

11 DAYS, 10 NIGHTS

## **NYE in Ghana (Cultural Tour)**

December 23 to January 2



### **Black Travelers International**

Our trip experiences are designed with you in mind. We plan tours for those wanting to visit popular destinations and for those who are seeking exposure to different cultures. These tours are great for everyone from beginners to more experienced travelers. Be sure to bring your camera as there will be many moments that you will want to document for memories.



### General Information

<b>AIRPORT CODE(S):</b>	Kotoka International Airport (ACC)
<b>PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Traveling abroad requires a passport valid for six months beyond your travel dates. With 1 empty page per entry  (source <a href="#">US State Department</a> )
<b>VISA REQUIRED?</b>	Yes (US Citizens)
<b>VACCINE(S) REQUIRED FOR ENTRY?</b>	Yes, Yellow Fever
<b>CURRENCY:</b>	Cedi (GHS)

**Arrival** - Kotoka International Airport (ACC) - December 23 by 3 PM local time

**Departure** - Kotoka International Airport (ACC) - January 2 after 6 AM local time

## Who This Journey Is Designed For

This cultural journey is designed for travelers who want to experience **Ghana during its most vibrant season — the December celebrations leading into the New Year** — while also connecting with the deeper history, heritage, and traditions of the country.

Over the course of **11 days and 10 nights**, travelers will explore Accra, Kumasi, and the Cape Coast region, experiencing meaningful historical sites, cultural traditions, and community connection.

The journey includes powerful and memorable experiences such as:

- ❖ Visiting **Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle**, historic slave dungeons that stand as sacred reminders of the transatlantic slave trade
- ❖ Reflecting at **Assin Manso**, the site known as the “Last Bath,” where enslaved Africans were prepared before being taken to the coast
- ❖ Exploring Accra with visits to the **W.E.B. Du Bois Center, Independence Square, and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial**
- ❖ Participating in a **community service project** supporting local organizations
- ❖ Traveling to the Ashanti Region to experience the culture of **Kumasi**, including the Manhyia Palace and traditional craft villages known for **Kente weaving and Adinkra printing**
- ❖ Participating in a **traditional naming ceremony** accompanied by drumming and dancing
- ❖ Celebrating the end of the year with a **New Year’s Eve celebration in Accra**

This trip blends **remembrance, cultural discovery, celebration, and connection**.

### It is ideal for travelers who:

- Want to experience Ghana during the festive December season
- Are interested in learning about African and diaspora history
- Enjoy cultural immersion and meaningful local experiences
- Appreciate traveling with a welcoming group of like-minded travelers
- Want a balance of cultural exploration and celebratory moments

While this tour introduces several important regions and historical sites, it is **not intended to cover every region of Ghana or the full depth of its history**. Instead, it offers a thoughtfully

curated experience that combines cultural heritage with the excitement of the December celebrations.

## Activity Level

### Moderate

This journey includes city exploration, cultural tours, and historical site visits throughout Accra, Kumasi, and the Central Region.

Travelers should be comfortable with:

- ❖ Walking tours through cities and cultural sites
- ❖ Standing during guided tours and museum visits
- ❖ Visiting historic locations that may include **steps, uneven surfaces, or older pathways**
- ❖ Travel days between cities such as **Accra, Kumasi, Elmina, and Cape Coast**

Some days will include **multiple activities and excursions**, while other days provide opportunities to rest, enjoy the hotel amenities, or participate in optional excursions.

## Is This Trip Suitable for Solo Travelers?

Yes. Many guests join this experience on their own and quickly feel welcomed into the group environment.

Traveling solo on a hosted group tour allows you to enjoy the freedom of exploring for yourself while also benefiting from:

- ❖ Coordinated transportation and guided tours
- ❖ Local guides who understand the culture and history of the destination
- ❖ A supportive and welcoming group of fellow travelers

Many guests arrive as solo travelers and leave with **new friendships and unforgettable shared experiences**.

## **The Spirit of the Journey**

This journey holds space for both **reflection and celebration**.

You will walk through places that carry the stories of our ancestors, such as the slave dungeons at Cape Coast and the Last Bath at Assin Manso. You will also experience the living culture of Ghana — through music, art, tradition, and community.

The experience culminates with a **New Year's Eve celebration in Accra**, welcoming the new year surrounded by culture, connection, and shared joy.

## **What Makes December in Ghana So Special**

December in Ghana is unlike any other time of year. The country comes alive with music, celebration, cultural pride, and the joyful return of the global African diaspora.

Across Accra and beyond, you'll find festivals, concerts, cultural gatherings, art events, and celebrations that bring together people from all over the world who feel a deep connection to the continent. It is a time when Ghana shines with energy, creativity, and community.

This journey allows you to experience that vibrant atmosphere while also stepping into the deeper stories that shape the country's history and identity.

During the trip, travelers will explore important cultural landmarks, travel beyond Accra to other regions, and participate in traditions that reflect Ghana's living heritage. At the same time, there will be opportunities to enjoy the festive spirit of the season, including a New Year's Eve celebration welcoming the year ahead.



## DAILY ITINERARY

**Note:** The itinerary is tentative and intended to provide an overview of the planned experiences for the tour. A finalized itinerary will be provided to confirmed travelers 30 days prior to departure. Dates, timelines, and specific activities may shift slightly as final arrangements are confirmed.

### 11 Day NYE in Ghana - Cultural Tour

#### DAY 1 - December 23 - Arrive in Accra

Upon arrival at Kotoka International Airport (KIA), you will have a chance to exchange money inside the terminal. The group will then be met for a transfer to the hotel. Check in is at 3 PM. Early check-in can be arranged for a fee. Rest from your journey.

Later we will meet for our **Black & Gold Welcome Dinner**.

**Welcome Dinner Color Scheme:** Black and Gold. Please wear Black and Gold.

**Meal(s) Included:** Dinner



## DAY 2 - December 24 - Accra City Tour

Today, we will **tour** the **city of Accra**. We will visit many sites such as **Independence Square, Dubois Center, and Kwame Nkrumah**.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch



### **DAY 3 - December 25 - Community Service**

Today is a day for community service. We will visit a ministry or school where we can volunteer our time and interact with those in need. After lunch, we will return to the hotel to rest for the evening activities.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast



## DAY 4 - December 26 - Kumasi

In the morning, we set off for the Ashanti Region. Upon arriving in **Kumasi**, we will visit the **Kumasi Cultural Center** and then have lunch before transferring to our hotel for check-in.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch



## DAY 5 - December 27 - Kumasi Culture

Start the day with a visit to the **Manhyia Palace**, the seat of the Ashanti Kingdom. After lunch, we will visit the craft villages of **Ntonso**, a village famous for adinkra design. Learn the process of Adinkra printing from a Master. Also visit the village of **Adanwomase** (Kente specialists) to purchase authentic kente cloth.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch



## DAY 6 - December 28 - Slave River

Morning departure for the **Central Region**. Stopover at **Assin Manso**, the site of the “last bath” where slaves were taken for their last bath before being shipped to the new world. Afterwards, we will drive to **Cape Coast** where we will enjoy our lunch. After lunch, we will visit **Cape Coast Castle**. **Cape Coast Castle** stands as a solemn monument to resilience, remembrance, and the enduring spirit of our ancestors. Hear the stories that shaped the African diaspora, and stand before the infamous **Door of No Return** — a threshold that forever altered the course of generations. Afterwards, we will check-in to our hotel and spend the rest of the evening relaxing at the resort.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch



## DAY 7 - December 29 - Free

Today is yours to enjoy as you wish. Enjoy some optional excursions, relax by the pool, or enjoy some spa services.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast



## DAY 8 - December 30 - Return to Accra

Today after a stop to visit the **Elmina castle**, we will depart for our return to Accra. Upon arrival, we will check-in to our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening free.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast



## DAY 9 - December 31 - NYE Celebration

Today is yours to enjoy some optional excursions in Accra or some free time at the hotel.

Later we will transfer to a venue for our **Silver & White NYE party celebration**.

**NYE Color Scheme:** Silver & white. Please wear Silver and White.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast



## DAY 10 - January 1 - Naming Ceremony

**Participate in a naming ceremony** amidst drumming and dancing, where participants will be given traditional names.

End the day with a **farewell dinner** in African attire.

**Farewell Dinner Theme:** African Attire. Please dress in your african attire.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Dinner



## DAY 11 - January 2 - Depart

Spend the morning free at the hotel before checking into the airport for your return flight home.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

## What's Included

- ❖ 10 Night Hotel Accommodations in Accra, Kumasi, and the Central Region
- ❖ Daily Breakfast
- ❖ 4 Lunches
- ❖ Welcome Dinner
- ❖ Cape Coast Castle
- ❖ Elmina Castle
- ❖ Farewell Dinner
- ❖ Naming Ceremony
- ❖ Accra City Tour
- ❖ Airport Transfers
- ❖ All Transfers for Tours and Activities
- ❖ Community Service Project
- ❖ Daily Water
- ❖ NYE Celebration
- ❖ Entry fees to all sites listed

## What's NOT Included

- ❖ Any meals not mentioned above
- ❖ Alcoholic beverages
- ❖ Personal expenses for souvenirs and personal items
- ❖ Any immunization Costs
- ❖ Any Visa Costs
- ❖ Travelers Insurance
- ❖ Gratuity
- ❖ Costs of additional tours/excursions not included in package
- ❖ International and domestic flights to and from home country
- ❖ Optional Excursions