

# WELCOME ~ AKWAABA!

Thank you for considering the Travel Africa Movement as your host for the Chale Wote Festival in Ghana in August 2025. We're ready to show you a great time! This information packet includes the Itinerary, Country and logistical info, answers to Frequently Asked Questions and the Payment Schedule.

If you have further questions or would like to proceed with a booking, please email us at info@travelafricamovement.com.



# **COUNTRY INFO**

Ghana is located in West Africa and shares land borders with Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo. Ghana has more than 100 ethnic groups and sub-groups. The Akan are the largest ethnic group, at nearly half of the population.

Accra is the capital and most populated city, home to 2.27 million people. Accra is also the main tourist hub, sporting a wide variety of hotels, museums. monuments, and nightclubs.

Cape Coast is the capital of the Central Region, in southern Ghana. It's known for its role in the transatlantic slave trade. The Cape Coast and Elmina castles housed slaves from all over West Africa before they were transported to the Americas. The slave castles are popular tourist attractions today.

Ghana was the 1st sub-Saharan
African nation to become
independent of European
colonization. Ghana's flag was
designed to replace the UK flag at
independence in 1957. The flag
consists of the colors Red, Gold,
and Green in horizontal stripes
with a five-pointed black star in
the center.

Chana's first president, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, was a Pan African leader and visionary, who sought to unify Africa and its diaspora. Its most recent president, Nana Akufo Addo, continued that Pan African tradition, having launched the wildly successful Year of Return campaign in 2019 and the follow-up Beyond the Return campaign. More than 1,000 diasporans have even obtained Chanaian citizenship since the campaign began.

Ghana's rich cultural history includes many festivals like the **Chale Wote Street Art Festival**, which you will attend. Each year. more than 200 Ghanaian and international artists participate in the event which includes street artists, performance art, graffiti murals, photo exhibitions, music performances, fashion, a vendor marketplace, skate shows, boxing, a block party, and African cinema. More than 100,000 people come to enjoy the festivities. It's a wonderful experience, which we're sure you will enjoy.

## ~ ITINERARY ~

\*\* Please note that this is a tentative Itinerary pending release of the official Chale Wote Festival schedule. The order of events are subject to modification as logistical needs require.

#### Day 1: Mon Aug 18, 2025 - Accra Arrivals

Meals Included: Dinner

Your trip will commence in Accra. Take time to settle into your accommodations and enjoy some Ghanaian hospitality before the evening festivities. Be sure to arrive by 3:00 pm to relax and refresh before our Welcome Dinner.

#### Day 2: Tues Aug 19, 2025 - Accra

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast, we'll have a full-day tour of Accra. Your city tour will commence with visits to the W.E.B. Du Bois Center, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Independence Square and Arch, Jamestown, Accra Arts Centre, and Makola Market, Accra's biggest open air market. You'll have the opportunity to shop for art, souvenirs and fabric, and even get measured for custom clothing. The evening will be free for you to enjoy the city on your own.

#### Day 3: Wed Aug 20, 2025 - Elmina/Cape Coast

Meals Included: Breakfast

After an early morning breakfast, we'll travel by road to the Central region. Our first stop will be the historic Kormantse community, which was a major landmark in the transatlantic slave trade. The people are known for their warrior spirit and their connection to the African diaspora, and they love to share their history and cultural traditions. After lunch, we'll visit the Kakum National Park, where the adventurous souls can hike or walk the tree top canopy walkway. After Kakum, we'll check into our hotel and you'll have the rest of the evening to relax and unwind.

#### Day 4: Th Aug 21, 2025 - Elmina/Cape Coast

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

This will be a day of reverence to the ancestors. After breakfast, we'll head to the Assin Manso/Donkor Nsuo slave river, which was one of the largest slave markets during the transatlantic slave trade. After lunch, we'll take a walking tour of the town of Elmina and visit the Elmina slave castle. That evening we'll visit the One Africa Resort, a beachfront complex owned by a female African American repat. Your night will end with a traditional Naming ceremony and celebration dinner where you'll be given a Ghanaian name.



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#### Day 5: Fri Aug 22, 2025 - Cape Coast/Accra

Meals Included: Breakfast

After breakfast, we'll visit a cocoa farm and palm oil operation before returning to Accra. On the way, we'll visit the The evening will be free for you to relax, enjoy Chale Wote festival activities, or explore on your own.

#### Day 6: Sat Aug 23, 2025 - Accra

Meals Included: Breakfast

After breakfast, we'll visit the National Museum, then head to the Chale Wote Festival for a full day of visual, music, and cultural arts.

#### Day 7: Sun Aug 24, 2025 - Accra

Meals Included: Breakfast

Sunday afternoons become a big party on Labadi Beach and you'll be in the heart of the action. We'll have fun on the beach, then we'll spend the rest of the day at the Chale Wote Festival.

#### Day 8: Mon Aug 25, 2025 - Accra

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Following breakfast, we'll head to Aburi Gardens to take in some nature and history. fabulous Ghanaian craftsmanship at a Coffin Workshop, and attend a chocolate tasting where you'll learn about the production process, and taste several different types of chocolate. That evening we'll have a Farewell Dinner and spend our last night enjoying Ghanaian nightlife.

#### Day 9: Tues Aug 26, 2025 - Accra

Meals Included: Breakfast

Your tour will officially end following breakfast. Those with late departures can explore the city one last time on their own.



#### Do I need a passport?

A passport book is required for travel to Ghana. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your arrival date and have at least 2 blank pages.

#### Do I need a visa?

US citizens are required to have tourist visas for Ghana. If you are not a US citizen, check for your country requirements.

Ghana has single entry and multiple entry visas, which range in cost from \$60 to \$100 USD. Expedited visas are available for an additional \$100 to \$200 USD fee. Visa applications can be submitted online or by mail at three US Embassies/ Consulates in Washington DC, New York, or Arkansas. Please note that supporting documents and your passport must be mailed to the embassy or consulate even if you apply online, so allow ample time.

#### Do I need any vaccinations or medications?

Yes, yellow fever (YF) vaccination is **REQUIRED** for travel to Ghana. You must have the shot at least 10 days before arrival for it to be effective and a YF vaccination certificate must be shown upon entry. Most US travel clinics or health departments offer the YF vaccine. The YF vaccine is expensive in the US (\$250+) and often not covered by health insurance, so if you travel you may consider getting it another country like Mexico or Colombia where it is free or low cost (less than \$25).

Because Ghana is a high-risk malaria country, a malaria prophylaxis is also recommended (optional). Your primary physician or a travel clinic can provide the appropriate prescription medicine. Check the <u>CDC Website</u> for more information about required and recommended vaccines and anti-malarial medications.

# How long is the trip and what are the tour dates?

The trip is 9 days and 8 nights. The tour commences on Friday, August 18, 2025 and ends on Saturday, August 26, 2025.

# How much will this trip cost?

Pricing is based on double occupancy and is \$2,700 per person. Airfare is NOT included and is purchased separately.

# Are single occupancy accommodations available?

Yes, a single occupancy rate of \$3,100 USD is available.

#### What is the name of the arrival and departure airport?

Airport: Kotoka International Airport

Airport code: ACC

#### Are flights included in the tour price?

Flights are NOT included in this package, but can be booked separately either by us or yourself. Current fares are approximately \$1,000-1,200 from New York-JFK.

#### Is there a recommended airline?

Delta, United Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Turkish Airlines and Royal Air Maroc appear to have the best routes for this itinerary.

#### What activities and services are included?

Daily activities will include cultural and historical sites and museums, nature activities, beach time, shopping, among others. It also includes a dedicated tour guide and driver, site entrance fees, tour host/concierge services, and a gift bag.

#### What type of accommodations are included?

Double occupancy hotel accommodations for 8 nights are included: 2 nights at <u>La Villa Boutique Hotel</u> in Accra, 2 nights at the <u>Golden Hill Parker Hotel</u> in Elmina, and 4 nights at <u>Alisa Hotel North Ridge</u> in Accra. All hotels will be 3.5 to 4-star and well-rated for service and quality.

# Is transportation included?

Airport transfers and ground transportation for all activities in the Itinerary are included in the package price. If other attendees are arriving in close time, you will be transported to the hotel together. Transportation will be provided in modern, airconditioned vehicles, consisting of either SUVs or passenger vans.

#### Are meals included?

Daily breakfast and some lunches are included. Food will also be provided at the Welcome Dinner, Celebration Dinner, and Farewell Dinner. It will be mostly Ghanaian, West African and American/European cuisine. Other meals are at your expense. Meals average \$10-15 USD.

#### Are alcoholic beverages included?

Alcoholic beverages are only included for specific activities. Drinks will be included during the Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner. Other alcoholic drinks are at your expense and typically cost \$5-10 USD.

#### Is travel insurance included?

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all participants, but is not included in the cost of the trip. We recommend coverage that includes medical treatment, medical evacuation and repatriation. We can provide trusted recommendations if needed.

#### Will I have any free time to relax and explore on my own?

Yes, although we have daily guided tours and activities, most evenings will be free for you to relax or explore by yourself.

#### How much should I expect to spend for out-of-pocket expenses?

Since most of your expenses are covered, you will only have to pay for lunch and/or dinner on some days, tips, incidental charges, souvenirs and personal shopping. Because of the favorable exchange rate, you will find most restaurants and shopping to be very affordable. Meals average \$10 - \$15 USD. We suggest you budget at least \$50 per day for food, shopping, etc. If you intend to shop a lot or purchase high end items, you bring more money.

# How is the weather in August?

The weather in August in Ghana is temperate and the coolest time of the year. Average high temperatures are in the low-to-mid 80s and low temperatures are in the mid 70s.

#### When should I arrive in Ghana?

We suggest that you arrive by 3:00 pm on August 18th, in order to get checked in to the hotel and refreshed before our evening Welcome Dinner.

#### When should I leave Ghana?

Your tour will officially end on August 26th, 2025 following Breakfast. You should plan to depart Ghana anytime after 11:00am.

# How can I reserve a spot on this trip?

Full or partial payment can be made to hold a spot on this trip. If making a partial payment, a non-refundable deposit of \$250 USD is required. The deposit is applied towards the total balance due.

#### Are payment plans available?

Payments may be made in full or via a monthly payment plan. If the payment plan is selected, payments are due on the 15th day of each month and all payments must be complete by the final payment deadline of July 1, 2025. All payment plans include a \$50 administrative fee. Late payments will incur a late fee of \$25 if paid more than 7 days after the due date.

#### What if I pay for the trip and can no longer attend?

The trip is non-refundable, but it is transferable. You are permitted to resell your slot to another participant, but Travel Africa Movement is unable to offer a refund. See the Terms and Conditions on our website for more detail.

# PAYMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

**Deposit**: \$250.00

Due by May 15, 2025

#### **DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

April 15, 2025 - \$833.34 May 15, 2025 - \$833.33

June 15, 2025 - \$833.33

#### SINGLE OCCUPANCY

April 15, 2025 - \$966.67 May 15, 2025 - \$966.67 June 15, 2025 - \$966.66

To complete your booking and set up your payment plan, contact us at info@travelafricamovement.com





