## Pilgrimage to Ghana 2017

Join the Office for World Mission on a pilgrimage to explore the bounty of culture and spirituality.*

*Please note: There will be opportunities to meet with various representatives of the Catholic Church of Ghana. We will tour projects developed and operated by the Church. Details will be provided during the orientations in preparation for the trip.

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<td>You will be met on arrival at Kotoka International Airport by Expertravel protocol staff after you have cleared customs and immigration. Group will be transferred to Hotel.</td>
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| DAY 3: ACCRA CITY TOUR  
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<td>Orientation after breakfast. Depart hotel after orientation for a sightseeing city tour of Accra, the capital of Ghana. This 128-year-old city has a blend of colonial and modern architecture that summarize her history. You will visit the W. E. B. Du Bois Center for Pan African Culture, Independence/ Black Star Square and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park. After lunch in a local Ghanaian restaurant, you will end your tour at the Arts Centre - an open-air market for artifacts from Ghana and West Africa. Welcome Dinner with traditional drumming and dancing. <strong>Overnight at hotel in Accra. (B, L, D)</strong></td>
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<td>After breakfast check out and depart for a drive through the forest zone to Kumasi, the seat of the Ashanti Empire to explore the legends of the famous Ashantis, whose legacies are still evident today. Continue the city tour with a visit to Manhyia Palace Museum, to obtain firsthand information on the legacies of the Ashanti kingdom. Enjoy a drive through the city with 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. <strong>Overnight at hotel in Kumasi. (B, L)</strong></td>
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<td>Breakfast at the hotel. This day is devoted to visiting the three famous craft villages in Ashanti - Ahwiaa, the wood carvers’ village, Ntonso, the home of Adinkra and Bonwire, the Kente weaving village. You will have the opportunity to see how African crafts are made and to buy directly from the artisans who make them. <strong>Overnight in Kumasi. (B, L)</strong></td>
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<td>We depart from your hotel early in the morning for Mole Park via the Larabanga Mosque, the oldest Mosque in Ghana, where a copy of the Holy Koran is believed to have descended from heaven and is still preserved in the Mosque. <strong>Overnight in Mole. (B, L)</strong></td>
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<td>We will proceed on an early morning game viewing trip to the park. En route, we will use paths that expose us to the ancestral art of tracking and approaching animals as silently as an apache. At present, wildlife to be encountered on this 23 sq km park include antelopes, warthogs, baboons, blue and black colubus monkeys, and elephants. <strong>Overnight in Mole (B, L)</strong></td>
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**DAY 8: MOLE – KUMASI**
October 19

- Breakfast. Depart Mole Park for return journey to Kumasi. We will stop at Buabeng Monkey sanctuary. Continue to Kumasi. Check into hotel. **Overnight in Kumasi (B, L)**

**DAY 9: KUMASI-HOHOE**
October 20

- Leave Kumasi very early in the morning after breakfast on a scenic drive to the Volta Region to the village of Tafi Atome where you will visit the Tafi Monkey Sanctuary. Tafi Atome is the home of Mona and Patas monkeys. You will have the rare and exciting experience of witnessing these endangered animals in large numbers living in close proximity to humans. Check into hotel after the tour. **Overnight in Hohoe (B, L)**

**DAY 10: HOHOE**
October 21

- Breakfast. We will drive to Wli Waterfalls, which is the largest and highest waterfall in Ghana. This fall is divided into two sections with ice cold water flowing from a height of about 80 ft. En route to the waterfall, you will hike through the lush greenery of the Agumatsa Forest Reserve where you will cross the same river eleven times before reaching the breathtaking falls. **Overnight in Hohoe (B, L)**

**Day 11: HOHOE-ELMINA**
October 22

- Breakfast. Check out of hotel for trip to the Central Region. You will tour the infamous Forts, Castles and Slave Dungeons of Ghana. History will unfold the story of the slave trade whose impact is still felt beyond the shores of Africa today. First visit will be to Cape Coast Castle built by the Swedes and was later taken over by the British. **Overnight in Elmina (B, L)**

**DAY 12: CAPE COAST CASTLE AND ELMINA CASTLE**
October 23

- Breakfast. Relax at the poolside of the hotel. Depart hotel after lunch, for a visit to the Elmina Castle built by the Portuguese in 1482. This Castle is also known as St. George's Castle. This castle was the first European structure built in Sub – Saharan Africa. The view of the colorful harbor nestle below the Elmina Castle, full of pirogues preparing to go to sea offers one of West Africa’s best picture perfect opportunities. Return to hotel after the tour. **Overnight in Elmina (B, L)**

**DAY 13: KAKUM NATIONAL PARK**
October 24

- Early morning departure after breakfast for a drive through the historic Denkyira Kingdom to the famous 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. Take an adventurous walk on the seven bridges over the rainforest. Return to hotel. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at the beach front property. **Overnight in Elmina (B, L)**

**DAY 14: ELMINA-ACCRA-DEPARTURE**
October 25

- Breakfast at Hotel. Check out for return journey to Accra. Stop en route at some of the Educational institutions in the Central Region, known as the bastion of education. On arrival in Accra, we will drive to one of the many malls for last minute shopping. Farewell dinner. Transfer to airport early evening for departure flight home. **(B, L)**

**DAY 15:**
October 26

- Arrival in the USA.

Please note: (B, L, D) is for Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner and indicates each day’s provided meals.