July 22 – August 2, 2022

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

GHANA SPECIAL!!

R/T INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT + ALL-INCLUSIVE $100 TRAVEL DISCOUNT WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR GHANA MOTHERLAND-HOME TRIP WITH CULTURAL LINKS BETWEEN FEB-APRIL 2022.

FOR THE COMMUNITY...Black History Month Travel Deals to GHANA
Bookings: www.culturallinks.org
AKWAABA! (WELCOME) TO GHANA!

Immerse yourself in the beauty, culture, and rhythmic sway of a truly unique, African experience in Ghana, West Africa! Imagine the sound of the ocean’s rolling waves rocking you to sleep in a cozy lodge filled with the backdrop of sandy beaches, coconut, pineapple, and mango trees. Wake up to the vibrancy of Ghana’s markets filled with hundreds of vendors selling their wares—Drums, glass beads, brass, gold and silver jewelry, paintings, woodcarvings, masks and more. Choose from an array of beautiful solid or multi-colored fabric and return home sporting a tailored top, dress, pant or skirt. You can even create your own look with the help of Ghana’s expert fashion designers.

Enter into a restaurant filled with the smells of some of the best cuisine in West Africa—plantain coated with ginger and delicate spices (Kili-wili); black-eyed peas (red-red); lobster, prawns, and fresh fish or chicken prepared grilled, fried or drowned in a delicious stew. Taste some of the national dishes such as Palava sauce over rice or yam, specially prepared with local, fresh greens (Kutumbre). Meet and talk with African Diaspora residents as they share their experience of living and doing business in Ghana. It is easy to get to know people as most Ghanaians speak English. But after spending time with our expert guides who travel with us daily, in no time you will be able to meet and greet in a new language!

Are you adventurous?

Eco-tourism enthusiasts will enjoy our extended trips to Aqua Safari, Boti Waterfall, Kakum Natural Rain Forest, with a special canoe ride to Nzulezu Village, hiking, canopy walks, horse-back riding, and more!

Are you looking to deepen your African cultural consciousness?

Discover the celebrations and festivals of Ghana charged with traditional African spirituality. In addition to leaning the spiritual traditions of this beautiful country, we will visit the historic Elmina/Cape Coast Slave Dungeons and Ancestral Donkor Ensou (“Last Bath”) where captive Africans were once marched in ball and chain from as far as Burkina Faso and Mali to this area known as “The Last Bath.”

Do you just want to relax and take in the moment? Do you always need more time for cultural gift shopping?

No worries—There’s lots of serene places to lay back. Ghana has plentiful, city hotspots where you can wake up to a spa treatment. Enjoy great bargain shopping—wood carvings, Kente and other textiles, gold, and unique Ghanaian folk arts. Listen to the sound of ocean waves, collect stones and seashells, refresh and replenish alongside Ghana’s sandy beaches and cozy arts markets. Sleep in or spend the morning at the golf courses. Ghana’s array of yummy eateries satisfies both the foodies and those with moodier appetites. Wind down the evening with live music and local drinks.

Do you appreciate the hands-on experience?

Choose from language, dance, drumming, batik stamping/tie & dye workshops, and more!

Are you a student, educator, or community member looking for a summer trip?

Cultural Links exchange programs offer high school, college students, and educationalists activities based upon your area of interest. These customized programs are available for groups only. Contact a Cultural Links specialist for more details.

Do you like getting to know people?

This is a fun group tour for you, your family, friends, and travel buddies.

Wrapped in the hospitality of the Ghanaian people, this is an African-Diaspora heritage-based cultural & historical tour designed for travelers who desire to journey to their ancestral homeland.
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C-LINKS ITINERARY

Travel dates: July 22nd – August 2nd 10 nights/11 days.

Please note: Due to fluctuating COVID-19 regulations, the schedule is subject to change without notice. We do our best to stick to the planned itinerary and will make substitutions if needed and where possible.

Dates: July 22nd - 25th (3 nights) - Accra, Volta/Eastern Region
Accommodations: Mensvic Hotel
Special Performance: Cultural Dance Troupe

Day of Arrival:
- Brief Orientation (on bus); depending on time it takes to clear customs
- Welcome Center
- Check into hotel rooms
- Group Meal/Welcome by hosts
- Open time/rest up
- Guides are available until 11pm for those who wish to get a head start!

Activities to be scheduled: (subject to change)
- WEB Dubois Center
- Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum
- Accra Arts Center
- Guided night walks in bustling Osu, Nima
- Wood Carving Village
- Center for Plant Research and Medicine Tour- purchase herbal remedies to take home!
- Koforidua Bead Market- West Africa’s spot for glass beads
- University of Ghana/Asheshi University Tours
- Mount Adjafato (optional)
- Fabric shopping with C-Links tailors—bring back beautiful custom designs.

Dates: July 26th - July 28th (3 nights) - Kumasi
Accommodations: Kumasi Asante Hotel & Guest House (TBA)

Day of Arrival:
- Kumasi by noon by tour bus
- Check into rooms
- Group Lunch and Welcome by hosts
- Open time (Tour guides are available until 1:00 AM)
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Activities to be scheduled: (subject to change)

- Visit Okomfo Anokye Sword Site (once visited by Mohammed Ali!)
- Manhyia Palace- History of the Ashanti Kingdom/Special Guest to the House of Royal Chiefs
- Tour of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
- Bon Wire Kente Weaving workshop
- Ntonso Adinkra Village- See and learn about the process of Adinkra symbol stamping
- Meet and greet with a member of the Royal Palace
- Kejetia- a 5,000 vendor market (may be under construction and inaccessible)
- Kumasi Arts Market
- Military Museum

Dates: July 29th – July 31st (3 nights)- Cape Coast & Elmina
Accommodations: One Africa Health Resort and Restaurant
Special Performance: Cultural Dance Troupe

Day of Arrival
- Check-in Accommodations- One Africa
- Open time- lunch on your own
- Cape Coast and Elmina town walk
- AKWAABA Welcome dinner
- Return to rooms

Activities to be scheduled: (subject to change)

- School Visit/Donations- Ebenezer Primary School in Cape Coast
- Kakum National Rainforest Canopy/Hike
- Elmina Slave Dungeon Tour/Last Bath- Slave River Tour
- Canoe ride- approx. 45-minute lake excursion to Nzulezu Village on stilts (UNESCO world heritage site). YES- life jackets are provided, and guides do the rowing. Passengers are welcome to join in the rowing fun! The river is serene and calm. Arrive to the village via canoe- tour & greet Chief and the community.
- Dance and Music/Drum Workshops
- Twi Language Workshop
- Visit traditional village to learn about roles of Traditional Chiefs and Queen Mothers
- University of Cape Coast
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Dates: Aug 1st (1 night)- Accra
Accommodations: Return to Mensvic Hotel

Activities to be scheduled:
• Day at Aqua Safari (optional)
• Open time with guides. Guides are available until 1:00 AM.

Day of Departure: August 2nd

• Breakfast and transport to airport
• For late departures, guides will be on hand all day.
• Bus will pick up individuals/groups from their accommodation locations
• Must depart hotel 4 hours ahead of departure for groups.

Costs: $5,800 for all-inclusive 10-day tour (LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 people). The cost includes round-trip airfare from San Francisco, Los Angeles, or New York, superb hotel/guest house/Airbnb SINGLE room accommodations, daily breakfast and lunch, ground transportation (air-conditioned bus), 24/7 tour guide access, and all workshop activities and entrance fees. Cost does not include passport/visa, required travel vaccinations, trip insurance, dinners, or expenses related to on your own activities not included on the itinerary.

RELAX AND ENJOY THE SPIRIT, CULTURE, & PEOPLE OF GHANA!
Flexible Payment Schedule = 3 payments (February, March, April)

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