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## Cultural Ghana Trip for Lolita Smith

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With its sunny beaches, lively cities, friendly people, and easy methods of traveling around the country - Ghana is a great place to visit for tourists. There are beautiful places in Ghana in almost every area. Ghanaians are known to be amongst the most friendly of their African counterparts. During this tour you can enjoy the Akwasidae Festival, it is a magnificent Ashanti celebration centered on ancestral reverence, remembrance, and acknowledgment of past kings and noble feats. It serves as a celebration of the Golden Stool and a cultural vibrancy that brings together the Asantehene sub-kings and subjects at Manhyia in Kumasi.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



# TRIP ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### ARRIVE ACCRA, GHANA

Arrive at Kotoka Airport.

You will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for a welcome drink and check-in.

Overnight: Accra

## DAY 2

### ACCRA SIGHTSEEING

This morning, take a tour of the century old capital of Ghana, Accra.

Start the day with a visit to the DuBois center for Pan African culture, a house where Dr. Dubois lived and died.

Then take a drive/walking tour of the colonial section of Accra (Jamestown).

Drive through the main street of the colonial section of the city and view the Ussher and James Forts built by the Dutch (1650) and British (1673) respectively and also the Light House which used to guide ships to the Accra Harbour in colonial days.

Visit the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and museum, a monument dedicated to Ghana's first post-independence President.

Visit the Independence Arch and then continue to visit Osu Christiansborg Castle.

After this visit the intriguing craftsmen at Nungua who make fantasy coffins in the shape of vegetables, fruits, cars, etc.

usually depicting the profession of the deceased.

For example, a fisherman might be buried in a coffin in the shape of a giant fish.

After lunch visit the Arts and Craft market where you will find items from all over Ghana and West Africa.

Overnight: Accra

## DAY 3

### ACCRA - KUMASI

Depart Accra via the forest belt to Kumasi, the seat of the Ashanti Empire, which was built on a similar basis as the Dahomey Empire, i.

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through wars.

Upon arrival visit the Cultural Center that features the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and various studios of brass makers, potters, drum carvers, and batik makers.

Then take a tour of the Ashanti craft villages to observe craftsmen at work and to purchase souvenir gift items.

These villages are: Ahwiaa, where woodcarvers produce Ashanti stools, fertility dolls & walking sticks, etc.

Ntonso, where Adinkra cloth is processed and Bonwire, where kente cloth is woven.

Kente, very colorful fabric is usually worn on festive and very important occasions like marriage ceremonies, child naming, etc.

Overnight: Kumasi

**DAY 4****KUMASI FULL DAY TOUR**

Today take a tour of Kumasi, Visit the Royal Manhyia Palace Museum, home and office of former Ashanti Kings.

A regal history that dates back to 1700 is told with relics and artifacts.

Witness the Ashanti King, Nana Osei-Tutu II, who presides over the Ashanti Kingdom, arrive in his palanquin and then later seated in state whilst all his subchiefs come and re-affirm their oath of allegiance to him.

The King and all his sub-chiefs come dressed in all their traditional regalia whilst the general public attending the festival wear black and white.

The King also uses this day to receive very important guests and gifts.

There will be lots of traditional drumming and dancing to grace the occasion.

Overnight: Kumasi

**DAY 5****KUMASI -- ELMINA -- (NAMING CEREMONY)**

Depart Kumasi to Elmina.

Arrive in Elmina and check into your hotel.

Later in the afternoon, Naming Ceremony.

An incredibly special time arrives after lunch as we prepare for your official Naming Ceremony.

We set off to visit a local village to pay a courtesy call on the chiefs, queen mothers and community elders.

As tradition dictates, they start with the pouring of libation to officially welcome you home, to the land your ancestors were forcibly taken from and where your heritage and culture live on.

Drumming and dancing are all around us as you get an in-depth feel of traditional village life here in Ghana.

The time has finally arrived for you to be given your true African name during your own personal traditional naming ceremony in your honor.

Chiefs and elders of the community officially welcome you as they lead you through the ceremony which has been performed by your ancestors through history.

You will finally have the chance to adopt your own African name based on the day of the week you were born or numeric order of your siblings.

This would have been your actual name if you were born in Ghana and has an emotional attachment to many when they receive them.

A major highlight of your time here, after an afternoon of celebrations we return to your hotel to relax.

In the evening we hope to celebrate such an important occasion, our plan is to head into Cape Coast town and visit one of the most popular night spots to enjoy a local live band, dancing and reflecting on such an incredible day.

If you would prefer to relax and reflect at your hotel this would not be a problem.

Overnight: Elmina

**DAY 6****KAKUM NATIONAL PARK & CAPE COAST CASTLE**

**KAKUM NATIONAL PARK & CAPE COAST CASTLE** This morning drive further north of Cape Coast to the Kakum National Park a tropical rainforest in the heart of the Attandaso reserve for an adventurous and breathe taking walk on the 'Canopy Walkway'.

It is composed of 350 meters of suspended bridge and six platforms at a height of 60 meters

(100ft).

After lunch visit the Cape Coast Castle, and take a tour of the infamous slave dungeons, built in 1653 by the Swedes and later taken over by the Britishers.

This castle also houses the West African Historical Museum.

The guide will take you through the governor's quarters, condemned cells, and the 'Door of Return'.

Overnight: Elmina

## DAY 7

### ELMINA CASTLE - ACCRA

ELMINA CASTLE - ACCRA Breakfast and check out, then visit the Elmina Castle, the oldest European monument in Ghana built in 1482 by the Portuguese.

First established as a trade settlement, the castle later became one of the most important stops on the route of the Atlantic Slave Trade.

The Dutch seized the fort from the Portuguese in 1637 and took over all the Portuguese Gold Coast in 1642.

The slave trade continued under the Dutch until 1814.

In 1871, the fort became a possession of the British Empire.

Both the Elmina and Cape Coast Castles have been designated as UNESCO Heritage Sites.

After this tour, take a short walk around the colourful fishing harbour to see the fish market and traditional dugout canoes the local people use for their livelihoods.

We take a return trip back to Accra.

Overnight: Accra

## DAY 8

### DEPARTURE

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the international airport for your flight back home.

## See what's included in the trip

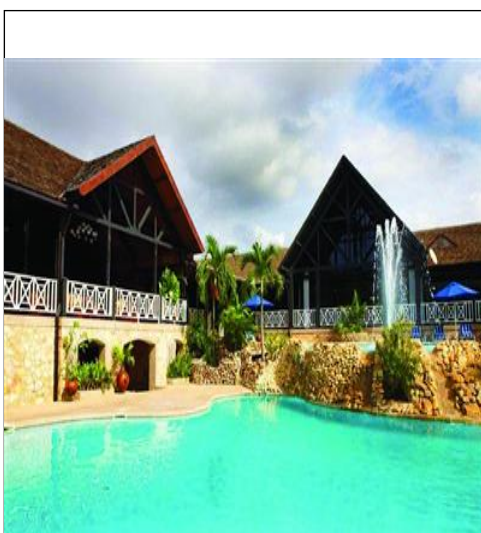
- \*3 Nights' accommodation in Accra
- \*2 Nights' accommodation in Kumasi
- \*2 Nights' accommodation in Elmina
- \*Daily breakfast in the hotel
- \*Round-trip airport transfers
- \*Entry Fees to tour attractions
- \*All tours as per itinerary on a Private Basis

## See what's excluded in the trip

- \*Any Airfares
- \*Entry visa to Ghana
- \*Travel insurance
- \*COVID19 tests upon arrival and departure from Accra
- \*Beverages/drinks at meals
- \*Non included meals
- \*Tips to guide, drivers, and other service providers
- \*Items of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, room



## WHERE YOU WILL STAY



### Labadi Beach Hotel or similar, Accra

★★★★★ 3 NIGHTS

Address: La Rd, Accra, Ghana, Phone: +233 30 277 2501

Amid tropical gardens, this opulent oceanfront hotel on Labadi Beach is 8 km from the mausoleum and museum in Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and 7 km from bustling Accra city center. The chic, contemporary rooms offer free Wi-Fi and flat-screens, plus minibars, and tea and coffeemakers. All have balconies, while upgrades come with Nespresso machines. Posh suites have living/dining areas; upgrades add kitchenettes. Room service is available 24/7.



### Lemon Beach Resort / Ridge Royal Hotel or similar, Elmina/Cape Coast

★★★★☆ 2 NIGHTS

Address: Residential Rd, No,1 Second Ridge, Cape Coast, Ghana  
Phone: +233 31 200 3222

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## Lancaster Kumasi City Hotel or similar, Kumasi

★★★★★ 2 NIGHTS

Rain Tree Street, Lesley Opoku-Ware Drive, Kumasi, Ghana Phone:  
+233 32 208 3777

Set on a palm tree-lined property, this relaxed hotel is 3 km from Kumasi Central Market and 4 km from Manhyia Palace Museum.

# CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand these are uncertain times and we want to make sure you feel confident about your options if your plans change

## Cancellation Charges

Deposits are non-refundable. However if canceled more than 60 days before the travel date, you can transfer it to another date or trip.

If canceled less than 60 days before the trip, Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. For the balance amount, the below cancellation fee will be applicable.

When a cancellation is made	06 days - Less than 72 hrs or no show	30 - 07 days prior to arrival	60 - 31 days prior to arrival
Cancellation Cost	100% No Refund	75% of the tour	40% of the tour

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