

ECO – TOURISM ACROSS GHANA (OUR RESPONSIBLE TOURISM INITIATIVE)
10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS

OVERVIEW:

Akwaaba to Ghana, land of rich diverse culture, pristine and expansive coastline and variegated species of flora and fauna. Hike through thick forests with meandering rivers and experience nature in its entirety. Enjoy a scenic view of local villages, visit local arts and craft centers as well as various national parks. Be treated to a wide array of local cuisine and “meet the people.”

DAY 1: ARRIVAL



Arrive at Accra Airport.
You will be met, and transferred to your hotel.
Enjoy a welcome Dinner at your hotel.
Overnight: Hotel in Accra
Meals: D

DAY 2: ACCRA EXPERIENCE / MEET CASKET MAKERS



Breakfast
Brief Orientation session at your hotel.
Depart on a city tour of Accra visiting the uniquely designed special caskets that reflect the beliefs of the local people in life after death at the La and Teshie. Therefore a bus driver may be buried in a bus, a waiter in a beer bottle, a teacher in a chalk etc.
Proceed to the National Museum and to old city of Accra, the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park dedicated to Ghana’s Founding leader and the Arts and Crafts market where you may try your bargaining skills on local vendors. Purchase gift items or watch craftsmen at work carving drums or creating various craft items.
Return to the hotel late afternoon and relax at the hotel swimming pool.
Overnight: Hotel in Accra
Meals: B/D

DAY 3: BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY / MEET COCOA FARMERS**Breakfast**

Depart for Ashanti Region. Drive past several scenic villages and charming towns, including the majestic Nkawkaw range of mountains, all located in Ghana's evergreen forest belt.

Visit Bobiri Forest and Butterfly sanctuary which is a protected area of 54.5 sq km of virgin, semi-deciduous tropical rain forest, with many tall and ancient trees. It has an arboretum with beautifully landscaped grounds, and flower gardens designed to attract over 500 species of butterflies in the forest.

Stop enroute to visit a typical Cocoa Farming village. Interact with the local people.

Arrive in Kumasi and have lunch (*on own account*)

Check-in into your hotel. Rest of day free.

Dinner

Overnight: Hotel in Kumasi

Meal: B/D

DAY 4: MONKEY SANCTUARY / ANCIENT MOSQUE BUILDING**Breakfast**

After early breakfast depart for "the North". Drive 3 hours through the forest belt past several food producing villages into the transitional forest – to – grassland vegetation zone. Notice the gradual change in architecture, vegetation and human activities.

Your first stop will be the Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary, Ghana most famous example of traditional African conservation and home to more than 200 Geoffrey's Pied Colobus and 500 Campbell Mona Monkeys. Walk along well-cleared trails and view the monkeys in their numbers on the ground and in the canopy of trees.

Enjoy packed lunch.

Proceed northwards to the Northern Region and cross the Black Volta River. Stop at the ancient Larabanga mosque built more than 500 years ago before you arrive at Mole National Park, the largest game park in Ghana. Go on a late afternoon game viewing of Mole National Park which is home of about 600 elephants, baboons, monkeys monitor lizards bush - bucks, antelopes and several wild animals. Watch different kinds of animals in their natural habitat.

Have dinner at your Motel (*on own account*)

Overnight: Motel in Mole

Meals: B/D

DAY 5: MORNING SAFARI / VILLAGE INTERACTION



Go on an early morning game viewing before breakfast and check out. Depart to the Upper East Region.

Drive through Tamale where you have lunch at a local restaurant.

Proceed to the Tongo Hills, with their wondrous rock formation, caves and natural rock shelters and several shrines. Immerse yourself in the outstanding beauty of the area and the unique traditional architecture. Tour a village and interact with people.

Arrive at Bolgatanga, the administrative capital of Upper East Region.

Overnight: Hotel in Bolga

Meals: B/D

DAY 6: PAGA CROCODILE POND / POTTERY AND ART VILLAGE



Breakfast

Drive to the northern - most Ghana – Burkina Faso border town of Paga. Visit the Crocodile Pond where sacred crocodiles harmlessly interact with guests. Pose for a picture at the back of these reptiles said to have assisted the founding father of Paga settlement 600years ago. Marvel at the centuries of peaceful co-existence of reptiles and man.

Continue to the Nania Slave camp that served as warehouse for slave traders. Finally, visit the Sirigu Pottery and Art Village where women apply age-old techniques to decorate their homes, produce pottery and unique art and crafts. Purchase unique souvenirs and gifts items.

Return to Bolgatanga Crafts market to view and bargain for souvenir items such as hats, leather bags and smocks.

Lunch in Bolga before driving to Tamale late afternoon.

Check in to your hotel and have dinner (on your own) at your hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Tamale (2-Star)

Meals: B/D

DAY 7: KINTAMPO WATERFALLS



Breakfast

Depart for Kumasi.

Stop over at the Kintampo Waterfalls. Descend the over hundred steps in to the pool and have a refreshing swim.

Continue to Kumasi arriving in the afternoon for lunch at a local restaurant.

Rest of afternoon free for relaxation.

Overnight: Hotel in Kumasi

Meals: B/D

DAY 8: KUMASI CITY TOUR / LAKE BOSOMTWE



Breakfast

Go on a city tour of Kumasi visiting the Manhyia Palace Museum, Okomfo Anokye Sword, Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and National Cultural Centre. Shop at the centre's souvenir outlets and continue to the Kumasi Central Market – largest open-air market in West Africa.

Continue to visit the Lake Bosomtwe area for lunch. This Lake is believed to have been created by a meteoric crater and is the largest in-land water body in Ghana. It has a fragile eco-system.

Return to your hotel late afternoon. Rest of day free

Overnight: Hotel in Kumasi

Meals: B/D

DAY 9: CANOPY WALKWAY / ELMINA CASTLE TOUR



Breakfast

Depart for the Central Region. Note the change in vegetation from forest to coastal shrub as we drive southwards.

Visit the Kakum National Park and its award winning Canopy Walkway which offers a panoramic view of the flora and fauna of one of the remaining vestiges of the rain forest.

Lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Continue to Elmina and visit Elmina Castle built by the Portuguese in 1482. This is the oldest and largest European fortification in tropical Africa.

Overnight: Beach Resort in Elmina

Meals: B/D

DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Breakfast

Depart for Accra,

Lunch at local restaurant in Accra Day use rooms till departure

Transfer to the airport for check in and final departure

Meals: B/D

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Meet and greet with welcome dinner and brief orientation by Sunseekers staff at hotel.
- Visit to uniquely design special casket shop with stops at the National Museum, the burial grounds of the first president and shopping at the Arts and Craft centre.
- Explore the beautiful butterfly sanctuary and meet and interact with local cocoa farmers
- Drive up north, walk along well-clear trails to view how monkeys co-exist with man and a visit to an ancient mosque over 500 years.
- Morning game viewing, see wondrous rock formation, caves and natural rock shelters and several shrines
- Visit the sacred harmless crocodile pond, meet and interact at the arts village women use natural resources beautify their homes.
- Stop at the impressive Kintampo waterfalls, go on Kumasi city tour and have lunch at Ghana's in-land natural lake.
- Canopy walkway and castle tour