

IVORY COAST & GHANA 2026

INFO & FAQs

AUGUST 8-17, 2026
10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS



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We're glad you're thinking about joining the Travel Africa Movement in Ivory Coast and Ghana in 2026. We've got an exciting Itinerary planned and we're ready to host you!

This document includes some background country info and Frequently Asked Questions about the trip. If you have additional questions or would like to reserve your spot, feel free to reach out to us at info@travelafricamovement.com.



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

COUNTRY INFO

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast in English) is located in West Africa and borders 5 other African nations, including Ghana. Ivory Coast gained independence from France in August 1960. Its independence struggle was led by Félix Houphouët-Boigny, who was president until 1993, and whose name adorns the international airport. It had 2 civil wars after independence, but today the country is stable and steadily growing. This French-speaking country is the world's largest producer and exporter of cocoa (used to make chocolate and cocoa powder).

Abidjan is the largest city and de facto capital of Ivory Coast. Abidjan is located on Ébrié Lagoon and is divided by a branch of the lagoon into Plateau (the first European settlement) to the north and Treichville (the first large African settlement) to the south. Bridges connect the 2 areas. Abidjan is a cosmopolitan city and home to 6.5 million people. It will soon be home to Africa's tallest building, Tour F (Tower F), which is currently under construction and expected to be completed later this year.

Yamoussoukro, located in the center of the country, is the political capital and home to the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, the largest church in the world. It is the 5th most populous city, smaller and more subdued than Abidjan.

Assinie is a coastal resort town in southeast Côte d'Ivoire, about 1.5 hours from downtown Abidjan. This is where most tourists and affluent Ivorians go to escape the city for sun and fun on weekends and holidays.

Ile Boulay is the largest of 13 islands on the Ébrié Lagoon, accessible by boat in 20 minutes from Abidjan. It is a popular weekend getaway for locals and tourists. You can swim and enjoy water sports in the lagoon's calm, warm waters.

GHANA

COUNTRY INFO

Ghana was the 1st sub-Saharan African nation to gain independence from European colonization in March 1957. Ghana's first president, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, was the first African head of state to promote the concept of Pan-Africanism and he aimed to unify Africa and its diaspora. Ghana has a rich culture of music, art and dance and it's known for its fashion and handmade textiles, including Kente, Batik, and Adinkra cloths. Ghana is Africa's biggest gold producer and the world's 2nd largest producer and exporter of cocoa.

Accra is Ghana's capital and most populated city, home to 2.8 million people. Accra is also the main tourist hub, sporting a wide variety of hotels, museums, monuments, and nightclubs. **Elmina** and **Cape Coast** are best known for their 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. Today, the slave castles are popular memorial and tourist sites.

Chale Wote is a street art festival held every August in Accra. Known for its vibrant street art and community murals, Chale Wote features flamboyant processions, exhibitions, art fairs, masquerade parties, fashion parades, and more. Chale Wote translates to "Friend, let's go" in the local Ga language.

Each year, Chale Wote has a different theme and performances that challenge societal norms and raise conversations around important issues. This year's theme is Carnival of the Black Sun. Metaphorically speaking, the Black Sun is the planetary core, the gravitational and geothermal heart whose energy Empire seeks to plunder and whose rhythms it attempts to override. Expect to see a variety of works that symbolize defiance and reordering. Chale Wote Festival 2026 is scheduled for August 10-17, 2026 and we'll attend some activities during our time in Accra.

ITINERARY

IVORY COAST

Day 1 ~ Sat, August 8, 2026

- Arrivals in Abidjan
- Late evening Meet and Greet

Day 2 ~ Sun August 9, 2026

- Sunday Brunch on the beach

Day 3 ~ Mon, August 10, 2026

- Abidjan City Tour
- Abidjan Nightlife Tour

Day 4 ~ Tues, August 11, 2026

- Yamoussoukro Tour
- Cocoa Farm Tour

GHANA

Day 5 ~ Wed, August 12, 2026

- Fly to Ghana
- Travel by road to Central region

Day 6 ~ Th, August 13, 2026

- Elmina Castle
- Assin Manso/Donkor Nsu Slave River Park
- Kakum National Park

Day 7 ~ Fri, August 14, 2026

- Village visit and Naming Ceremony
- Travel by road to Accra
- Chocolate Tasting
- Chale Wote Festival

Day 8 ~ Sat, August 15, 2026

- Accra City Tour
- Chale Wote Festival

Day 9 ~ Sun, August 16, 2026

- Labadi Beach/Sandbox Beach Club
- Chale Wote Festival

Day 10 ~ Mon, August 17, 2026

- Aburi Gardens
- Evening Departures

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need a passport?

A passport book is required for travel to Ivory Coast and 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 both Ivory Coast and Ghana. **Ivory Coast** has e-Visa for tourists from the United States staying for 90 days or less. Travelers may apply online and will be issued a pre-enrollment approval to present at the airport upon arrival. Visas cost 73 Euros (about \$85 USD). **Ghana** allows travelers to apply for tourist visas online thru offices in Washington DC or New York. Supporting documents must be mailed in. Single and multiple entry visas are available, costing \$60 and \$100 USD, respectively. Expedited visas are available for an additional fee. If you are not a US citizen, check for your country requirements.

Do I need any vaccinations or medications?

Yes, proof of Yellow Fever vaccination is **REQUIRED** for travel to both Ivory Coast and Ghana. You must be vaccinated at least 10 days before your arrival date. The vaccine costs \$250-\$350 in the US but can be as cheap as \$20 or free in Mexico and Caribbean countries, so you may consider getting it elsewhere if you'll be traveling.

Because Ivory Coast and Ghana are high-risk malaria countries, you may consider taking a malaria prophylaxis. This is optional and not required. Check the [CDC Website](#) for more information about recommended vaccines and anti-malarial medications for Ivory Coast and Ghana and discuss with your physician.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the name of the arrival and departure airport?

Arrival airport: Félix Houphouët Boigny International Airport (ABJ)

Departure airport: Accra International Airport (ACC)

Are flights included in the tour price?

Flights are not included in the tour price. We recommend searching Google Flights for the best flight prices. We can also assist you with booking flights separately.

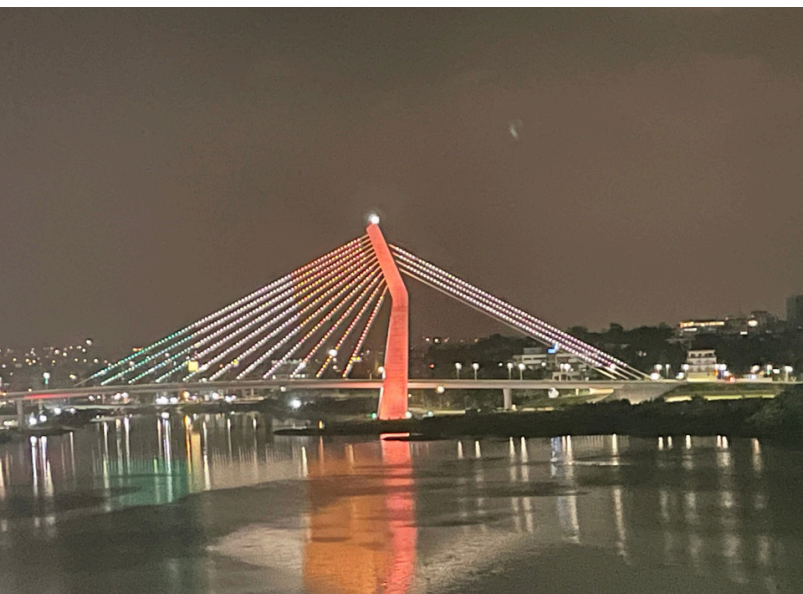
You will require 2 international flights for this Itinerary and you have 2 options:

- An open jaw flight departing from your home city to Abidjan and returning from Accra to your home city AND a one-way flight from Abidjan to Accra, OR
- A round-trip flight from your home city to Abidjan AND a round-trip flight from Abidjan to Accra.

Is there a recommended airline?

Delta Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, and Royal Air Maroc appear to have the best routes for international flights from the USA.

Air Cote d'Ivoire, South African Airways, and Emirates have non-stop flights between ABJ and ACC.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When should I arrive?

Your tour will begin in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Most flights arrive in Abidjan in the evening, so there are no formal activities planned on the arrival date of August 8, 2026. There will be an informal Meet and Greet for those who wish to meet other attendees and share a drink. Your tour will officially start with a City Tour on the morning of August 9, 2026, so you should arrive in Abidjan by then.

When should I plan to leave?

Your tour will officially end in Accra, following our visit to Aburi Gardens on Monday, August 17, 2026. You should schedule your flight to depart any time after 3:00 pm.

Is travel insurance included?

Travel insurance is not included but is **required** for all attendees. We recommend insurance that includes medical evacuation and

Are accommodations included?

Yes, villa and/or hotel accommodations for 9 nights are included: 4 nights in Abidjan and 5 nights in Accra. All accommodations will be 3.5 to 4-star and well-rated for service and quality.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is transportation included?

Yes, transportation to all included excursions and round-trip airport transfers are included in the tour price. Attendees arriving in close time will be transported to the hotel together.

Are meals included?

Daily breakfast is included. Food will also be provided at the Welcome Dinner, Sunday Brunch, Farewell Dinner and some excursions. Other meals are at your expense.

Are alcoholic beverages included?

Alcoholic beverages are only included for specific activities. Beer, wine and/or champagne will be included during the Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner. Other alcoholic drinks are at your expense.

What activities are included?

We will spend 10 days/9 nights in Abidjan, Yamoussoukro, Assinie, Accra and Cape Cape Coast. We will visit city landmarks, museums, monuments, historical sites, markets, and beaches. In Ghana, we will also attend scheduled Chale Wote Festival activities. All entrance and activity fees are included for all excursions on the Itinerary.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can you match me with a roommate?

While we make every effort to match solo attendees seeking roommates, we cannot promise to find one for you. In the event that no roommate is available, you will be required to pay the single occupancy rate.

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?

Yes, a monthly payment plan is available. Payments are due on the 1st day of each month and all payments must be complete by the final payment deadline of June 1, 2026. All payment plans include a \$50 administrative fee.

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 our Terms and Conditions for more detail.



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