



## Traditional And Authentic Textile Tours

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### Private Touring

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**Visit:** Accra - Textile Company - Ewe Kente Weavers - Potters Of Vume - Akosomb - Kumasi - Unesco World Heritage Site Visit - Ashanti Crafts Villages - Cape Coast ??? Elmina - Kakum National Park

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01: Arrive Accra**

Arrive at Accra airport. Meet, assisted and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy welcome dinner at your hotel. Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Accra.

**Meal Plan**

Only Dinner

**Day 02: Accra****Breakfast**

Depart for a full day city tour of Accra. Visit the National Museum of History and Ethnography. This Museum houses a varied collection of Ghanaian artifacts. Objects in the archeology section range from the Stone Age period to the recent historical past. Those on permanent exhibition at the ethnography gallery include chief's regalia, indigenous Ghanaian musical instruments, gold weights, beads, traditional textiles, stools and pottery. Continue to Ga Mashie-Old Accra, this is a contrast of Victorian Dutch and post-colonial architecture. You will drive past James Fort built in 1673, Old Accra Square and the Post Office. Drive past Ussher Fort, one of three European forts in Accra which have survived the times. Ussher Fort was built by the Dutch in 1649 as Fort Crèvecœur. Fort Crèvecœur was part of the Dutch Gold Coast. The Anglo-Dutch Gold Coast Treaty (1867), which defined areas of influence on the Gold Coast and was transferred to the British in 1868. Interact with the local people at the Accra Harbour, view the light House built by the British to guide commercial ships into the Accra Harbour.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, visit the newly refurbished Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Mausoleum. This is a Memorial and Third burial grounds for the First Head of State and President of independent Ghana. The Mausoleum site was the Old Polo grounds for the European during the colonial period until 1957. This Mausoleum has been visited by many world dignitaries.

Your last stop for the day is the Arts and Crafts market to view a varied collection Ghanaian handicraft souvenir. This offers you opportunity to try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors and to "shop till you drop". Your last stop for the day is the Arts and Crafts market to view a varied collection Ghanaian handicraft souvenir. This offers you opportunity to try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors and to "shop till you drop". Return to your hotel. Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Accra.

**Day Highlight**

National Museum Exhibits Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum

**Meal Plan**

Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 03: Textile Company**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart after breakfast to visit a Textile processing company. Arrive and interact with management and staff and tour the factory floor. This offers you opportunity to learn about the various classes of Fabrics in ascending order and may serve as a guide when making purchase in the market.

Textile manufacturing in Ghana is an industry consisting of ginneries and textile mills producing batik, wax cloth, fancy printed cloth and Kente cloth. Firms have located in Ghana to serve local and regional markets with printed African patterned fabrics. The industry has shown signs of significant growth in recent years, promoting high-quality traditionally designed fabrics as "Made in Ghana" to niche markets, especially the US. Ghanaian textile companies prefer to locate within designated industrial areas to take advantage of Ghana's free zone regime and stable operating environment. Today, Ghana's textiles industry includes vertically integrated mills, horizontal weaving factories and the traditional textile manufacturing firms involved in spinning, hand-weaving and fabric-processing.

The dry, savannah climate in the northern regions of the country is ideal for the cultivation of cotton, which is the primary material used by mills, weavers, batik, and tie-dye manufacturers in Ghana. The industry is supported by National Vocational Training Institutes throughout the country. These institutes provide basic practical and theoretical training in tailoring and dressmaking. There are also a growing number of private fashion design institutes and internationally acclaimed designers that teach latest techniques to aspiring textile designers. The government has initiated various policies aimed at restructuring and improving the textiles industry. The objectives include Increase of employment opportunities for the growing population Expansion and diversification of the economy Promotion of both domestic and foreign investment.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Return to your hotel. Rest of day free for relaxation. Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Accra.

### **Meal Plan**

Breakfast and Lunch

## **Day 04: Ewe Kente Weavers and Potters of Vume (5 Hrs drive)**

Breakfast and check out of your hotel.

Depart to the Southern Volta Region. Drive past Vume and Tefle on the Lower Banks of the Volta River. These two communities are noted for the several traditional potters whose economic activities are molding Clay products such as cooking and water storage Pots and flower vases. Break the boredom of travel to interact with these traditional artisans and learn about the uses of many different clay pots.

Cross the Volta River at Sogakope and continue to Agotime-Kpetoe. This Ewe Kente weaving village offers opportunity to watch Kente Weavers at work. You are encouraged to practice Kente weaving and to purchase Kente souvenirs for friends and families back home. Note the difference in designed as Ewe weavers use symbols such as animals and objects and deep colours.

Lunch (on own account).

Continue to your hotel in Akosombo driving through Ho capital of the Volta Region and on the southern foot of the Akuapem - Togo range of Ridges. Check into your hotel. Dinner at your hotel. Overnight: 3\* Hotel in Akosombo

**Day Highlight**

Pottery Making Kente Weaving

**Meal Plan**

Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 05: Akosombo - Kumasi and UNESCO World Heritage Site Visit (6 hrs drive)**

Breakfast and hotel check out.

Depart early morning for Kumasi in Ashanti Region; the Kingdom of Gold, History and Culture. Make a brief stop at Krobo-Odumase to visit the Cedi Bead Factory and workshop where beautiful African jewelry is made of clay, bones and glass. Put on your protective goggles and try your hands in the crushing of bottles and polishing of finished beads and observe beads designing, firing, polishing and stringing. You may purchase already made beads for friends and family back home.

Beads play a very important role especially in the life and culture of the Krobo people of Ghana. They are adorned to mark family status, on special occasions and the important rites of passage of girls to puberty called the "Dipo". Participants will be shown around the factory and participate in the making of beads by hand in batches in a traditional manner.

Here you will watch the centuries-old process from start to finish: to make new beads, the bead-makers first crush old bottles into small chips, then arrange them in glazed moulds, before placing them in what looks like a fiery pizza oven for about 45 minutes. They also restore worn beads – some of them many centuries old – by placing them intact in an appropriate mould, then baking them at low heat for about 15 minutes so that they come out shiny as new. You will also have an opportunity to visit the market and purchase some of the beads.

Continue to Kumasi with Lunch enroute (on own account).

Arrive in Kumasi and check in to your hotel. Dinner at hotel. Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Kumasi.

**Day Highlight**

Beads Making

**Meal Plan**

Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 06: Kumasi City and Ashanti Crafts Villages Tour**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart after breakfast to visit a few Asante craft villages to participate in using simple tools and traditional technology to produce breath taking artifacts and designs from which you can send as souvenirs for friends and family back home. Bonwire/Adawumase where the famous Kente cloth is handmade on looms, in a time-honored tradition passed down through generations. In contrast, Asante Kente are designed using brighter colours and geometric patterns with unblemished precisions. Before

you make a purchase of souvenir gifts, take off your shoes and try your hands at kente weaving. This offers a you an opportunity to learn the various processes involved in Kente cloth weaving. Start with setting the tread, loom and practice kente weaving under the guidance professional kente weavers.

Continue to Ntonso – where the main economic activities are further enhancing and adding beauty to the traditional textile printing, see Adinkra cloth and tie-and-dye processing and get a demonstration of how intricate designs are applied to this sacred mourning cloth.

Adinkra cloth are designed by indigenous artist whose expertise lies in the textual printing using traditional symbols that express the spiritual, moral, political and socio- cultural philosophies of the Akan people and offers you opportunity to create your own designs.

Return to Kumasi for lunch at a local restaurant.

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Continue after lunch for a city tour of Kumasi visiting the Manhyia Palace Museum. The Manhyia Palace Museum was created within the old residence of Otumfuo Agyeman Prempeh I and Otumfuo Sir Osei Agyeman Prempeh II, the thirteenth and fourteenth Kings of Asante respectively. This historic building was rehabilitated in 1995 to serve as a Museum. The Manhyia Palace Museum is described as “Living Museum” as the some of the Royal Regalia of over some 300years old - Guns, Swords and Silver & Golden Keys are still being used during festivals such as Akwesidae.

Visit the National Cultural Centre and Prempeh II Museum. This museum displays artefacts relating to the Ashanti King Prempeh II, including the king's war attire, ceremonial clothing, jewellery, protective amulets, personal equipment for bathing and dining, furniture, royal insignia and some fine brass weights for weighing gold. Constructed to resemble an Ashanti chief's house, it has a courtyard in front and walls adorned with traditional carved symbols. This Museum has in exhibition of some original antiquated clothe and Akan Fabric which of which are well over 300years old. The guide will explain in detail the Kyekyen, Bark cloth and how modern Kente evolved in Asante.

For the adventure lovers venture into the Kumasi Central Market – the largest open-air market in West Africa for shopping and interact with the Market Mummies and learn some bargaining process involved.

Return to your hotel.

Dinner (on own account).

Explore Kumasi city and enjoy nightlife. Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Kumasi

## Day Highlight

Craft Village Manhyia Palace Museum

## Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 07: Kumasi - Cape Coast - Elmina (5 hrs drive)

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart after breakfast for Cape Coast in the Central Region. Drive along several farming villages. Note the change in vegetation from forest to coastal savannah as you journey south-westwards. Stop enroute to visit a local village expert palm wine tapper's hut, observe how they use age long practices carefully makes a rectangular incision on the top trunk and bores a pencil hole at the bottom this is fitted with a



bamboo stick, the liquid drips through the bamboo and collected in a clay pot or a container. However, when palm wine is not consumed within 2 days it become fermented.

The fermented palm wine is further distilled to obtain a very high alcohol beverage locally called “AKPETESHIE” with more than 70% alcohol content. The Akpeteshie is similar in content to the Russian Vodka.

Lunch a local restaurant in Cape Coast (on own account).

Continue after lunch to visit Cape Coast Castle built by the Swedes in 1652 and later taken over by the British, for a conducted tour. This UNESCO World Heritage Monument served as the seat of the former colonial administration of the then Gold Coast (Ghana’s former name) till 1877 when it was relocated to Accra. It also housed the First Formal School in the Gold Coast. Presently the Castle houses the West African Historical Museum. The guide will conduct you to the slave quarters and Palaver Hall where enslaved Africans were bargained for and sold. Drive through the Cape Coast Township with its narrow streets modelled on the Yorkshire.

Check into your hotel. Dinner at your hotel. Overnight: 3\* Beach Resort or Hotel in Elmina/ Cape Coast

## Day Highlight

Cape Coast Castle Palm Wine

## Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 08: Elmina - Kakum National Park (3 hrs round trip drive)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart hotel after breakfast to visit the Kakum National Park. Go on a morning walk of the “Kuntan Trail” with its countless trees with medicinal properties. For the young at heart experience the “Canopy Walkway” suspended 100 feet from the forest ground for a panoramic view of the flora and fauna of the remaining vestiges of the rainforest.

Lunch at Hans Cottage Botel. This restaurant offers you opportunity to spot crocodiles gliding beneath as you enjoy your meals.

Proceed to explore Elmina Township and its several Posuban Shrines. Posuban are sacred meeting stations for the Akan Traditional Military groups who were called upon to defend their community during Wars. Visit notable Dutch Heritage Sites in Elmina such as the Dutch Cemetery, Trafalgar Square and Fort St. Jago.

Your last stop is to visit Elmina Castle, another UNESCO World Heritage Monument and the first and oldest European structure built of any substance on African soil. This was built by the Portuguese in 1482 and later used as an auction market for a comprehensive guided tour. See the slave quarters. View its distinct architecture.

Return to your hotel. Dinner (on own account). Overnight: 3\* Beach Resort or Hotel in Elmina/Cape Coast.

## Day Highlight

Elmina Castle Kakum National Park

## Meal Plan

Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 09: Batik Workshop

Breakfast at the hotel.

Discover the art and beauty of African batik and get a glimpse into the life of a local artisan as you work side-by-side during this four-hour class. You'll join a Global Mamas' batik maker in her workshop to learn the traditional techniques of batik production – using wax and dye to create colorful patterns – to make your own one-of-a-kind fabric. Afterwards, take your two yards of handiwork home to sew into a finish product that will always have a special place in your home or wardrobe.

Lunch (on own account).

Depart to Accra driving past several fishing communities and coconut lined beaches. Arrive in the evening and have dinner at a local restaurant.

Check in to your hotel. Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Accra.

## Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 10: Departure

Breakfast and hotel checkout. Morning at leisure for personal activities. Hotel check out time at 12.00 noon. Transfer to airport for check in and departure.

## Meal Plan

Breakfast

### Inclusion

- \* 4 Nights at a 4\*/3\* Hotel in Accra on Bed and Breakfast basis.
- \* 1 Night at a 3\* Hotel in Akosombo on Bed and Breakfast basis.
- \* 2 Nights at a 4\*/3\* in Kumasi on Bed and Breakfast basis.
- \* 2 Nights at a 3\* Beach Resort or Hotel in Elmina/ Cape Coast on Bed and Breakfast basis.
- \* Overland Transportation via Air-Conditioned Vehicle.
- \* Meals as outlined in Itinerary. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.
- \* Entrance Fees and Tours to Sites as outlined in Itinerary.
- \* English speaking professional Tour guide.
- \* Hotel and Restaurant Taxes.

### Exclusion

- International / Domestic Airfare
- Optional activities
- Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program
- Personal equipment
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
- Travel and medical insurance
- Any items not mentioned as included

### Note

#### HEALTH ADVISORIES

- Before you leave your home country, please get the required Yellow Fever vaccinations. You should also see your doctor to get malaria tablets.
- Bring plenty of insect repellent and sun tanning lotion.
- Bring all your must have prescription medicine needed during the trip. You will be walking a lot in very hot weather, so bring a hat and comfortable walking shoes.
- Sanitary conditions in most places (bathrooms, restaurants etc.) and not always up to Western standards or what you are accustomed to, so please bring handy-wipes and bacteria hand wash.

#### THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU

- Washcloth because most hotels don't give guest washcloth.
- European electrical systems are used in Ghana, so please bring adapters (220v) for phones and other electronics.
- Bring snacks with you because you might not always find food during long rides between destinations.

If hotels advertised are unavailable upon receiving your confirmation. We will reserve rooms in comparable hotels for the group and advise you immediately.





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