

Florida African American Student Association, Inc.

Tour of Ghana May 17 to 29, 2012

Thursday May 17; 2012	DEPART USA (Please arrive at airport at least (3) hours prior to departure)	in-flight
Friday May 18; 2012	ARRIVE ACCRA, GHANA Transfer from airport to your hotel. Check into your hotel and relax. Welcome dinner. Meals: Dinner	Fiesta Royal Hotel
Saturday May 19; 2012	ACCRA CITY TOUR Enjoy breakfast at hotel. Depart to Accra. Embark on a sightseeing city tour of Accra. You will drive through the administrative and economic districts of Accra, the capital of Ghana. This 131year-old city has a blend of colonial and modern architecture that summarize her history. Visit the offices of the Ghana National Cadet Corps to interact with the officers. Your tour of the city will take you to the W. E. B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture, Independence / Black Star Square and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park. Later, drive to the Artist Alliance Gallery to admire and purchase authentic African paintings and other professional art works. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner	Fiesta Royal Hotel
Sunday May 20; 2012	ACCRA AND VICINITY Continue with a visit to a traditional casket maker's shop. Here you will see different shapes of caskets made to reflect the interest, hobbies and occupation of the deceased. When Jimmy Carter, the former U.S president visited Ghana, he was presented a miniature casket that looks like a peanut. You will also drive through Burma Camp, the location of the Ministry of Defense for a brief observation of the Ghanaian military environment. The day's tour will end at the Arts Centre, where you will have an opportunity to use your bargaining skills to shop from an open-air market for artifacts from Ghana and West Africa. Drive through the University of Ghana and Valley View University. Meals: Breakfast,	Fiesta Royal Hotel
5 Monday May 21; 2012	TORGORME VILLAGE EXPERIENCE After breakfast, depart for a scenic drive along the Accra plains to the beautiful village of Torgorme located on the lower course of the splendid Volta River. You will have the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on the paramount chief and elders amidst traditional drumming and dancing by the villages and also participate in a naming ceremony,	Fiesta Royal Hotel

	<p>where you will be given traditional African names. Other activities include a demonstration of pottery making which is the main occupation of the women in Torgorme</p> <p>Meals: breakfast</p>	
<p>6 Tuesday May 22; 2012</p>	<p>KAKUM NATIONAL PARK / CAPE COAST CASTLE</p> <p>Early morning depart for a drive through the historic Denkyira Kingdom to Kakum National Park, one of West Africa’s surviving tropical rain forests. Extending over 360sq km, Kakum is the home to over 40 large mammals and 400 bird species as well as many species of butterflies, flora and fauna. The most popular attraction is the Canopy walkway which is made up of seven bridges extending 330m, hanging 40m above the forest floor. Choose between a 2 km nature walk through this forest to discover the wide variety of exotic floral species and the medicinal values they offer or take a walk on the canopy walkway.</p> <p>After lunch, depart for a drive to tour the infamous Forts, Castles and Slave Dungeons of Ghana. History will unfold the story of the slave trade which the impact is still felt beyond the shores of Africa today. Visit the Cape Coast Castle built by the Swedes in 1653 and was later taken over by the British. This castle also houses the West African Historical Museum established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the Ghanaian Government in 1994.</p> <p>Enjoy the evening relaxing on the beach</p> <p>Meals: breakfast</p>	<p>Coconut Grove Resort.</p>
<p>7 Wednesday May 23; 2012</p>	<p>ELMINA CASTLE</p> <p>Breakfast is served at hotel, Visit the Elmina Castle which was built by the Portuguese in 1482 and is also known as St. George’s Castle. This castle is the first and largest European structure to be built in Sub-Saharan Africa. The colorful harbor nestle below the Elmina Castle, full of pirogues preparing to go to sea, offers one of West Africa’s greatest photo opportunities. History will unfold the story of the slave trade which the impact is still felt beyond the shores of Africa today.</p> <p>Enjoy the rest of the day, relax on the beach</p> <p>Meals: breakfast</p>	<p>Coconut Grove Resort.</p>
<p>8 Thursday May 24; 2012</p>	<p>ELMINA/ SLAVE RIVER /KUMASI CITY TOUR</p> <p>Breakfast is served at hotel. Check out. Depart to Kumasi. En route stop at Assin Manso for a visit to the site of “Donkor Nsuo”, the former Slave River and market place. This was the final transit point for enslaved Africans. This is the final resting place for two ancestors whose mortal remains were returned from the USA and Jamaica and re-interred there. Continue on to Kumasi. Depart for a scenic drive through the forest zone to Kumasi, seat of the Ashanti Empire to explore the legends of the famous Ashanti, whose legacies are still evident today. After lunch, visit 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. Visit Fort St. George built by Nana</p>	<p>Miklin Hotel Kumasi</p>

	<p>Osei Tutu Kwamena in 1820 with the assistance from the Dutch and now serving as the Military Museum. Later, enjoy a drive through the city to see the many monuments dedicated to the memory of the great Ashanti people. End the day's tour at the National Cultural Center which features the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and various studios of the brass makers, potters and batik makers.</p> <p>Meals: Breakfast</p>	
<p>9 Friday May 25; 2012</p>	<p>ASHANTI CRAFT VILLAGES & SCHOOL VISIT Enjoy breakfast at hotel. Begin the day with a splendid drive through the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). This is the first technologically based institution of high learning in Ghana and named after the first president. Continue with a cultural shopping tour of the three famous craft villages in Ashanti – Ahwiaa, the wood carvers' village, Ntonso, the home of Adinkra cloth. End the day's tour at Bonwire, the Kente weaving village. You will have the opportunity to see how African sculptures are carved, Ashanti adinkra wax prints are made and how the famous kente cloth is woven using an amazing traditional technology. You will also have the opportunity to buy directly from the artisans who make them. Later drive to your hotel and spend the balance of the day at leisure.</p> <p>Meals: Breakfast</p>	<p>Miklin Hotel Kumasi</p>
<p>10 Saturday May 26; 2012</p>	<p>KUMASI/ ABURI BOTANICAL GARDENS /AKOSOMBO After breakfast, check out and depart to Akosombo. Stop at Aburi Botanical Gardens. The Aburi Gardens was created in 1890 for pleasure and scientific research. The garden is home to a large variety of subtropical trees and plants from around the world that attract cores of birds and butterflies. Continue with a picturesque drive to the cradle of hydro electricity in Ghana, Akosombo to tour the famous Akosombo Hydro-electric Dam. The dam is specifically located within the Akosombo gorge, on the Volta river. The construction of the dam resulted in the flooding of the Volta River Basin and it subsequently created Lake Volta. This resultant lake is the largest man-made lake in the world and covers about 3.6% of Ghana's total land area. Drive to your hotel and relax. Dinner and overnight Akosombo Hotel.</p> <p>Meals: Breakfast</p>	<p>The Volta Hotel</p>
<p>11 Sunday May 27; 2012</p>	<p>AKOSOMBO/KOFORIDUA/BEADS MARKET Complete the tour of Akosombo then travel to visit the beautiful town of Koforidua for a tour of its famous Beads Market. The market is being acclaimed by many avid bead collectors as one of the best bead markets in West Africa. You have the opportunity to admire and/ or purchase the different gleaming bead types at this one-stop market. Types of beads to see and purchase include Indian, Islamic, Egyptian, Chinese, Roman, Stone beads from Mali and Kiffa Beads from Mauritania. You will admire the interaction and bargaining skills display by locals and visitors alike in the typical Ghanaian market. Return to Volta Hotel for overnight.</p>	<p>The Volta Hotel</p>

	Meals: Breakfast	
12 Monday May 28; 2012	ACCRA /DAY AT LEISURE/DEPART Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Return to Accra /The majority of the day will be spent at leisure, relaxing or doing some last minute shopping before departure. You will have a day room at the hotel in Accra to relax and refresh before you are transferred to the airport for your return trip to the USA. Meals: Breakfast	Day-Room In Accra in-flight
13 Tuesday May 29; 2012	ARRIVE HOME WITH PLEASEANT MEMORIES	

TOUR COST

Number of travelers	Price per person, 2 per room	Single Room Supplement
12 to 16	\$ 1930	\$525

AIRFARE COST

AIRLINE	Flight Schedule	Base** Fare	Taxes*	Total/ Price per person
Delta	Miami/Accra/Miami	\$ 1745	\$ 724	\$ 2469

*Taxes are subject to change at any time before ticketing. The prices will increase if the current taxes on the airfare which is \$ 724 has increased before the tickets are printed

** Airfare is priced for groups of minimum 10 travelers. If the number of travelers is less than 10 the flight cost will increase

TOUR INCLUDES

- Scheduled airfare on Delta Airlines
- Meeting and assistance upon arrival
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Hotel accommodation in the indicated properties
- Transportation in private air-conditioned vehicle
- Experienced tour guide
- Admission to all listed sites
- Meals indicated

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Cost of visa
- Meals not listed
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuity to driver and guide
- Personal items such as laundry, internet and telephone

DEPOSIT TO CONFIRM RESERVATION

\$ 475 per person is due by January 24, 2012 to confirm the reservation. Make check, money order payable to: Florida African American Student Association or FAASA and mail to: P.O. Box 6042, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33310

FINAL PAYMENT

Balance due March 14, 2012

PAYMENT METHODS

Payments may be made with check, wire transfer or credit card. Credit card payments must add 4% credit card handling fee. Each person paying with a credit card must complete a separate credit card authorization form.

Credit cards cannot be used for deposits and can only be used for FULL or FINAL Payments

NAME LIST DUE

All corrected names are due no later than 61 days before departure

CANCELLATION CHARGES

After deposit is received and up to January 31, 2012: No charge, fully refundable

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

- After January 31, 2012 and up to 91 days : \$ 375
- 90 to 61 days: \$425
- 60 days to 31 days: \$425 + airline penalty**
- 30 days or less: cancellation charge is 100%, no refund

** After tickets are printed--60 days before travel date, some airline tickets may be non-refundable but name changes and date changes are allowed.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended

TOUR INCLUDES

See itinerary above

NAME CHANGE

- Names may be changed up to 46 days before travel date without a change fee
- Name changes 45 days or less before travel date will be charged \$ 175 for the land tour plus airline change penalty.

DELIVERY OF TOUR VOUCHERS AND AIRLINE TICKETS

- Tour vouchers and airline tickets will be delivered no later 30 days before travel date.

FLIGHT DELAYS & CANCELLATION:

- Palace Travel, Inc. cannot be held responsible for flight delays or cancellations, no shows or failure to gain entry to any country because of improper or incomplete travel documents. If there are delays or cancellations, the airline will make alternate arrangements, however travelers should purchase travel insurance.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A current passport which must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after scheduled return date and must have at least two blank pages for immigration stamps.

U.S. citizens need a visa for entry to Ghana. All others should contact the nearest Ghanaian consulate or embassy. Immunization against Yellow Fever is required for entry to Ghana.

Malaria prophylactics are highly recommended.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please consult your physician or the CDC.

The above rules and regulations are for the group space mentioned above. All of these rules and regulations must be followed in order to retain the seats. Any alterations to the above could result in your space being cancelled or this contract being changed.

Agreed by: _____ Date: _____ 2011

Print Name: _____

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