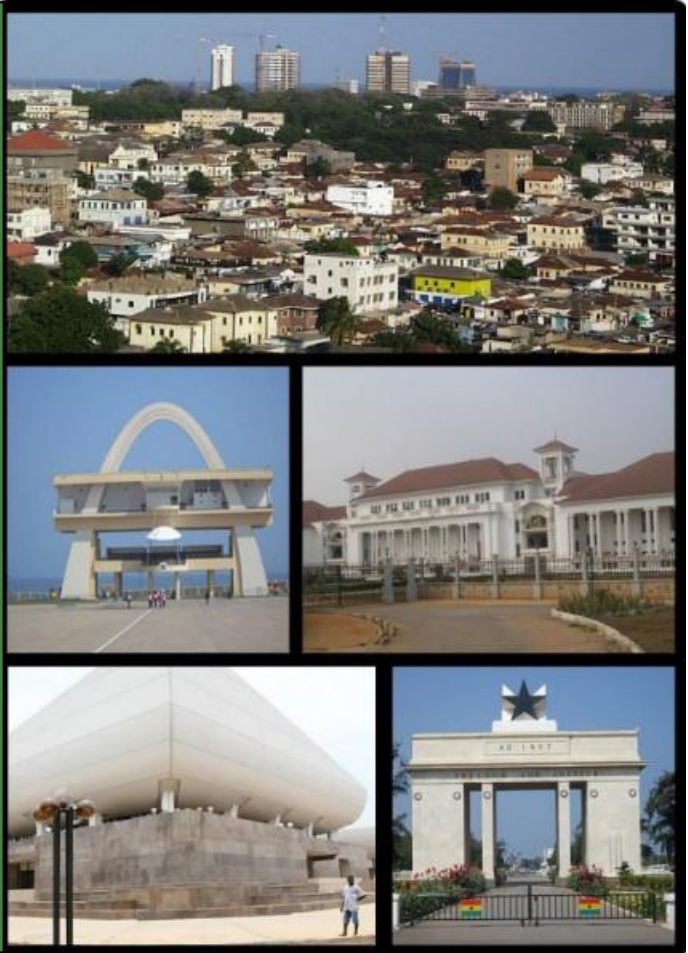


CONNECTING WITH AFRICAN DIASPORA VIA GHANA

July 15 – 26, 2024

Connect to History and Discover the
Possibilities

Join the Black Alumni of MIT Board of
Directors for a Ghana 12-Day Tour



Are you ready for an experience like no other? Join Black Alumni of MIT on a journey to discover the natural beauty, powerful history, and rich culture of Ghana. Led by our ground agent and our MIT Ghana alumni hosts, we'll take you on an unforgettable experience through the heart of West Africa and one of the key economic engines of the African Continent.

On our twelve-day trip, you'll have opportunities to network with MIT alumni, other local businesspeople, share ideas with high school and college students, and indulge in the arts, crafts, and cuisine that make Ghana special. Get ready to explore Accra, Kumasi, Tamale, rural villages, and the picturesque coast. See Ghanaian artifacts dating back to the Stone Age in museums and step into history with visits to Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle, where enslaved Africans were incarcerated and sold. Be a part of a traditional naming ceremony with a local village chief and experience the vibrant culture of Ghana.

But that's not all - we'll take you on a drive in Mole National Park, the largest nature reserve in Ghana, where you can witness stunning waterfalls, lush forests, and see elephants in the wild. And let's not forget about the people - Ghanaians are known for their warm and friendly personalities.

This isn't just a trip - it's a chance to connect with the history and impact of "the gateway to Africa." This once-in-a-lifetime experience will move you, delight you, and leave you with memories to cherish forever. Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime. Join us and discover the magic of Ghana!

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DISCOVERY AND ENRICHMENT

Cultural & Tourism

- National Museum of History and Ethnography
- W.E.B. Du Bois Centre for Pan Africanism
- Arts and Crafts Market
- Cape Coast Castle / Elmina Castle
- DONKO NSUO (the slave river)
- Manhyia Palace Museum
- Mole National Park / Mognori Village
- Northern Ghana Architecture

Higher Education, Science & Technology

- Senior High Schools in Accra (PRESEC)
- Practical Education Network (PEN)
- Academic City University College
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

Government & Policy

- Seat of Ghana Government – Jubilee House
- Ghana Enterprises Agency (GEA)

Business & Entrepreneurship

- Moringa Connect at Gbawe Zero
- Express Pay
- Kejetia and Kumasi Central Market

BAMIT / MIT Alumni Networking

- MIT Alumni Cocktail Dinner at Sky Bar 25
- MIT Alumni-Led business visits

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 5 nights in Accra, Ghana
- 1 night in Elmina/Cape Coast
- 3 nights in Kumasi
- 2 nights at Mole National Park

TRANSFERS AND MEALS

- Overland transportation with air-conditioned vehicles
- One way Tamale – Accra domestic air fare
- 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 3 dinners
- Entrance Fees to all Tour Sites as listed in Itinerary

PRICES

Full Price for 12-Day Itinerary

- Double occupancy
\$3,970/person
- Single rate supplement
\$800/person

Payments

First installation of \$300 (non-refundable) due with submitted registration:

- 25% of total due by 15 January 2024
- 25% of total due by 15 February 2024
- 25% of total due by 15 March 2024
- 25% of total due by 15 April 2024

Eligibility

- BAMIT Member (current dues paid) plus one adult guest
- Note: Maximum group size of 30, registrations processed in order of receipt

Included Features

- Overland transportation with air-conditioned vehicle
- One way Tamale – Accra domestic air fare
- Professional English-Speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance Fees to all Tour Sites as listed in Itinerary
- Gratuities for the Tour Guides and Drivers
- Breakfast (11 days), Lunch (9 days) and Dinner (3 days)
- Hotel Taxes

Not Included

- International Trans-Atlantic airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Vaccinations
- Lunches and Dinners not stated as included
- Ghana Visa
- All Personal Expenses e.g., telephone bills, laundry, etc.
- Items not listed above as Included

AIR Travel

- Participants are expected to make own travel arrangements to Accra, Ghana:
[Visa Application - Embassy of Ghana](#)
Schedule return flights after 6:00pm
- Airlines with direct flight between USA and Ghana:
[Delta Airlines](#)
[United Airlines](#)
- Discount travel sites:
www.kayak.com
www.asaptickets.com

Registration

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OVERVIEW OF ITINERARY

Day 1: July 15 - Arrive at Accra airport, transfer to hotel, check in at 3PM, and enjoy dinner at the hotel.



National Museum

Day 2: July 16 – Guided tour of Accra, old and new, enjoying museums and historical sites.



Jamestown Light House

Day 3: July 17 – Enjoy a day of networking. Visit a high school and a university and speak with students.

Day 4: July 18: – Meet with Ghanaian businessmen and women in various industries.

Day 5: July 19: – Spend a day at your leisure to pursue your individual interests.



Cape Coast Castle

Day 6: July 20 – Hotel check out and drive to Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle for a comprehensive tour of these UNESCO World Heritage monuments. Check into the hotel.



Elmina Castle



Assin Manso River

Day 7: July 21 – Check out of the hotel and travel through farming towns and villages to Assin Manso, then on to Kumasi. Check into the hotel.



Ancestral Graves

Day 8: July 22 – Kumasi city tour, including museums, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology tour and meeting with faculty and alumni. Visit a nearby village and participate in a traditional naming ceremony.



Kente Weaving



Manhyia Palace



Kintampo Waterfalls

Day 9: July 23 – Visit the Manhyia Palace Museum. Afterwards, spend the afternoon at your leisure to pursue your individual interests.

Day 10: July 24 – Check out of the hotel. Head to the northern part of Ghana, stopping on the way to see Kintampo waterfall. End the day at Mole National Park, Ghana's largest nature reserve. Check in to Zaina Eco-Lodge in Mole Park.



Elephants in Mole Park

Day 11: July 25 – Early morning and late afternoon drives in Mole National Park to observe animals, big and small, in their habitats. After breakfast, visit with the people of the Mognori Eco Village, just 15 km outside the entrance to the park.



Traditional Mud House

Day 12: July 26 – Check out of the Eco-lodge. Transfer to Tamale Airport for a 1 hour flight back to Accra. Upon arrival at the Accra Airport, check in for the return flight out of Ghana.

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FAQS FOR TRAVEL TO GHANA

Visa requirements for travel to Ghana?

A visa is required for entry to non-Ghanaian citizens or residents. Some categories of persons are exempt from entry visa requirements to Ghana (refer to the Embassy of Ghana's website <https://ghanaembassydc.org/entryrequirements> for details). Visit a travel documents service to make sure everything is prepared for your trip. **Proof of yellow fever vaccination or documentary evidence of a medical waiver is required as part of the entry process.**

All visa applications **MUST** be completed online at www.ghanaembassydc.org. Please note that upon receipt of the hard copy of a **Regular** application at the Embassy, it will take **15-20** business days to process. The processing period for **Expedited** applications is **7** business days. Your passport and 2 passport photos are required to be mailed with the visa application.

What else do I need to travel to and enter Ghana?

All persons entering Ghana must be in possession of a valid passport within six months of the expiration date and with at least two clear pages available for visa stamps.

Health requirements for entry to Ghana

The CDC recommends that travelers going to Ghana take prescription medicine to prevent malaria. Depending on the medicine you take, you will need to start taking this medicine multiple days before your trip, as well as during and after your trip. Talk to your doctor about which malaria medication you should take.

Travelers should check with their primary physician or local **travel clinic** for up-to-date immunization and vaccination information and requirements/recommendations.

Safe Travel in Ghana?

Although relatively safe, travelers to Ghana are advised to take care when visiting Accra and other major urban areas. Incidents of theft have been reported in the country and travelers should keep their passport and other valuable items in a safe location for the duration of their visit. Public displays of wealth could attract unwanted attention and should be avoided where possible.

How to Pack and Prepare for Travel in Ghana?

Ghana is a tropical country with a warm/hot climate all year round. Our advice would be to pack lightweight layers in natural fabrics: linen, cotton, bamboo, and silk. The rainy season in Ghana falls between March and November and can cause much loss of lives and property. Travelers are advised to take care if visiting the country during this period and to check the safety of the local roads which may be severely disrupted by the constant downpours.

Items to pack include:

- Malaria pills. ...
- Insect repellent. ...
- Imodium, Advil/aspirin, etc. ...
- A rain slicker. ...
- Sunscreen. ...
- Good walking shoes/sandals. ...
- Daypack/light travel bag

All medicines and valuables should be packed in flight carry-on bags and not in checked luggage.

Travelers to the country should respect all local customs and dress codes and avoid behavior deliberately designed to cause offense. Beachwear should be kept to the beach and all travelers should wear clothing that does not attract any unwanted attention. No civilian may wear camouflage clothing as it is reserved for the military, and photographs of important government or military facilities are prohibited and can be removed and destroyed by the security services. Travelers should also remember to ask permission before taking any photographs of local buildings or people.

What is the electricity current in Ghana?

Ghana operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. Electric outlets are typical type D or G. Plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern and type G is the plug which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. You may find travel electric outlet conversion adaptor at a travel accessory store, AAA, or on Amazon.com.

Language

Ghana is a highly multilingual developing nation in West Africa. It has a population of over 25 million people with different ethnic groups. Ghana has about 50 indigenous languages (Dakubu, 1996), and the major ones are Akan, Ewe, Ga, Dagaare, and Dagbani, with **English as the official language**.

Time and Money?

Flights for the east coast (Boston/New York/ Washington, DC) range from 9 to 14 hours depending on stopovers. Cambridge, MA (EST) is **5 hours behind the center of Ghana (Accra)**.

The Ghanaian currency is the Ghanaian Cedi (GHS). The current exchange rate as of November 2023 is 1 GHS = 0.083 USD, 1 USD = 12.01 GHS. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate so it is best to check the exchange rate closer to our departure date for accuracy. US dollars are not readily accepted for purchase and payment. The cedi is the only legal tender in Ghana. **Any bank issued chip-and-signature credit card can be used in Ghana.**

Extend your stay?

If you wish to arrive early or stay an additional night (to avoid possible flight delays arriving from Transatlantic or from Tamale), you can book additional stays in the tour hotel or the hotel of your choice. Major hotels usually have an airport shuttle.

Additional questions?

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