



dfree® GHANA2022: BEYOND THE RETURN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS IT SAFE TO TRAVEL TO GHANA?

Yes. The US State Department travel advisory indicates that Ghana is safe for travel. Click on the following link for the most current travel advisory: [Read more.](#)

WHAT ARE THE TOUR DATES?

Tour 1 – March 1 – 12

Tour 2 – June 28 – July 9

Tour 3 – October 4 – 15

***All dates include travel days.

WHO ARE THE TOURS FOR?

These tours are opened to all persons over 18 years old. Children over 13 may travel if accompanied by an adult traveler. Participants must adhere to the group itineraries.

WHAT ARE THE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS?

[Movenpick Ambassador Hotel](#)

[Marriott International Hotel](#)

[Sogakope Beach Resort](#)

[Eastern Premier Hotel](#)

[Maaha Beach Resort](#)

[Ridge Royal Hotel](#)

***Hotels will differ for each tour

WILL I BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE INTERNET?

There is free WiFi available in all hotels and on the tour bus.

WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF THE TRIP?

Historical pilgrimage, Community outreach and projects, Cultural Emersion and Tourism.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Tour 1 - \$5,599 round trip coach/double occupancy

Tour 2 - \$5,999 round trip coach/double occupancy

Tour 3 - \$5,999 round trip coach/single occupancy

***Single occupancy is an extra \$1,000.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST?

The tour rates are inclusive of ALL expenses including return airfare to Ghana, visa, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, all meals, tour guides and all attractions.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST?

Tips, beverages, and snacks outside of group meals, and any meals outside of group meals.

IS THERE A PAYMENT PLAN?

March Tour: \$999 deposit at registration, plus 6 monthly payments of \$750

July Tour: \$999 deposit at registration, plus 10 monthly payments of \$500

October Tour: \$999 deposit at registration, plus 10 monthly payments of \$500

***Single occupancy is an extra \$1,000.

-Multiple or full payments can be made at anytime

-Payment options include Paypal, credit/debit card and check

-Checks must be payable to **DFREE**



WHEN CAN PARTICIPANTS START MAKING PAYMENTS?

Online registration and payments will be available at www.dbsoaries.com/ghana from July 1, 2021. To pay by cash/check, please contact Call +1 240 200 7053 or email ghana@mydfree.org for assistance..

WHEN IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

July 31, 2021.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration may be cancelled or transferred on or before August 31, 2021. If the tours have to be postponed or canceled at any time due to COVID-19 travel advisory, a full refund will be issued to all participants.

WHAT IS THE TRAVEL ITINERARY?

March Tour – Accra, Volta, Cape Coast, Kyebi,
July Tour – Accra, Maaha, Cape Coast, Kyebi
October tour – Accra, Mole, Cape Coast, Kyebi

***Please see the itinerary for more details.

NEEDED FOR TRAVEL

Travel Documents

1. Passport – must be valid for at least 6 months from the travel date. Contact the US post office or visit www.usps.com/passport immediately if you need one.
2. Travel Insurance – it is highly recommended but not required that all travelers acquire travel insurance for the trip.
3. Visa – we will facilitate visa applications and the fees are already included in the tour package

Vaccinations

4. The government of Ghana requires all travelers to be Yellow Fever vaccinated
5. Airline requires all travelers to show a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72hours before travel date
6. It is highly recommended that all travelers are COVID-19 fully vaccinated
7. It is highly recommended that all travelers receive anti-malaria shots/pills

*Please contact your healthcare provider for advice on the above.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

1. Passport, Visa, and Proof of Yellow Fever shot are required by Ghana law.
2. **Passports** should be obtained as early as possible. If you already have a passport, ensure it has not expired and that it will be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel. Contact US Post Office about a passport.
3. **Visa applications** can take up to 3 weeks including mailing time, when you will not have your passport. Kindly take this into consideration when you make travel plans and advise us about any conflicts you may have.
4. **Vaccinations/shots** should be taken at least 2 weeks before travel date; contact your personal physician or your local hospital for advice.

WHEN WILL VISA APPLICATIONS BE MADE?

1. All visa applications will be submitted 6 weeks before tour dates.
2. Tourist visa is required for stay of up to 30 days
3. Visas will be processed for the group. There will be no need for individuals to take documents to the Ghana Consulate in New York or the Embassy in Washington D. C.
4. Visa application fees are included in the trip cost
5. You must provide 2 recent passport photos not older than 6 months. CVS and Walgreens have instant passport photo services.
6. Visas will be single entry only. The option to get a multiple entry visa is also available.



CAN CHILDREN PARTICIPATE?

Yes. 13 years and older if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

WILL THE HOTELS BE AIR CONDITIONED?

Yes. All hotels are airconditioned.

WILL THERE BE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING?

Yes. Adequate time is built into the itinerary for shopping and sightseeing.

WHAT IS THE EXCHANGE RATE?

www.coinmill.com is a reliable resource for current exchange rates

SHOULD PARTICIPANTS CARRY CASH?

Yes, it is highly recommended that you carry cash for the trip. ATMs are also available in most locations on the tour. Remember to check with your card service to ensure you can use an ATM in Ghana and what charges may apply. Also, contact your card service and notify them you are traveling to Ghana if you plan to use your card on the trip.

SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVELER'S CHECKS?

No, do not bring traveler's checks.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN GHANA?

Temperatures in Ghana range between 70 and 90 degrees, with June/July being the coolest months. Please pack sunscreen protection.

WHAT KIND OF CLOTHING SHOULD I BRING?

Dress casual and comfortably; respectful shorts and swimwear; comfortable shoes for walking.
Dress for church – smart casual but no jeans.
Dress to the royal palace – nice and presentable
A white outfit for our All-White Day.

IS INSURANCE REQUIRED?

No, obtaining medical or travel insurance is a personal decision. Check with your healthcare provider. Travel insurance is available at the airport and online.

IS THERE A FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAM?

Yes. This is usually available through the airline and not the tour service. Please confirm the airline service for your preferred tour and then contact the airline directly about their frequent flyer program.

ARE THERE BAGGAGE LIMITS AND FEES?

Yes. Two 50lb checked bags, one 15lb carry-on, and a small personal bag, e.g. ladies purse or a laptop bag. Any extra bags or over-weight bags will attract a fee by the airline.

CAN MEDICATION BE CARRIED ON THE PLANE?

Yes. Always bring your medication in your purse or carry-on bag where they are easily accessible.

HOW WILL SPECIAL NEEDS BE HANDLED?

Communicate your needs early by sending an email to ghana@mydfree.org or call +1 240 200 7053.

CAN I USE MY CELL PHONE WHILE IN GHANA?

Please check with your service provider about roaming service and charges that may apply.

WILL THERE BE PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE TRIP?

A professional photographer will travel with the group. Please feel free to also bring your own camera, but always listen to tour guide announcements about local protocols concerning taking pictures.

HOW WILL UPDATES BE COMMUNICATED TO PARTICIPANTS PRIOR TO TRAVEL?

Monthly conference calls will be arranged to answer questions and give updates and progress reports.



WHEN WILL PEOPLE FIND OUT THEIR ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS?

During a monthly conference call after all participants are confirmed and visas are secured. If you have a person for your roommate, please provide the name during registration, otherwise one will be assigned to you.

ARE THERE ANY HELPFUL LINKS FOR TRAVELERS TO GHANA?

Yes, here are some helpful links to visit:

- [Passport Applications or Renewals](#)
- [CDC Health & Immunization Requirements](#)
- [State Department Traveler Registration](#)
- [US Embassy in Ghana](#)
- [About Ghana](#)