



AFRICAN CONNECTIONS

"Your Gateway to Africa"

GHANA, TOGO & BENIN OUIDAH VOODOO FESTIVAL TOUR

January 4th – 16th 2026
(12 nights)



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PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!!!!



Only **\$4,299** per person
(Without airfare and double
room occupancy)

Space is limited

**Pay \$500 to reserve your spot
and make installment payments.**

African Connections Presents:

Return to the Motherland African Heritage Tour

Tour Highlights:

Benin is considered by many to be the birthplace of Voodoo. Every year, on the 10th of January, the Ouidah region celebrates the Voodoo Festival, an important event dedicated to this religion.

On this occasion, ceremonies, sacrifices, songs, dances, and large banquets are held; and faith, magic and the supernatural are revealed through complex rituals and spectacular performances.

Our tour will give you the opportunity to witness the amazing OUIDAH VOODOO FESTIVAL, to witness the annual rituals of dancing and drumming to honor this ancient religion.

Our tour takes you on the route des esclaves, a route that led enslaved Africans to the port from which they would embark to Haiti and other ports in the Americas through the "gate of no return" and we will tour the infamous House of Slaves.

See the Woman King Statute. Benin is the home of the female warriors made famous in the recent movie starring Viola Davis. See the statute dedicated to the only all-female army regiment in modern history and learn their true story.

Our tour will also give you a chance to explore the voodoo culture of Togo. While in this tiny but intriguing country, we visit voodoo temples, fetish market, the Grand Marche, travel by dugout canoe on Togo Lake to reach the mysterious Togoville; and visit Ganvie, a charming village built entirely on stilts.

This tour also includes tours in Accra, Ghana's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital, Kumasi, the famous capital of the Asante Empire, Cape Coast and Elmina in the historic Central Region.

This trip will be unforgettable! Have your cameras ready!
Prepare to be amazed!

DAYS 1-2:

Arrival in Ghana and Accra City Tours

We will visit Independence Square (where Ghanaians celebrate the nation's Independence Day each year); and stand under Black Star Square which is a monument to the Black Star of Ghana, which Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first Prime Minister adopted in tribute to Marcus Garvey.



We will visit the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, which is the final resting place of the first President of Ghana and one of Africa's most renowned Statesmen and Pan-Africanists; and the W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Center for Pan-African Culture, which is a research library and gallery containing the invaluable manuscripts of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois.





We will drive through the commercial districts of Accra and see the amazing development and growth of Accra; and stop at points of interest as we crisscross through Accra, one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in Africa.



While in Accra, enjoy an evening of entertainment and fun at our Dinner Buffet with Cultural Dance and Drumming Performances.



DAYS 3-4:

We Tour the Central Region

On our way to Cape Coast, we will stop at Assin Manso to participate in a Ceremony of Remembrance at "Slave River" where our ancestors were forced to bathe after their long march to the coast of Ghana, which could have taken as long as six months.



We will have guided tours through Elmina Slave Dungeon and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons, infamous as the places where the largest number of enslaved Africans were housed before shipment to the Americas.



DAY 5:

We tour Lome, the Capital City of Togo

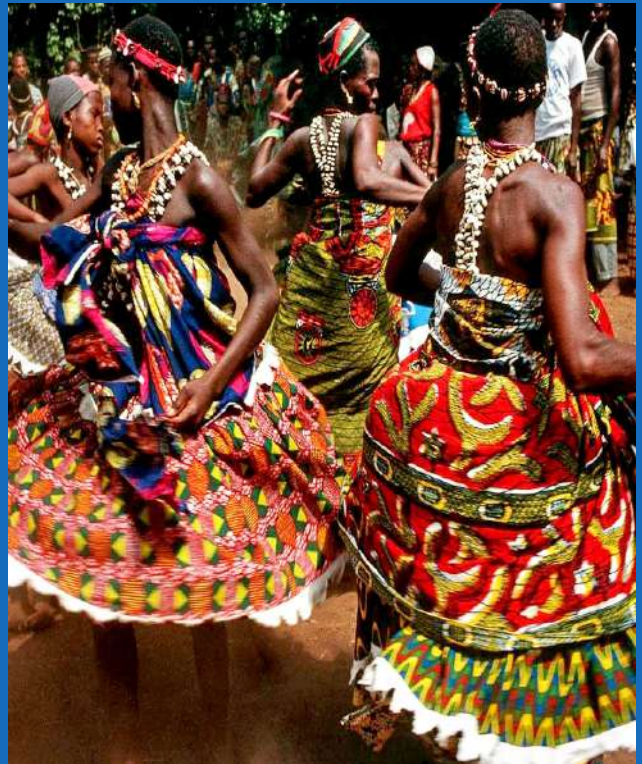
Visit the Slave House in Agbodrafo; and travel by boat to Togoville, the village which was home to numerous enslaved Africans who were members of the Voodoo cult that were later taken to Haiti.



DAYS 6-8:

OUIDAH VOODOO Festival and tours of Cotonou

Members will have the opportunity to witness the amazing OUIDAH VOODOO FESTIVAL. Benin is considered the birthplace of Voodoo and Voodoo is the national religion of Benin. You will have an amazing opportunity to witness the spectacle of the festival, observe devotees as they assume the identity of gods and spirits, and witness the traditions of the area on full display.



Visit to the Ganvie market zone including the international Dantokpa market with its exuberant traders and famous handicraft center; Lake Village-Ganvie, known as the "Venice of Africa" with its houses built on stilts; the "fishers' streets" and "Francophone villa."



Visit the statute of the “Woman King”

Benin is the home of the female warriors made famous in the recent Hollywood Blockbuster film starring Viola Davis, “The Woman King.” This movie was based on the real-life story of these famous women warriors, known as the “Dahomey Amazons.”

This all-female military regiment of the Kingdom of Dahomey (in today’s Benin) existed from the 17th century to the late 19th century and was the only female army in modern history.



DAY 9:

Return to Accra and prepare for your Kumasi trip

Travel from Benin to Accra and enjoy a free evening to enjoy the hotel amenities.



DAYS 10-11:

Fly from Accra to Kumasi and explore the ancient Asante Kingdom

Take a domestic flight from Accra to Kumasi. Tour Members will have the opportunity to explore the capital city of the ancient Asante Kingdom and its surrounding towns and villages and visit Manhyia Palace, the traditional home of the Asantehene "the king of kings," the king of all the Asante.

While at Manhyia Palace, explore the Museum, which is filled with countless relics and artifacts that highlight the richness of the history and culture of the Asante people.



Stop for photos at the Okomfo Anokye Monument, dedicated to the traditional priest who “conjured” from the skies the famous Golden Stool that unified the Asante people.



Traditional Naming Ceremony

Tour members will have the opportunity to participate in a Traditional Naming Ceremony, where each tour member will be given a traditional Asante name based on his/her day of birth and welcomed into his/her “adopted” family with dance and celebration.



You will have time to browse through the National Center for Culture, see Artisans at work and browse through the shops filled with brass items, batik cloth, wood pieces, artwork, and pottery.



Visit the woodcarving village of Ahwiaa where you will see craftsmen carving wood masterpieces; Ntonso, famous for its kente and adinkra cloth; and Adanwomase, one of the most popular kente weaving villages.



DAYS 12-13

**Travel to Accra and enjoy
a free day before you
travel to the US**

Travel back to Accra and have time to rest, relax, enjoy the hotel amenities, have a spa day; or if you choose, do nothing at all!. Prepare for your flight back to US on the next day.

Examples of hotels we use:

- La-Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra, Ghana



- Lancaster Kumasi City in Kumasi, Ghana



- Coconut Grove Beach Resort in Elmina, Ghana



- Onomo Hotel in Lome, Togo



- The Golden Tulip in Cotonou, Benin



Don't miss the Excitement! For the time of your life, experience Ghana!

Our Tour Package Includes:

-  Domestic roundtrip airfare between Accra and Kumasi
-  Accommodation in Deluxe Hotels (twin/double occupancy)
-  Breakfast Daily
-  Dinner with Cultural Performances
-  Ceremony of Remembrance at Slave River
-  Traditional Naming Ceremony
-  Participation in Ouidah Voodoo Festival
-  Transportation throughout in comfortable air-conditioned vehicle
-  Experienced, Licensed English-Speaking Driver
-  Knowledgeable English-Speaking Tour Guide
-  Tours and Entry Fees to all sites visited
-  Expert tour management, to plan your trip, help with pre-departure preparations; and destination support throughout your journey

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