



**Culture and World Heritage in Ghana**  
**June 10- 19, 2018**

**Day 1: Accra (D)**

Personal welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. We will meet for a group **Orientation Meeting** with a guest speaker to share about the History of Ghana, and enjoy our **Welcome Dinner**.

**Day 2: Accra (B,L)**

Enjoy guided **historical tour of Accra**. Our highlights include the Parliament Hours, Independence Square, and the Kwame Nkrumah museum. After lunch we will learn about Ghana's rich history at the **DuBois Center for Pan African Studies**. This afternoon we will meet with a representative of the **Right to Be Free**, and organization that works for enslaved children in Ghana who are forced to work in the hazardous fishing and gold mining industries and the cocoa plantations. We help rebuild their lives by providing victims with medical care, counseling and placement in school or vocational training. They are supported physically, emotionally and financially throughout their recovery and reintegration into society. **Dinner** and evening are free for local cultural activities.

**Day 3 Accra to Kumasi (B,L)**

We check out of our hotel to travel to meet with a local community arts program. After lunch we drive to the Ashanti Kingdom to visit the local **Manhiya Palace Museum**. Here we will learn about local history and ancient culture. We end our day with a visit to the **Kejetia Market**, the largest open air market in West Africa. We return to the hotel and rest before dinner.

**Day 4 Excursion to Kuapoa Kokoo (B,L)**

Today we learn about the importance of cocoa production. We are off to visit the cocoa farming cooperative **Kuapa Kokoo ('Good Cocoa Farmer' in Twi, the local Ashanti language)**. Kuapa Kokoo along with Twin Trading and the Body

Shop own the Day Chocolate Company produce the fair trade chocolate Divine and the Dubble bar. Learn how cocoa is grown and processed to the cocoa beans sold to the European markets for chocolate produce making. . Later we will visit near by **craft villages** and visit with local carvers, weavers and artists.

**Day 5                      Central Region Excursion                      (B,L,)**

Service-learning and day exchange with the Obey Foundations **Drums 4 Life program**. We will learn about this important mechanism to bring awareness to the healing of music, particularly drumming. We will enjoy drumming and dancing classes for those interested.

Dinner and evening are free to rest and enjoy the pool.

**Day 6                      Kumasi to the Cape Coast                      (B,L)**

Check out of hotel and drive through the beautiful Cape Coast. We will visit the **World Heritage sites of the Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle**, and stop at the **Assin Manso Slave Mausoleum** and see the infamous “**Door of No Return**.”

Dinner is at our beautiful beach front hotel.

**Day 7                      Kakum National Park                      (B,L,D)**

Today we enjoy a day excursion to nature, to **the Kakum National Park** where will enjoy an afternoon aerial hike in the tree canopy.

Dinner and evening are free to enjoy at your leisure.

**Day 8                      Cape Coast to Mankessim                      (B,L)**

After breakfast we have some free time to enjoy the beach or the pool.

After we check out of the hotel we will enjoy our last local village exchange. We will have a traditional welcome with dance and drumming, then visit the local school. Afterwards we return to Accra and check in to our hotel.

Dinner and evening are free for local cultural activities.

**Day 9                      Accra                      (B, D)**

Morning visit to a local glass recycling program that creates beautiful glass beads. We will have time to see the process and support this organization.

Lunch and afternoon free for personal exploration before we are off to enjoy our **Farewell Dinner**.

**Day 10                      Depart for USA                      (B)**

Check out of hotel and transfer to the airport.

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