



Studies Abroad for Global Education

Ghana: History & Culture of West Africa

May 17 – June 2, 2010

Approximate cost \$4000

(based on 20 participants and 2 free trip leaders)

Date	Activity	Evening Location
May 17, Tuesday	Afternoon: Depart New Orleans 4:15pm for Atlanta on Delta Airlines #2288; Depart Atlanta 9:35pm for Accra on Delta #226	Overnight flight
May 18, Wednesday	Afternoon: Arrive Accra 1:20pm; Transfer to your hotel to unpack and rest. You will have time this afternoon to email, exchange currency, and tour the neighborhood and city as time permits Evening: Welcome dinner and orientation to Ghana	The Paloma Hotel, Accra
May 19, Thursday	Morning/Afternoon: Guided tour of Accra: National Museum, Nkrumah Mausoleum, Independence Square, W.E.B. DuBois Center for Pan Africanism	The Paloma Hotel, Accra
May 20, Friday	Morning: Visit University of Ghana Legon; Lunch on campus Afternoon: Tour the George Padmore Centre and Research Library on Africa Affairs; End the day with a visit to the Osu Night Market, where market stalls are illuminated by hundreds of lanterns and candles.	The Paloma Hotel, Accra
May 21, Saturday	Morning: Depart for the Makola Market, one of the largest domestic markets in the city. Stop to interact with the leaders of the market and other merchants. Meet with the vendor at the "fetish" shop for students to deepen their understanding of Akan spirituality. Afternoon: After lunch, visit and explore the township of Osu before stopping to visit the Arts and Crafts market, the large souvenir market where you may try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors. Evening: Movie night at The Paloma	The Paloma Hotel, Accra
May 22, Sunday	Morning: Depart Accra for Kumasi in the Ashanti Region. Stop enroute at a highland village to meet and interact with the Chief and villagers. Here, you will take part in a reception and ceremony with the village elders. Afternoon: Transfer to hotel and check-in. Free time to explore.	Miklin Hotel, Kumasi
May 23, Monday	Morning: Depart after breakfast to visit a few Ashanti Craft villages to observe craftsmen at work. Visit Bonwire to see Kente cloth weavers, Ntonso for Adinkra cloth printing and the tie & dye process, and Ahwiaa to see woodcarvers. Lunch in an area village. Afternoon: After lunch visit other crafts villages: Asuofua-Asamang- bead making and pottery at Pankrono and Ampabame-Krofrom famous for Gold weights production.	Miklin Hotel, Kumasi



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May 24, Tuesday	Morning: Depart after breakfast to visit Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and the National Cultural Centre. Also, visit the Manhyia Palace and Museum and the Okomfo Anokye sword. Enjoy lunch at a Ghanaian restaurant. Afternoon: Visit to the Kejetia Market - the largest open-air market in West Africa.	Miklin Hotel, Kumasi
May 25, Wednesday	Morning/Afternoon: Relaxed morning before your departure for Elmina. Stop at Assin Manso burial site of the remains of two former slaves exhumed from New York's Wall Street and re-interred on Emancipation Day 1998. Visit the "Slave River" which was the last rest stop for slaves on their "one-way" trek to the Slave dungeons on the coast to await shipping to the "new world". Arrive in Elmina and check in to your hotel.	Coconut Grove Beach Resort, Elmina
May 26, Thursday	Morning: Comprehensive guided tour of Elmina Castle, built by the Portuguese in 1482 and later used as an auction market for slaves. See the Slave dungeons and the condemned cell where slaves who attempted to escape were incarcerated. Afternoon: Travel to Cape Coast for lunch; Tour of Cape Coast Castle and the West African Historical Museum. The guide will conduct you to the slave quarters and Negotiation Hall where our ancestors were bargained for and sold. Evening: Dinner at One Africa and return to Elmina	Coconut Grove Beach Resort, Elmina
May 27, Friday	Morning: Free day to explore Elmina, conduct lessons, etc. Driver and bus are at your service for exploration	Coconut Grove Beach Resort, Elmina
May 28, Saturday	Morning: Early morning departure for Kakum National Park, Africa's only rainforest canopy walkway. Experience the exciting Canopy Walk with a panoramic view of the flora and fauna of the rainforest and visit the crocodile ponds. Afternoon: Visit the fishing village of Anomabo; tour the old town and Posuban shrines	Coconut Grove Beach Resort, Elmina
May 29, Sunday	Morning: Relaxed morning enjoying the beach; Mid-morning departure for Kokrobite fishing village where you will explore the crafts, arts and music of this unique village. Evening: Special bonfire celebration with drumming & dancing	Big Millies Beach Resort, Kokrobite
May 30, Monday	Morning: Socializing/Dialogue with villagers of Kokrobite. Afternoon: After lunch, return to Accra. Free time to explore the city.	The Paloma Hotel, Accra



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<p>May 31, Tuesday</p>	<p>Morning: Depart for Cocoa Research Institute in Tafo where you will tour the facilities and learn about cocoa production Afternoon: Visit the Aburi Botanical Gardens & Craft Market. Aburi Botanical Gardens was established in 1890 as a convalescent center for the British colonial officers governing the then Gold Coast. The Gardens were designed for scientific research and pleasure. It is a habitat for plants from all over the world. Over the years, the Garden has cultured a variety of tropical plants which attract many birds and butterflies. Evening: A night of celebration, music and dancing at a local venue.</p>	<p>The Paloma Hotel, Accra</p>
<p>June 1, Wednesday</p>	<p>Morning: After a relaxed morning, you will meet with a traditional spiritual leader for blessings for a safe journey home. Afternoon: Last minute shopping and exploration of the city; Packing and dinner before your late departure for the airport</p>	<p>Overnight Flight</p>
<p>June 2, Thursday</p>	<p>Early Morning: 1 am departure for Atlanta on Delta Airlines #225; Arrive Atlanta at 8:55am; Depart for New Orleans on Delta #343 arriving at 11:43am</p>	<p>Home!</p>