

GHANA, COTE D'IVOIRE, & SENEGAL

DAY 01: NEW YORK/ACCRA, GHANA Depart New York for Accra via Delta Airlines.

DAY 02: ACCRA, GHANA Upon your arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day will be at leisure to relax after your flight.

DAY 03: ACCRA This morning, tour Accra, Ghana's political and administrative capital, a vibrant and typical African city with a blend of colonial and modern images. Visit the W.E.B. Dubois Centre for Pan African Culture, the Gallery, and Museum. Continue to the 31st December Makola Market. Visit the Centre for National Culture and Art and Craft Bazaar. This afternoon from Accra, drive to the University of Ghana in Legon. Visit Commonwealth Hall and Mensah Sarbah Hall.

DAY 04: CAPE COAST/ELMINA Depart Accra this morning on a memorable historical tour to the famous and infamous old forts and castles of the Central Region of Ghana. History will unfold whose impact has been and is still felt beyond the shores of Ghana. Visit Fort St. Jaco for a panoramic view of the historic township of Elmina. Continue to Elmina Castle also known as a St. George's Castle. Proceed to Cape Coast University for a tour of the campus. Visit Cape Coast Castle and the West African Historical Museum. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 05: ELMINA/KUMASI Explore the legends of the famous Ashanti whose legacies are still evident today. Drive past the home of Yaa Asantewaa, the Queen Mother who led the Ashanti to war against the British, to hear a recount of her true life story. Arrive in Kumasi. Enjoy a city tour of Kumasi, drive past the statue of Prempeh, Cenotaph, Kumasi Fort, the City Centre, the Statue of Okomfo Anokye and the Royal Mausoleum. Continue to visit the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum, the Cultural Centre and proceed to your hotel for overnight.

DAY 06: KUMASI/ACCRA/ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE Morning visit the craft village of Bonwire, home of the world famous Kente cloth, a sample of which decorates the foyer of the United Nations Building in New York. Witness the actual weaving process on a traditional loom. Continue to Ntonso, the centre of the Kuntunkuni (traditional mourning cloth) and Adinkra cloth, observing the dying process. Journey to Ahwia, the centre of the carving industry. See an assortment of Akuba dolls and other wooden items like stools and figurines. Transfer to the Accra airport in time for your short flight to Abidjan. Upon arrival in Abidjan, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 07: YAMOISSOUKRO Depart Abidjan this morning enroute to the new capital of Cote d'Ivoire. Upon arriving in Yamoussoukro, you will be impressed by the principal avenue so large that it shows you the importance of the city. It is the native village of the President Felix Houphouet-Boigny. Visit the Basilica Notre-Dame de la Paix. Stop for lunch. Afternoon continue your visit with the high schools Inset and Enstp, the Crocodile Lake facing the residence of the President and the beautiful realization of the new city. Return to Abidjan in the early evening.

DAY 08: ABIDJAN/DAKAR Morning city sightseeing of Abidjan -- visit the "Cocody" residential district filled with luxurious villas, gardens and view of the lagoon, then on to the colorful Adjame Market - where all the ethnic groups in the country sell carved wood, bronze, copper, masks. Continue to see the famous "Banco Laundrymen" Drive across the Houphouet-Boigny Bridge - hub of all activity in the city. Pass the busy commercial harbor and industrial zone. Then on to the "Treichville", a purely African district where the colorful two-story market offers loincloths and pottery for sale. Proceed to the airport for your flight to Dakar, Senegal. Senegal, the gateway to Black Africa, was part of the great medieval Empire of Mali and one of the major trading ports of slaves bound for the American continent. Upon arrival in Dakar, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 09: DAKAR This morning, take a short boat trip on the Atlantic Ocean to the Island of Goree. Forty million enslaved Africans are said to have passed through the hands of the traders located on this tiny island. Visit the original slave house. See the dungeon and the prisons used up until the time of the French abolition of slavery. This island is covered in relics of the famous past. Old cannons still lie half-buried in the sand, attesting to the savage battle fought for the possession of this strategic outpost. In the afternoon, visit Sandanga Market, Kermel Market, the Grand Mosque, Saumbédioune, Artisanal Village, Dakar University, National Assembly, the Palace of the President with its colorful guards and the Colon of Independence and the residential areas.

DAY 10: JOAL/FADIOUTH Full day excursion to Joal and Fadiouth. Drive through the small coast with its forest landscape of baobab and palmtrees visiting Mbour and its market. Continue to the seashell cemetery of Joal. Take a canoe ride to visit the village. Late afternoon return to Dakar.

DAY 11: DAKAR/NEW YORK Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to New York. Early evening arrival in New York.