

Ghana Emancipation Connection**9 days – 8 nights****Accra, Kakum National Park, Cape Coast, Door of no Return, Anomabo, Elmina Castle, Assin
Manso Slave River, Ashanti Kingdom, Kumasi
Heritage, Discovery, Culture, History****This program can be extended and may be operated for individuals, pods and groups**

February is dedicated as Black History Month, honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans and African descendants throughout US and Caribbean history, including the civil rights movement and their artistic, cultural and political achievements. We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history. This tour guides you through Ghana West Africa to understudy the chronicles of African descent who was forcefully sold into slavery in the Americas and the Caribbean. With this tour we offer the pathways that retrace the layering of differences in the aftermath of colonialism and slavery, as well as other forms of migration and displacement. And, also, the UNESCO Heritage site where in the fourteenth century Elmina Castle and the sixteenth century Cape Coast Castle became two of the most important stops of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Elmina castle is the home of the infamous "Door of No Return".

Day 1: Accra

After immigration and customs formalities at Accra Kotoka International airport, you are met by our representatives and transferred to your Accra accommodation. Dinner at your hotel. [D]

Day 2: Accra, Kakum National Park, Elmina, Cape Coast, Door of no Return, Anomabo

After breakfast depart to Cape Coast in the Central Region of Ghana; to visit Kakum National Park; one of West Africa's surviving tropical rainforests. This provides an unforgettable "Jungle" experience amidst the tropical vegetation and wildlife. The forest provides the opportunity to see much of Ghana's indigenous plant life, rare butterflies, flora and fauna monkeys. The most popular attraction is the Canopy walkway, which is made up of seven bridges extending 1,080 ft. and hanging 100 ft. above the forest floor. In Cape Coast go on a city tour of Elmina City driving through the ancient town of Elmina. At the harbor see the colorful fishing canoes getting ready to go to sea for another night's task of fishing. This is a perfect opportunity for the photographers in the group. Cape Coast Castle which also houses the West African Historical Museum established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the Ghanaian Government in 1994. Cape Coast Castle is another restored UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the departure points for Africans being sent to slavery in the Americas and the Caribbean. The castle is home to the "Door of No Return". Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 3: Anomabo (Elmina Castle, Traditional Naming Ceremony)

We depart to the Elmina Castle, another World Heritage site. Here castle operators will guide us through all the Slave Dungeons with lectures. The Elmina castle is the first castle to be built in the Sub Saharan region and is the oldest in West Africa. Take part in a traditional naming ceremony where a local African name will be given to you to mark the importance of your coming and also to be ushered into the Fante Kingdom. A Spiritual journey to take your birth rights as an African descent. All this cultural and traditional event is done by local Kings and Queens and the local people. Experience the feel of the African rhythms as they play the local drums and instruments. At the end, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight [B/D]

Day 4: Anomabo, Assin Manso Slave River, Ashanti Kingdom, Kumasi

On our way to Kumasi the historical and spiritual capital of the old Ashanti Kingdom, we stop en route at Assin Manso Slave market for some history. Upon arrival in Kumasi, The Ashanti people were one of the most powerful nations in Africa until the end of the 19th century, when the British annexed Ashanti Country to their Gold Coast colony. The tribute paid today to the Asantehene is the best evidence of their past splendor and strength. With nearly one million inhabitants, Kumasi is a sprawling city with a fantastic central market, one of the biggest in Africa, where every type of Ashanti craft (leather

goods, pottery, Kente cloth) is found along with just about every kind of tropical fruit and vegetable. Take a walk down this open-air central market (also known as Kejetia Market) attraction pole to Kumasis, Ashanti's and Ashantiland Peninsula's people. Then, visit the Cultural Center, Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and Okomfo Anokye Sword Site. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight [B/D]

Day 5: Kumasi (Ashanti Craft Villages, Ashanti Kingdom Palace)

In the morning after breakfast, explore the Ashanti Kingdom Palace museum. The Ashanti Empire (Twi: Asanteman) was an Akan empire and kingdom from 1670 to 1957 in what is now modern-day Ghana. It expanded from Ashanti to include the Brong-Ahafo Region, Central Region, Eastern Region, Greater Accra Region and Western Region of present-day Ghana. Due to the empire's military prowess, wealth, architecture, sophisticated hierarchy and culture, the Ashanti Kingdom has been extensively studied and has more historiographies by European, primarily British authors than any other indigenous culture of Sub-Saharan Africa. A visit to the Ashanti craft villages. Learn about woodcarving in the village of Ahwiaa, known for the talented craftsmen who fashion royal stools, walking sticks and fertility dolls from wood. You will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of hand-carved items. Your next stop is the village of Ntonso, where artisan's hand-stamp patterns on cotton cloth to make Adinkra textiles. Later, visit Bonwire, where the famous Kente cloth is handmade on looms in a time-honored tradition passed down through generations. Observe the Kente weavers creating the traditional Kente cloth. [B/D]



Day 6: Kumasi, Accra (Besease Shrine)

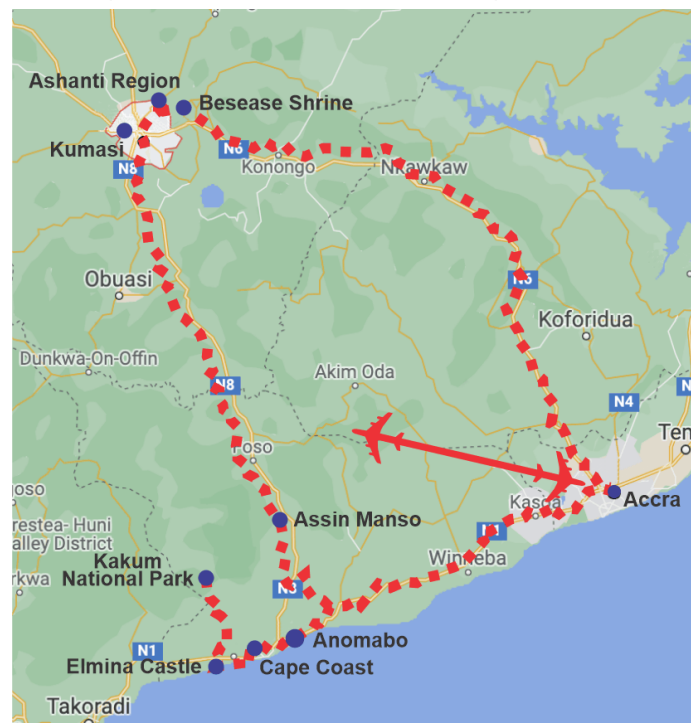
On our way back to Accra in morning after breakfast. We visit en route to Besease Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and experience ancient customs and tradition of the Ashanti religion. The Besease Shrine is a traditional fetish shrine in Ejisu a sub of Kumasi. The shrines is a home for their ancient god known as Asaase Yaa that mediates between mortals and the supreme god Nyame. Explore the Unique ancient building architectural and experience the mode of worship the Ashanti's use to worship their ancestors. [B/D]

Day 7: Accra (W. E. B. Dubois Center)

Accra, the capital of Ghana, has maintained its unique identity despite the fast-paced development currently underway in this intriguing African city. Visit the great patriarch W.E. Dubois center learn about this American civil rights activist personal life in Ghana. During the days of the first president of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, when he invited him to Ghana and became the first African American to receive a dual citizen of Ghana during the 60's. Continue to the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and museum, a tribute to Ghana's first President. This park, formally called the Polo grounds, is where Dr. Kwame Nkrumah declared the independence of Ghana. [B/D]

Day 8: Accra (Koforidua Glass Beads)

The area of Krobo is famous all around the world for its beads. Here they are produced and used



for cults and aesthetic purposes. We will visit a factory specialized in the production of those beads and even follow the process of making one! The art of making glass beads has a long history in Ghana. For the past 400 years, the finished products have been used in ceremonies of birth, coming of age, marriage and death. Today, the city of Odumase Krobo and the wider Krobo district are particularly associated with the making of traditional glass beads. At Cedi Bead Factory, you can watch the intricate production process from beginning to end. We reach Koforidua on time to visit the weekly beads market. Great opportunity for shopping. [B/D]

Day 9: Accra, USA

Best time for shopping and free day. We later transport you to the airport for the departure. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare New York-Accra
- Arrival & departure transfers
- 8 nights' accommodation
 - Accra 4 nights
 - Anomabo 2 nights
 - Kumasi 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 8 dinners
- Visit Katum National Park
- Sightseeing tour of Elmina
- Visit Coast Cape Castle
- Visit the West African Historical Museum
- See the "Door of No Return"
- Tour Elmina Castle
- Traditional Naming Ceremony
- Stay in Cape Coast
- Experience Assin Manso Slave Market
- Ashanti Country immersion:
 - Brong Ahafo region
 - Awaiaa Village
 - Ntonso Village
 - Bonwire

- See the Kente weavers at work
- Visit Nesease Shrine
- Visit patriarch W.E. Dubois center
- Visit Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and museum
- Discover the birthplace of Krobo beads
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- English-speaking guides
- A/C vehicles
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Hotel Tourism tax to be paid at checkout
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Accra	Holiday Inn Hotel	3.5
Anomabo	Anomabo Beach Resort	3.5
Kumasi	Golden Tulip Hotel	3.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Price:

From: \$2,809 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Price is minimum per person sharing a double room and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.