

GHANA PANAFEST 2027

ITINERARY & FAQS

JULY 23 - AUGUST 1, 2027
10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS
ACCRA & CAPE COAST

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We're glad you're thinking about joining the Travel Africa Movement in Ghana for Panafest 2027. We're ready to have you!

This document includes Country Info, the tentative Itinerary, and Frequently Asked Questions about the trip. If you have additional questions or would like to move forward with a booking, feel free to reach out to us via email at info@travelafricamovement.com.

See You in Ghana!



COUNTRY & PANAFEST INFO

Ghana is located in West Africa and was the 1st sub-Saharan African nation to become independent of European colonization in 1957. Ghana's first president, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, was a Pan African leader and visionary who sought to unify Africa and its diaspora. Ghana's former president, Nana Akufo Addo, continued that Pan African tradition, having launched the wildly successful Year of Return campaign in 2019 and Beyond the Return, a 10-year successor program focused on building economic ties, investments, and institutional cooperation with the African diaspora. The current president, John Dramani Mahama, has focused on tying diaspora engagement to broader campaigns for reparatory justice

The Pan African Festival of Arts and Culture (aka **Panafest**) was started in the mid-1980s to bring together continental Africans and the diaspora, and to celebrate the strengths and resilience of African culture and achievements of Africans in spite of the transatlantic slave trade. The biennial festival attracts diasporans from around the globe, as far as Brazil, Jamaica, the USA, and the UK. It features numerous events, including tributes to the ancestors, art, theater and music performances, royal processions, atonement rituals, panel discussions, and much more! It's a life changing experience and all-around fun time.

Accra is Ghana's capital and most populated city, home to nearly 3 million people. Accra is also the main tourist hub, sporting a wide variety of hotels, museums. monuments, and nightclubs.

Cape Coast, the capital of the Central Region in southern Ghana, is also known for its 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 memorials and tourist sites. Cape Coast is the primary location of Panafest activities.

ITINERARY

* Please note: The Itinerary is subject to modification pending release of the Panafest schedule

Day 1: Fri 7/23/27 ~ ACCRA
Meals Included: Dinner
- Arrive at Accra International Airport, Check in to Hotel
- Meet and Greet, Itinerary Review & Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Sat 7/24/27 ~ ACCRA
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Accra city tour: W.E.B. Du Bois Center, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Independence Square and Arch, Courts Complex, National Museum, Jubilee House, Oxford Street, Makola Market, Coffin Workshop

Day 3: Sun 7/25/27 ~ ACCRA
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Travel to Ada
- Nykyinkyim Museum
- Day visit at Aqua Safari Resort

Day 4: Mon 7/26/27 ~ ACCRA
Meals Included: Breakfast
- Aburi Gardens
- Tetteh Quarshie Cocoa Farm
- Chocolate Tasting

Day 5: Tues 7/27/27 ~ CAPE COAST
Meals Included: Breakfast
- Travel to Cape Coast
- Kakum National Park
- Evening Panafest Activities

Day 6: Wed 7/28/27 ~ CAPE COAST
Meals Included: Breakfast
- Elmina or Cape Coast Castle, Assin Manso/Donkor Nsu Slave River Park
- Naming ceremony
- Panafest activities

Day 7: Thurs 7/29/27 ~ CAPE COAST
Meals Included: Breakfast
- Panafest Activities

Day 8: Fri 7/30/27 ~ CAPE COAST
Meals Included: Breakfast
- Panafest Activities

Day 9: Sat 7/31/27 ~ ACCRA
Meals Included: Breakfast
- Travel to Accra
- Evening - Beach Club

Day 10: Sun 8/1/27 ~ ACCRA
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Farewell Brunch
- Evening departures

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need a passport?
A passport book is required for travel to 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?
Visitors to Ghana require a visa unless they come from an exempt country. **U.S. citizens need a Visa and must apply for it in advance**. You can apply for a visa through the Ghana Embassy in Washington DC. The single-entry visa is $60 and the multiple-entry visa is $100.

Alternatively, you can apply for an eVisa online at Ghana's Electronic Visa Portal. The visa requirements can be found on the website. The Single-Entry Tourist visa fee is $260 for non-Africans. If you are not a US citizen, check your country requirements.

Do I need any vaccinations or medications?
Yes, the Yellow Fever vaccination is **REQUIRED** for travel to Ghana. The vaccine costs $250-$350 in the US and may not be covered by health insurance. But it's cheap as $20 or free in Mexico, Caribbean, and other countries, so you if you're traveling you may consider getting it elsewhere.

Because Ghana is a high-risk malaria country, 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 and talk to your doctor for personalized information.

How long is the trip and what are the tour dates?
The trip is 10 days and 9 nights. The tour commences on Friday, July 23, 2027 and ends on Sunday, August 1, 2027.

How much will this trip cost?
Double occupancy pricing is $2,900 USD per person. Single occupancy is $3,400 USD. Single rooms are limited and should be booked early.

Are flights included in the tour price?
Airfare is NOT included and must be purchased separately by attendees. You can book your own flights or we can book for you. Current airfares are around $1,500 from New York to Accra.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a recommended airline?
Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Turkish Airlines and Ethiopian Airlines appear to have the best routes for this itinerary.

What is the name of the arrival and departure airport?
Arrival/Departure airport: Accra International Airport
Airport code: ACC

Is hotel lodging included?
Yes, hotel accommodations for 7 nights are included: 4 nights at La Villa Boutique Hotel or similar in Accra, 4 nights at the Lemon Beach Resort or Golden Hill Parker Hotel in Elmina, and 1 night at The Cabin Hotel in Accra. All hotels will be 3.5 to 4 star and well rated for service and quality.

What activities and services are included?
Daily activities will include cultural and historical sites and museums, nature activities, beach time, shopping, among others. It also includes a dedicated tour guide and driver, site entrance fees, tour host/concierge services, and a gift bag.

Is transportation included?
Roundtrip airport transfers and ground transportation for all activities in the Itinerary are included in the package price. If other attendees are arriving in close time, you will be transported to the hotel together. Transportation will be provided in air-conditioned vehicles, consisting of either SUVs or passenger vans.

Are meals included?
Daily breakfast and some lunches are included. Food will also be provided at the Welcome Dinner and Farewell Brunch; it will be mostly Ghanaian, West African and American/European cuisine. Other meals are at your expense.

Are alcoholic beverages included?
Alcoholic beverages are only included for specific activities. Drinks will be included during the Welcome Dinner and Farewell Brunch. Other alcoholic drinks are at your expense.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is travel insurance included?
Travel insurance is mandatory for all participants, but is not included in the cost of the trip. We recommend coverage that includes medical treatment, medical evacuation and repatriation. We can provide trusted recommendations if needed.

Will I have any free time to relax and explore on my own?
Yes, although we have daily guided tours and activities, most evenings will be free for you to relax, party, or explore by yourself.

How much should I expect to spend for out-of-pocket expenses?
Since most of your expenses are covered, you will only have to pay for lunch and/or dinner on some days, tips, incidental charges, souvenirs and personal shopping. You will find most restaurants and shopping to be more affordable than home. Meals average $15-$25 USD. We suggest you budget at least $50-75 per day for food, shopping, etc. If you intend to shop a lot or purchase high end items, bring more money.

How is the weather in July/August?
The weather in JulyAugust in Ghana is temperate and the coolest time of the year. Average high temperatures are in the low-to-mid 80s and low temperatures are in the mid 70s.

When should I arrive?
We suggest that you arrive by 2:00pm on July 23rd, in order to get checked in to the hotel and refreshed before our evening Welcome Dinner. Some guests choose to arrive a day or two early to get acclimated and to adjust to the time difference. If you arrive early, we recommend staying at our arrival hotel for ease of travel. We can book extra nights at your expense.

When should I depart?
The tour will officially end on August 1st at 3:00pm after our Farewell Brunch. You should schedule your flight to depart any time after 7:00pm. You will be transported to the airport 4 hours before your flight departure time, so keep that in mind when selecting your flight. If you choose a late evening departure, you can store your luggage and still enjoy the hotel amenities after check-out.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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, 2027. All payment plans include a $75 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.

