines non-stop flight to New York, meals drinks, and in-flight entertainment.



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