

**August 2020**

**GHANA**

**SIGN UP FOR**

**PILGRIMAGE SANKOFA**

**10 DAYS EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY**

**TO  
THE MOTHERLAND**



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# 10 DAYS EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY TO OUR MOTHERLAND

## WHAT?

The journey of **Sankofa** allows people of the diaspora a place to claim their African heritage. A spiritual awakening of their connection to the motherland will allow Africans from the diaspora to reconnect and learn about their ancestral roots.

## HOW?

After commemoration of the **First Boat** of enslaved **Africans** to arrive in Jamestown, VA from the Gold Coast currently known as Ghana. This year **2020**, **401** years later (**1619 – 2020**) we are **WELCOMED**, Africa's children in the diaspora returning to the Motherland. The Government and the people of Ghana have welcomed us, with the **Establishment** of the **PILGRIMAGE of SANKOFA (back to your ROOTS)** for her children in the diaspora to come back home.

## WHO?

**All the People of the African Diaspora**

## WHEN?

**August 1, 2020 - August 10, 2020**

## WHY?

“Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. In the fourth generation, your descendants will come back here (home)”.

- African Proverb (in Genesis 15:13-14)



# ***THE 10 DAYS OF RETURN***

## **The Educational Experience**

### **Day 0 – August 1: Arrival Day by Participants**

Lodging: Hotel In Koforidua



All Participants will arrive in Kotoka International Airport, Accra Ghana and will travel to a hotel in Accra. Participants will start their educational journey with an overview of the African continent and history.

### **Day 1 - August 2: Ashanti Kingdom**

Lodging: Hotel In Kumasi



Of the many African tribes, one of the most outstanding are the Asante in Ghana. The Asante call themselves a state within a state, since they have their own king, flag, culture and language. We will take you to **the Ashanti King ´s Palace**, which was used by the Ashanti kings until **1974**. Take a walk around the historic site and visit the museum. Later you will see the **'unmovable' Komfo Anokye Sword**, which is said to be a symbol of **unity between the Nzema and the Ashanti tribes**. Continue to the cultural centre to view the amazing handicrafts.

## Day 2 - August 3: Ashanti Designs at Bonwire

Lodging: Yaa Asantewaa Premier Guesthouse



Participants will journey to an **Adinkra village** to design your own print clothes. Participants will continue to **Bonwire** Ashanti Kente cloth weaving village in Kumasi, which carries on the centuries-old Kente-weaving tradition. After learning about the creation of Kente cloth Participants will be guided through the community and witness palm-wine production.

## Day 3 - August 4: Kejetia Market, Kumasi



Discover West Africa's largest **Open-Air Market** in Kumasi's **Kejetia Market** with over **45,000 stalls**. Find handicrafts and souvenirs from around the country, including glass beads, batik fabrics, and woodcarvings, then watch metal traders transform scrap into innovative new pieces, and sample freshly-made delicacies in the bustling capital of Ghana's Ashanti region.

## Day 4 - August 5: Day in Elmina



The participants will also visit the **Elmina Castle**. The Ft. St. Georges is the oldest European building in Sub-Sahara Africa and one of the largest slave dungeons in the world built by **the Portuguese in 1482**. Overnight in Elmina.

## Day 5 - August 6: The Last Bath and The Doors of No Return

Lodging: Hans Cottage Botel



*GATE TO THE SLAVE RIVER*

Participants will visit the **Assin Manso Slave River**. This river is where captured slaves from the Northern part of Ghana had their **Last Bath** before being transported to the Americas. In the afternoon we continue to **Cape Coast Dungeons**, which used to hold slaves before they were loaded onto ships through The **Door of No Return** and sold in the Americas.



*DOOR OF NO RETURN*

## Day 6 - August 7: The Canopy Walk



Morning drive to **Kakum National Park** to enjoy the view from the Canopy Walkway: over **7 bridges & tree tops at 40m height**. Take a picture in the Crocodile sanctuary; the crocodiles and turtles inhabit together with a range of birds. In the afternoon, you can take a walk along the beach and relax. Enjoy a typical Ghanaian cultural performance in the evening.

## Day 7 - August 8: W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Centre for Pan African Culture

Lodging: Accra



Your final day of the trip, we will visit the **W.E.B. DuBois Centre**, to learn about **W.E.B. DuBois's** role in Pan Africanism and Lecture at a University on the **TRUE HISTORY** about people of Africa. Also, experience the busy Makola Market. Finally, we will take you to the **Arts Center**, where you will find a great choice of local handcrafts. See behind the scenes of the Art Center and enjoy a drumming session with the locals. Drop at location of your choice in Accra. Staying in Accra.

## Day 8 - August 9: Accra

Lodging: IN ACCRA



We will start the day in Accra with a climb to the top of the old lighthouse near James Fort in Jamestown with a great view of the city and the busy and colorful fishing harbor. Celebrate the Black History Month with African Americans Association of Ghana (AAG)

## Day 9 - August 10: Accra



KOTOKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GHANA

The last day of the Sankofa Trip and Day of Departure to USA, however, Travelers are welcomed to extend their trip and join us for our 14 day excursion.

# TRIP PACKAGES

## PREPARATION FOR GHANA TRIP

- Register for this trip at [www.aauone.org](http://www.aauone.org)
- Passport required
- We will assist with Ghana Visa if needed
- Recommendation to take Malaria medication

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Gratuity for Drivers
- Workshops on Ghana Residence and Investment Opportunities

### **Cost: 10-day Educational Experience**

- For 2 people per room: **\$1,655.00** Per Person
- For 1 Person per room add: **\$495.00**

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- For 1 Person per room add: **\$495.00**

Including Ticket From IAD Airport, Virginia

### **Trip Package Includes\***

- Accommodations with 3 meals a day
- Air-Conditioned Transportation
- Most Attraction Entry Fees

### **Educational Materials provided**

**\*Travelers must purchase their own airfare to Ghana.**

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THE SANKOFA EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY



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Educational Trip Registration Form

(Online Registration available at [www.aauone.org](http://www.aauone.org))

**Guest 1**

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M  F

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest 2 (Optional)**

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M  F

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular \_\_\_\_\_

**Referred By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$250 Deposit per Person Required To Reserve Spot**

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Mail to P.O. Box 3356, Silver Spring, MD 20901

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP STARTS**

**\*\* You can extend the trip at your own expense \*\***

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