

GEMS OF GHANA & SENEGAL



Daily Itinerary

NOVEMBER 2 - 12, 2026



DAY 1 Monday, November 2, 2026

Akwaaba – Welcome

Accra, Ghana

Arrive in Accra, Ghana. You'll be met at the airport by our local representatives who'll assist you with your transfer from the airport to your hotel.

Check-In: 3pm & after. Early check-in is not included.

Enjoy a welcome drink at the hotel and participate in an orientation session.

INCLUDED MEAL: Welcome Drink

ACCOMODATION: Lancaster Accra Hotel



DAY 2 Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Accra City Tour

Accra, Ghana

After breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Accra – Ghana's bustling capital since 1877 and its most populous city – passing through key administrative and economic districts. Visit the W.E.B. Du Bois Center and Independence/Black Star Square to learn about Ghana's history and its path to independence. Continue to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park to explore his legacy and Pan-African vision, then finish at the lively Arts Center market to shop for colorful local goods and fabrics.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Lancaster Accra Hotel



DAY 3 Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Canopy Walk Way & Kakum Rain Forest - Slave Dungeon Experience (Cape Coast Castle)

Cape Coast, Ghana

After breakfast, depart for Cape Coast, driving through the historic Denkyira Kingdom to Kakum National Park, where you can choose between a 2 km nature walk or a canopy walkway 40 meters above the forest floor. After lunch on your own, tour the Cape Coast Castle and other forts that reveal the tragic history of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and its enduring impact. Visit the castle's dungeons and the West African Historical Museum to gain a deep understanding of this dark chapter in history.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION: Ridge Royal Hotel



DAY 4 Thursday, November 5, 2026

Slave Dungeon Experience (Elmina Castle) & Fishing Village Tour

Elmina, Ghana

After breakfast, visit Elmina Castle to learn about its history as a center of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and witness the harsh conditions endured by enslaved Africans. After lunch on your own, explore the vibrant fishing village of Elmina, meeting local fishermen and fishmongers to experience Ghana's traditional fishing trade firsthand. The tour ends with a transfer back to your hotel.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Ridge Royal Hotel



DAY 5 Friday, November 6, 2026

Cape Coast - Assin Manso Slave River - Kumasi City Tour

Kumasi, Ghana

After breakfast, check-out and drive through the forest zone to Kumasi, stopping at Assin Manso to visit the historic Slave River, market, and memorial site for ancestors returned from the diaspora. Continue to Kumasi to tour the Manhyia Palace Museum and learn about the Ashanti kingdom's rich history through its relics and artifacts. Explore the city's monuments, the bustling Kejetia market, and the National Cultural Centre, featuring local crafts and the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Lancaster Kumasi Hotel



DAY 6 Saturday, November 7, 2026

Ashanti Craft Village - Accra

Kumasi, Ghana - Accra, Ghana

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and visit the three famous Ashanti craft villages: (1) Ahwiaa, the wood carvers' village; (2) Ntonso, the home of Adinkra cloth; and (3) Bonwire, the Kente weaving village. You'll have an opportunity to see how African crafts are made and to buy directly from the artisans who make them. Afterwards, we'll return to Accra.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Lancaster Accra Hotel



DAY 7 Sunday, November 8, 2026

Living Heritage Ceremony (Torgorme Village)

Torgorme, Ghana

After breakfast, depart Accra for the scenic Torgorme Village along the lower Volta River, where you'll be welcomed by the chief and elders with traditional drumming and dancing. Participate in a meaningful naming ceremony, receiving a Ghanaian name and commemorative gift as part of joining the local community. After returning to the hotel, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Lancaster Accra Hotel



DAY 8 Monday, November 9, 2026

Farewell/Departure - Continued Extension to Senegal

Accra, Ghana - Dakar, Senegal

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to the airport for either your returning flight home **OR** the flight to Dakar, Senegal (for those participating in our Senegal extension). Flight is not included.

Check-Out Time: 11am. Late check-out is not included.

Upon arrival to Dakar, you'll be met by our local representatives and transferred to your hotel.

Check-In Time: 3pm & after. Early check in is not included.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Novotel Dakar



DAY 9 Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Lake Retba & Cayar Tour

Lake Retba, Senegal – Cayar, Senegal

After breakfast, visit Lake Retba to learn about traditional salt harvesting and, if you wish, experience floating effortlessly in its salty, buoyant waters.

Next, head to the Fulani villages of Cayar, where you'll have the opportunity to engage with local community members and gain insight into their way of life.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMODATION: Novotel Dakar



***DAY 10** Wednesday, November 11, 2026*

Gorée Island - Dakar City Tour

Dakar, Senegal

After breakfast, transfer to the ferry terminal and take a 20-minute ride to historic Gorée Island, a former slave departure point. Visit the House of Slaves to learn about the transatlantic slave trade and reflect at the Door of No Return before exploring the Women's Museum. Afterwards, tour Dakar's highlights including the Presidential Palace, African Arts Museum, Sandaga Market, Monument of African Renaissance, and conclude at the largest craft market for shopping and bargaining.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION: Novotel Dakar



DAY 11 Thursday, November 12, 2026

Farewell/Departure

Dakar, Senegal

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Check-Out Time: 11am. Late checkout is not included.

INCLUDED MEAL: Breakfast