

Renaissance Productions
&
Valerie Papaya Mann
invite you to journey with us to..

GHANA, AFRICA



**Friday, September 8, 2023 -
Monday, September 18, 2023**
(Arriving back in the US on Tuesday, September 19th @ 7am)

**Double Room Occupancy \$4,250
Single Room Occupancy \$4,850**

**(The price includes roundtrip airfare to
Ghana from Dulles Airport in
Washington, DC, all hotel rooms,
ground transportation, and
breakfast every day)**

**An 11-day Educational, Cultural,
Spiritual and Social Tour**

AKWAABAA

(WELCOME)



Join us in 2023, with a multi-generational, multi-cultural group of folks as we journey together to Ghana, West Africa. We will reclaim, rebuild, renew and reflect on African heritage. Limited to no more than 20-25 travelers, this 11-day, trip is bargain priced at:

Double Occupancy:

\$4,250

Single Occupancy:

\$4,850

Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare to and from Washington, DC Dulles International Airport
 - Extensive intra-country travel
 - Complimentary breakfast daily
- Safely and professionally escorted by a trained, bonded & licensed reputable tour guide at all times
 - Visits to authentic African villages to mingle with the children, elders and others
 - Ground transportation on a comfortable, air conditioned coach bus
 - Visits to monumental, landmark sites, events and shows
- Stay in 3-4 star full service hotels, one located on a beautiful sandy beach another on the lovely Volta River (all hotels have air conditioned rooms, private baths, cable TV, telephone, restaurants and swimming pools)
- Visit African-Americans who relocated to Ghana and now have called Ghana their home
 - Exclusive planned audience with traditional African Royalty & Families
 - Shop in wood carving, crafts & clothing villages, buy direct from artisans
 - Cultural Arts Show with a traditional African Feast and live entertainment
 - Visit national parks, Historical Castles, Artist Alliance Gallery
 - Visit the prestigious campus of The University of Ghana

- Go dancing to live high-life and contemporary music bands
- Have a home-cooked traditional meal at the residence of a friend
- Attend a local church to worship on a Sunday, if you wish
- Be wowed by a full day boat cruise on The Akosombo River; featuring an extensive bar-b-que food menu, a live hip-life band and dancing to the popular music with a lively Ghanaian crowd

Proposed Itinerary



Day 1 – Friday, September 8th

Depart from DULLES International Airport

Day 2 - Saturday, September 9th

AKWAABA (Welcome)

ACCRA to AKOSOMBO

Early morning arrival in Accra, Ghana, exchange money in the Capital City and then head for the Volta Region, by coach bus. Check into the prestigious Akosombo Volta Hotel. This first class facility is a 4-star Hotel with a huge pool, internet access and fantastic amenities. This hotel is owned by the Ghanaian Government, and is the Presidential Cabinets favorite retreat location. Visit a Bead Village in route.

Upon arrival check-in and participate in the official Welcome session and orientation to Ghana. Relax and unwind that evening, enjoy a delicious meal, and then listen to a popular high-life or jazz band. Dance the night away at the hotel.

Day 3 - Sunday, September 10th
AKOSOMBO

Early morning free time. Enjoy a full breakfast and the hotels magnificent pool area or walk their lush grounds. Later we will spend the afternoon on The Dodi Princess Cruise Ship. The Princess cruises on the picturesque Volta Lake to the Dodi Island and back. Disembark on the island to meet local residents. Dance to the rhythms of a live band, on board and enjoy a Barbecue lunch and drinks. The price of the cruise and lunch is included in your package deal.

Day 4 - Monday, September 11th
ACCRA CITY TOUR

Check out of our hotel in Akosombo and return to Accra. Check into our city hotel. Begin the Accra City Tour. See the administrative and economic capital of Ghana. Visit the W.E.B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture, the University of Ghana campus, the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Black Star Square. Go to the Art Center, a huge shopping pavilion that houses hundreds of vendors with all kinds of African art, clothing, drums, and artifacts.

Day 5 - Tuesday, September 12th
ACCRA

Complete the Accra city tour. Travel by bus to Sankofa Beach House in Langma, Ghana. This beautiful boutique hotel and conference facility is owned and operated by two African-Americans who became expats in Africa long ago. They now enjoy dual citizenship and have fascinating stories to share about their being emigrants to the motherland, and raising their children outside of the USA. We will have lunch at Sankofa Beach house and relax seaside for the afternoon.

Day 6 - Wednesday, September 13th
KUMASI

Travel to Kumasi, stopping along the way in a traditional village area for a cultural program of authentic drumming and traditional dancers. Boxed lunch on the bus. After arriving in Kumasi check into our hotel. Have dinner, and later be visited by several, pre-selected vendors who will come to the hotel to display their African wares. This is the place to shop for mud cloth and various other textiles and art created in this area.

Day 7 - Thursday, September 14th
KUMASI CITY TOUR

Tour the famous Ashanti Kingdom. Begin the tour with a stimulating visit to The Famous and ancient Mahyia Palace and the Center for Ashanti National Culture. Then visit the famous Ashanti Craft Villages: AHWAIL, the wood carver's village; NTONSO, the home of Adinkra and BONWIRE, the Kente weaving village. Have dinner and stay overnight in Kumasi.

Day 8- Friday, September 15th
ELMINA & CAPECOAST CASTLES

We will checkout of our hotel and our bus will travel to the sea coast to visit famous forts and castles in central Ghana. We will see the Cape Coast Castle, historical museums and the infamous Elmina Castle. The group will check-in for a stay at a peaceful beachside resort. Coconut Grove hotel, owned by a wealthy and politically prominent Ghanaian is one of the finest hotels in all of Ghana. Enjoy sitting on the stunningly beautiful beach, swimming, and traditional African food seaside. Visit a Traditional Village, within walking distance to donate clothing and school supplies.

Day 9 - Saturday, September 16th

ACCRA

Check out of our hotel and return to Accra. Check in to our hotel. Go to the Artist Alliance to shop and to the lively Arts and Crafts Center for shopping. That evening we have a night out on the town. Visit a popular night club to turn it up with our African sisters and brothers, and get your groove on African style.

Day 10 - Sunday, September 17th

ACCRA

Attend a local church to worship with their members and congregants. Then enjoy a delicious lunch at the pastor's house, following the service. If you aren't interested in the church experience, this can be a free-day to do whatever you decide, including last minute shopping or just relaxing at the hotel.



Day 11 - Monday, September 18th

ACCRA/ABURI GARDENS

This is our final day in Ghana. You are invited to go to nearby Aburi Botanical Gardens. Spend time in the well maintained gardens viewing the indigenous flora and fauna gifted from heads of state from around the world to Ghana. Enjoy a delicious lunch in the gardens. Later relax and then enjoy a farewell dinner feast ocean side. Prepare for our late evening departure. Go to the airport and departure from Accra International Airport to DULLES International in the Washington, DC area.

Arrive back in Washington, DC early Tuesday morning September 19th at 6 am.

Registration & Payment Form

Ghana, Africa - September 8-18th, 2023

Name (As it appears on your passport)

Address

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Roommate Name: _____

*(Select your own or one will be assigned as available. If not available, you must pay the single room rate).

PAYMENT PLAN

First payment of \$500 due immediately to Reserve your space - * plus amounts below if beginning the payment plan, after your first payment. Call to speak to tour organizer to create your own payment plan.

Double Room Single Room (Double Room = 2 people Single Room = 1 person)

Reservation	Double Room	Single Room
deposit	\$500.00	\$500.00 to hold your space plus amounts below:
Jan 15th	\$625.00	\$725.00
Feb 15th	\$625.00	\$725.00
March 15th	\$625.00	\$725.00
April 15th	\$625.00	\$725.00
May 15th	\$625.00	\$725.00
June 15th	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$725.00</u>
	\$4,250.00	\$4,850.00

(Participants can pay in full at any time. There is a \$500 fee to reserve your trip. If beginning the payment plan after the first payment, the next payment is due on January 15th, add payments for the prior months in your payment if beginning after that.)

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 15th 2023



There is a non-refundable cancellation fee of \$250 charged after registration and before the airline tickets are purchased in March 2023, and thereafter. After airline tickets are purchased the airlines can access a \$300 or more fee to make any changes to the ticket, including cancelations. In some situations, they will not refund cash, they will only issue you another ticket for a future date on another flight. Unfortunately, I have no control over airline policy and procedures once tickets are purchased.

CashApp, personal checks, bank cashier's checks, bank transfers and money orders accepted

**MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS
PAYABLE TO:**

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C/O: Ghana Trip 2023**

For more information about this trip, please call Papaya, the tour organizer:

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The tour organizer, Valerie Papaya Mann has traveled to Ghana for the past 22 years, and lived there for almost 5 years. Having organized numerous tour groups over the years, she has taken more than 300 people to The Motherland. She is enstooled (been ceremoniously bestowed a royal family title and responsibilities) as a Queen Mother amongst The Akwamu Traditional Indigenous People. She has spearheaded many philanthropic projects that included building toilets for a school, lead a Medical mission and took doctors and nurses to Ghana who treated almost a 1000 patients, and has personally and through groups donated thousands of dollars' worth of school supplies, computers and clothing to those in need.