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## PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHERLAND | GHANA

October 20, 2022 – November 2, 2022

### Day 1 - Thursday, October 20 (D)

#### ARRIVAL IN GHANA

Arrival in Accra, Ghana. Meet Sunseeker Tours Rep after going through customs and baggage claims. Depart to **La Palm Royal Beach Hotel**, where you will be welcomed by hotel staff, enjoy a welcome drink and orientation. **Delta flight DL 156 departing from JFK Airport, NY on 10/19 at 23:45 and arriving at Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana on 10/20 at 14:02.**

### DAY 2 - Friday, October 21 (B/D)

#### ACCRA CITY TOUR

Embark on a sightseeing tour. Drive through Accra, the capital of Ghana, enjoy colonial-style and contemporary architecture, visit the W.E.B Du Bois Memorial Centre for Panafrikan Culture, drive through downtown Accra and visit the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park - the final resting place of Ghana's first president. Learn about Nkrumah's influence in Africa and the world during colonial times and his fight for independence. Tour the Artists Alliance Gallery to view artwork from renowned artists from across the continent, and we'll wrap up the city tour at the cultural center, where you can shop for souvenirs and artifacts. Return to the hotel in preparation for dinner.

### Day 3 - Saturday, October 22 (B/D)

#### ABURI BOTANICAL GARDEN & CENTRE FOR PLANT MEDICINE

After breakfast, depart to the Akuapem Mountains and visit Aburi Botanical Gardens. Established in 1890; the garden houses about 700 plant species, numerous flowers, and butterflies. Some of the plants were planted by visiting presidents from various countries. Afterward, we will drive to the Mampong Herbal Research Institute a.k.a the Centre for Plant Medicine Research, and learn about herbal medicine and its usage.

### Day 4 - Sunday, October 23 (B/D)

#### CAPE COAST & ELMINA CASTLES

After breakfast and check out, embark to Cape Coast, the former capital of the Gold Coast and tour the Cape Coast Castle built by the Swedes in 1653. History will unfold the story of the slave trade, where the impact is still felt beyond the shores of Africa. The castle houses a historical museum established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the Ghanaian Government in 1994. Tour the Elmina Castle - the first European building built south of the Sahara by the Portuguese in 1482. **Accommodation: Coconut Grove Beach Resort.**

### Day 5 - Monday, October 24 (B/D)

#### KAKUM NATIONAL PARK & ELMINA FISHING VILLAGE

After breakfast, depart to the Kakum National Park, West Africa's most noted tropical rain forest. Experience the soothing effects of being in a tropical forest and discover the wide variety of exotic flora species and the medicinal values they offer. Take a walk on the tree top canopy walkway, 100 ft. above the forest floor, and walk through the fishing village of Elmina.

### Day 6 - Tuesday, October 25 (B/D)

#### BISA ABERWA MUSEUM/AFTERNOON R&R

After breakfast, visit the Bisa Aberwa Museum, then enjoy some afternoon R&R at the Coconut Grove Beach Resort. Visit the crocodile ponds, enjoy horseback riding and other activities.

### Day 7 - Wednesday, October 26 (B/D)

#### ASSIN MANSO ANCESTRAL SLAVE RIVER PARK & KUMASI

After breakfast and check out, we will visit the Assin Manso Ancestral Slave River Park, which was opened in 1994 to celebrate Emancipation Day. Embark on a long drive through the forest region to Kumasi, the capital city of the Ashanti Kingdom. The city will offer you monuments of legendary kings and warriors, huge open-air markets, and cultural centers. **Check-in at Golden Tulip Accra Hotel.**

### Day 8 - Thursday, October 27 (B/D)

#### CITY TOUR OF KUMASI

After breakfast, embark on a tour of Kumasi, formerly known as The Garden City; we will visit the Manhiya Palace Museum of the Ashanti kingdom, the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum, and the Komfo Anokye Sword Site in that order.

### Day 9 - Friday, October 28 (B/D)

#### CRAFT VILLAGE TOURS

We will visit Adanwomase Weaving Village for colorful kente cloth woven for the royal families of the Ashanti Kingdom. You might be selected to try weaving a kente cloth after seeing a demonstration of the intricate weaving technique. We will visit Ntonso for adinkra print cloth, and the cultural center, for the opportunity to buy directly from the artisans.

### Day 10 - Saturday, October 29 (B/D)

#### AKOSOMBO & BOAT RIDE ON LAKE VOLTA

After breakfast and check out, we will drive to Akosombo, a town in the eastern region, and take a boat ride on the largest man-made lake in the world, Lake Volta. We will tour the The Akosombo hydroelectric dam a.k.a The Volta Dam, and then depart to the town of Ho and check into Volta Serene Hotel.

### Day 11 - Sunday, October 30 (B/D)

#### TAFI ATOME MONKEY SANCTUARY & WLI FALLS

We will depart for the Agumasta mountain range in the Hohoe district and walk through farm paths to visit Wli Falls. We will then drive to Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary, where we will take pictures with friendly monkeys after feeding them.

### Day 12, Monday, October 31 (B/D)

#### DEPART TO ACCRA

After breakfast, we will check out and depart to Accra. **Accommodation: La Palm Royal Beach Hotel**

### Day 13 - Tuesday, November 1 (B/D)

#### SHOPPING!

After breakfast, we will visit the art center and other souvenir shops because it's shopping time! Enjoy a farewell dinner.

### Day 14 - Wednesday, November 2 (B)

#### TRAVELING BACK TO THE U.S.

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. **Delta flight DL 157 departing from Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana on 11/2 at 22:05 and arriving at JFK Airport, NY on 11/03 at 5:35.**

B = Breakfast | L= Lunch | D=Dinner