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## GLIMPSE OF GHANA WITH AFROCHELLA FESTIVAL

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Ghana during December is Really The only spot you need to be for New Year's, as it is both eagerly awaited and frequently requested. Get ready for nonstop turnup, afrobeats, culture, a moving trip to the slave castles, stunning beaches, and much more. You will have unrestricted access to Afrochella with your VIP tickets. You're in for a full day of famous people, music, culture, and positive vibes. AfroChella is a cultural festival that aims to promote and spotlight the burgeoning millennial talent from Africa and beyond. During the festival, African creatives, musicians, and fashion enthusiasts are celebrated. Since its start, this festival has survived thanks to the growing popularity of African art, food, Afro-beats music, and business leaders among consumers outside of Africa.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



- \* Take a breathtaking stroll along the "Canopy Walkway"
- \* Explore Accra, Ghana's capital city. Accra has a plethora of options
- \* Visit the Cape Coast Castle, which was built in 1667 by the Swedes and was later taken over by the British
- \* The goal of Afrochella is to introduce you to the best of African culture in an exciting, entertaining, and engaging way
- \* Visit the Cape Coast Castle, which the British eventually took

over after the Swedes built it in 1667

# TRIP ITINERARY

## DAY 1

27/12/24 - Arrive in Accra

Arrive at Kotoka Airport.

You will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for a welcome drink and check-in.

Overnight: Accra

## DAY 2

28/12/24 - Accra sightseeing/Afrochella Festival

The big day awaits us! This morning, take a tour of the century-old capital of Ghana, Accra.

Start the day with a visit to the DuBois Centre for Pan-African culture, a house where Dr.

Dubois lived and died.

Then take a drive/walking tour of the colonial section of Accra (Jamestown).

Drive through the main street of the colonial section of the city and view the Ussher and James Forts were built by the Dutch (1650) and British (1673) respectively and also the Light House which used to guide ships to the Accra Harbour in colonial days.

Visit the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and museum, a monument dedicated to Ghana's first post-independence President.

Visit the Independence Arch and then continue to visit Osu Christiansborg Castle.

After this visit, the intriguing craftsmen at Nungua make fantasy coffins in the shape of vegetables, fruits, cars, etc.

usually depicting the profession of the deceased.

For example, a fisherman might be buried in a coffin in the shape of a giant fish.

The excitement builds as we enjoy our lunch prior to heading to Afrochella.

The lineup has not yet been published, however, if it is half as good as the previous lineups, we are in for a real treat.

The El Wak Stadium in Accra will be buzzing and a hive of activity as we Afrochella Time to party and enjoy the exceptional musical talent in Africa enjoy Ghana's best artists from a wide range of music that includes Highlife.

Hiplife, Ragga, and many more.

Our best DJs from all over the country and continent will also be on hand to ensure we keep moving to the beat.

A captivating experience in the heart of West Africa, we can also enjoy the many artists, fashion outlets, and traditional cuisine all around us during an epic day in Ghana's capital.

Our night is not over as the festival draws to a close as we are just starting, we can choose to head into Osu to continue our celebrations long into the night.

Overnight: Accra

## DAY 3

29/12/24 - Accra - Kumasi

Depart Accra via the forest belt to Kumasi, the seat of the Ashanti Empire, which was built on a similar basis as the Dahomey Empire, i.

e.

, through wars.

Upon arrival visit the Cultural A center that features the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and various studios of brass makers, potters, drum carvers, and batik makers.

Then take a tour of the Ashanti craft villages to observe craftsmen at work and purchase souvenir gift items.

These villages are Ahwiaa, where woodcarvers produce Ashanti stools, fertility dolls & walking sticks, etc.

Ntonso, where Adinkra cloth is processed, and Bonwire, where kente cloth is woven.

Kente, a very colorful fabric is usually worn on festive and very important occasions like marriage ceremonies, child naming, etc.

Overnight: Kumasi

## DAY 4

### 30/12/24 - Akwasidae Festival, Kumasi

Today take a tour of Kumasi, Visit the Royal Manhyia Palace Museum, the home and office of former Ashanti Kings.

A regal history that dates back to 1700 is told with relics and artifacts.

After, we will cross over to the courtyard of the Manhyia Palace to witness the Akwasidae festival.

This festival takes place every six weeks.

Witness the Ashanti King, Nana Osei-Tutu II, who presides over the Ashanti Kingdom, arrive in his palanquin and then later be seated in the state whilst all his subchiefs come and reaffirm their oath of allegiance to him.

The King and all his sub-chiefs come dressed in all their traditional regalia whilst the general public attending the festival wears black and white.

The King also uses this day to receive very important guests and gifts.

There will be lots of traditional drumming and dancing to grace the occasion.

Alternative activities for Day 4 as Akwasidae Festival will be celebrated on the 25 th of December before the group's arrival.

We will visit the Manhyia Palace Museum, Kejetia Market and the Ashanti Traditional House, and Sokoban Krofrom.

Overnight: Kumasi

## DAY 5

### 31/12/24 - Kumasi - Elmina – (Cooking Class)

Depart Kumasi to Elmina.

Arrive in Elmina and check in to your hotel.

Later visit Global Mamas, an organization that helps women in different economic ventures to make a living so they can provide for their families, educate their children, improve their health, and save for the future.

Join the women in Cape Coast to learn how to prepare some rich traditional Ghanaian foods.

After which, we will taste our handiwork.

Overnight: Elmina

## DAY 6

### 01/01/25 - Kakum National Park & Cape Coast Castle And Naming

This morning drives further north of Cape Coast to the Kakum National Park a tropical rainforest in the heart of the Attandaso reserve for an adventurous and breathes taking walk on the 'Canopy Walkway.

It is composed of 350 meters of the suspended bridge and six platforms at a height of 60 meters

(100ft).

After lunch visits the Cape Coast Castle, and take a tour of the infamous slave dungeons, built-in 1653 by the Swedes and later taken over by the Britishers.

This castle also houses the West African Historical Museum.

The guide will take you through the governor's quarters, condemned cells, and the 'Door of Return.

We will also have a traditional naming ceremony at a village.

Overnight: Elmina

## DAY 7

02/01/25 - Elmina Castle - Accra

Breakfast and check out, then visit the Elmina Castle, the oldest European monument in Ghana built in 1482 by the Portuguese.

First established as a trade settlement, the castle later became one of the most important stops on the route of the Atlantic Slave Trade.

The Dutch seized the fort from the Portuguese in 1637 and took over all of the Portuguese Gold Coast in 1642.

The slave trade continued under the Dutch until 1814.

In 1871, the fort became a possession of the British Empire.

Both the Elmina and Cape Coast Castles have been designated as UNESCO Heritage Sites.

After this tour, take a short walk around the colorful fishing harbor to see the fish market and traditional dugout canoes the local people use for their livelihoods.

We take a return trip back to Accra.

Overnight: Accra

## DAY 8

03/01/25 - Free day/Evening departure

Spend the day at leisure, packing, or doing your last-minute shopping for a late evening departure from Accra back home.

## See what's included in the trip

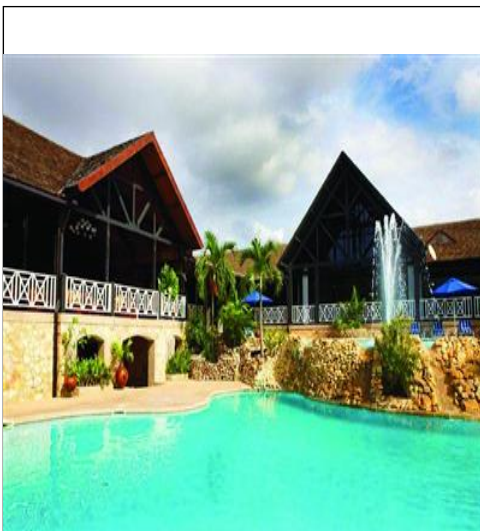
- \* 3 Nights' accommodation in Accra
- \* 2 Nights' accommodation in Kumasi
- \* 2 Nights' accommodation in Elmina
- \* Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- \* Round-trip airport transfers
- \* Entry Fees to tour attractions
- \* Sightseeing with English-speaking Guide Services

## See what's excluded in the trip

- \* Any Airfares
- \* Entry visa to Ghana
- \* Travel insurance
- \* COVID-19 tests upon arrival and departure from Accra
- \* Beverages/drinks at meals
- \* Non-included meals
- \* Tips to guide, drivers, and other service providers
- \* Items of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, room service, etc.



## WHERE YOU WILL STAY



### Labadi Beach Hotel or similar, Accra

★★★★★ 3 NIGHTS

Address: La Rd, Accra, Ghana, Phone: +233 30 277 2501

Amid tropical gardens, this opulent oceanfront hotel on Labadi Beach is 8 km from the mausoleum and museum in Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and 7 km from bustling Accra city center. The chic, contemporary rooms offer free Wi-Fi and flat-screens, plus minibars, and tea and coffeemakers. All have balconies, while upgrades come with Nespresso machines. Posh suites have living/dining areas; upgrades add kitchenettes. Room service is available 24/7.



### Lancaster Kumasi City Hotel or similar, Kumasi

★★★★★ 2 NIGHTS

Rain Tree Street, Lesley Opoku-Ware Drive, Kumasi, Ghana Phone: +233 32 208 3777

Set on a palm tree-lined property, this relaxed hotel is 3 km from Kumasi Central Market and 4 km from Manhyia Palace Museum.



## Coconut Grove Beach Resort or similar, Elmina

★★★★☆ 2 NIGHTS

Address: Mmoframa Akyinim, Elmina, Ghana Phone: +233 24 433 3001

Set in tropical gardens, this laid-back beachfront resort is 3 km from Fort Coenraadsburg and 3 km from Elmina Castle, a former trading post and slave fort.

# CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand these are uncertain times and we want to make sure you feel confident about your options if your plans change

## Cancellation Charges

Deposits are non-refundable. However if canceled more than 60 days before the travel date, you can transfer it to another date or trip.

If canceled less than 60 days before the trip, Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. For the balance amount, the below cancellation fee will be applicable.

When a cancellation is made	06 days - Less than 72 hrs or no show	30 - 07 days prior to arrival	60 - 31 days prior to arrival
Cancellation Cost	100% No Refund	75% of the tour	40% of the tour

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