

EDU AFRICA

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING JOURNEYS



AFRICAN DIASPORIC IDENTITY, HERITAGE AND CULTURE IN GHANA AND TOGO

Oakton Community College
18 June - 25 July 2022



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EDU Africa aims to promote the process of Participant transformation by utilizing the unique context of Africa to help Participants broaden their intellectual horizons and grow personally, cross-culturally, professionally, and as global citizens.



**INTERCULTURAL
COMPETENCE**



**GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP**



**PERSONAL
GROWTH**



**INTELLECTUAL
GROWTH**



**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As the first African country south of the Sahara to gain independence from colonial rule in 1957, Ghana (formerly known as the Gold Coast) is a vibrant coastal nation located along the Gulf of Guinea. Known for its rich heritage and trade dating back centuries before colonialism, the country is experiencing somewhat of a cultural renaissance in its appreciation of its diverse cultural roots.

Participants will engage with local artists, cultural, religious, and political leaders, linguists, historians, and a variety of other parties in an exploration of the program's themes of anti-colonial identity, history, culture and the arts in Ghana.

Engagements are located in Ghana's capital city of Accra, along the Cape Coast, within the cultural center of Kumasi, and in Ho in the Eastern Vola and Lomé (Togo), facilitating interaction with the Ewe, Fante, Nzema and Ga Dambe peoples, cultures and traditions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Reflect on African and African diasporic identities in Ghana and Togo
2. Develop socio-linguistic intercultural knowledge
3. Consider the impact of colonialism on traditional knowledge systems, values and practices
4. Critically reflect on individual growth and transformation by means of structured reflection sessions
5. Examine Pan-Africanism as an expression of anti-colonialism in present day Ghana
6. Contrast the impact of colonial religion and on the Ewe ethnic group in Ghana (under British colonial rule) Togo (under German colonial rule)
7. Consider the impact of language and dialects on culture and identity, with specific emphasis placed on the Ewe people of Togo and Ghana.
8. Understand the trauma and history of slavery and its impact on the creation of diasporic African identities (particularly African American identities)
9. Demonstrate increased cultural self-awareness
10. Utilize program learnings and experiences to create innovative international curricula that reflect African and Diasporic anti-colonial imaginings

This program is guided by EDU Africa's five transformative learning goals: Intercultural Competence, Global Citizenship, Personal Growth, Intellectual Growth, and Professional Development. As such, Participants will be encouraged towards holistic growth in line with these goal areas throughout the program.

Note: Specific learning outcomes and activities can be constructed in collaboration with EDU Africa's dedicated curriculum development team.

DAILY PROGRAM

2022	Travel	Accommodation	Meals Included	Activities	Learning Outcomes Achieved
18/06	Arrive Accra	University of Ghana Guest House	LD	Transfer to Accommodation Orientation & Cross-Cultural Training	1,2,4,9
19/06		University of Ghana Guest House	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> University of Ghana Site Visit	3,5,8
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Osu Castle Experience Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum	
				<i>Evening:</i> "Town Meeting: for group	
20/06		University of Ghana Guest House	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Jamestown Excursion Ussher Fort and James Fort visits	3,8
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Ga Mantse Palace and engagement with chief	
				<i>Evening:</i> Dinner with Prof. Gavua	
21/06		University of Ghana Guest House	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> (OCC) Meet with Global Mamas Trade Organisation Leaders	3,10
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Artists' Alliance Art Gallery Traditional Coffin Makers Visit	
				<i>Evening:</i> Dinner with Palm Wine Music Experience	

22/06		University of Ghana Guest House	BLD	Morning: Orientation at US Embassy in Accra (Organized by OCC)	1,5
				Afternoon: W.E.B Du Bois Memorial Centre for Pan Africanism	
				Evening: Free time	
23/06		University of Ghana Guest House	BLD	Morning: Short Reflection Session	2,4,9
				Afternoon: Discussion on Ghanaian Dialects with Dr. Edem Adotey at the Department of Linguistics	
				Evening: Dinner with Fulbright Officials	
24/06	Drive Accra – Cape Coast	Golden Hill Parker Hotel	BLD	Morning: Challenging Heights Visit	2,3,9
				Afternoon: Drive to Cape Coast	
				Evening: Group discussion on Fante People with Kwesi Blankson	
25/06		Golden Hill Parker Hotel	BLD	Morning: Kakum National Park Walk	2,3,9
				Afternoon: Visit to Elmina castle and a Elmina Township Walk	
				Evening: Cultural Event and “Town Meeting” for group	
26/06	Drive Cape Coast - Beyin	Axim Beach Resort	BLD	Morning: Drive to Axim	2,8
				Afternoon: Fort San Sabastian Visit Discussion with the Chief of Essikado - Nana Kobina Nketsia	
				Evening: Free time	

27/06		Axim Beach Resort	BLD	Morning: Nzulezo Village Visit	2,8
				Afternoon: Fort Apollonia Excursion	
				Evening: Discussion on Nzema Language	
28/06		Axim Beach Resort	BLD	Morning: Fishing village visit and engagement with village elders	3,4,9
				Afternoon: Short Reflection Session	
				Evening: Free time	
29/06	Drive Beyin - Cape Coast	Sassakawa Guest House	BLD	Morning: Drive to Cape Coast Bisa Aberwa Museum Excursion	5,10
				Afternoon: Free Time	
				Evening: Free Time	
30/06		Sassakawa Guest House	BLD	Morning: Talk on Slavery and Colonial History place at the University of Cape Coast by Prof. Nkunu Akyea	3,8
				Afternoon: Cape Coast Castle Excursion	
				Evening: Free Time	
1/07		Sassakawa Guest House	BLD	Morning: Batik Workshop with Global Mamas	1,8
				Afternoon: Cape Coast Township Walk	
				Evening: Cultural Event	

2/07		Sassakawa Guest House	BLD	Morning: Cape Coast Cultural Centre Visit	2,4,9
				Afternoon: Dance and Drum Class	
				Evening: Short Reflection Session "Town Meeting" for group	
3/07	Drive Cape Coast - Kumasi	Asantewaa Premier Guest House	BLD	Morning: Free time	2,3,8
				Afternoon: Drive to Kumasi Assin Manso Stopover	
				Evening: Q&A session on Ashanti History and Yaa Asantewaa with Dr. Samuel Adu-Gyamfi	
4/07		Asantewaa Premier Guest House	BLD	Morning: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) Site Visit	2,3
				Afternoon: KNUST College of Arts and Social Sciences talk on African Art and its importance in Ghanaian culture Dr. Dorothy Akpene Amenuke	
				Evening: Dinner with faculty and students	
5/07		Asantewaa Premier Guest House	BLD	Morning: Ntonso and Ahwiaa Village Visit	2,3
				Afternoon: Ashanti Traditional Buildings and Adanwomase Village Visit and Engagement	
				Evening: Free Time	

6/07		Asantewaa Premier Guest House	BLD	Morning: Manhyia Palace Visit	1,3,8
				Afternoon: Ampambame Krofrom Village	
				Evening: Cultural Event	
7/07		Asantewaa Premier Guest House	BLD	Morning: Kejetia Market visit	2,3
				Afternoon: Engagement with traditional village along with elders and students	
				Evening: Short Reflection Session	
8/07		Asantewaa Premier Guest House	BLD	Morning: Visit to Community Health Clinic	10
				Afternoon: Kumasi Cultural Centre Visit	
				Evening: "Town Meeting" for Group	
9/07	Drive Kumasi - Akosombo	The Afrikiko Riverfront Resort	BLD	Morning: Drive to Akosombo Fair-trade Cocoa Farming Community Visit	2,3
				Afternoon: Bead Market and Factory Visit	
				Evening: Free time	
10/07		The Afrikiko Riverfront Resort	BLD	Morning: Hike to Boti Waterfalls and the Umbrella Rock	4
				Afternoon: Akoned Shrine Excursion	
				Evening: Short Reflection Session	

11/07	Drive Akosombo - Ho	Skyplus Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Drive to Ho	6,7
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Discussion with Togbui Afede, Paramount Chief of the Ho-Asgoli Traditional Area - Togbui Afede	
				<i>Dinner:</i> Cultural Event	
12/07		Skyplus Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Drive to Liate Wote Village	6,7,10
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Hike to Tagbo Falls Drive back with stopover at Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary	
				<i>Evening:</i> Free Time	
13/07	Drive Ho – Lome	Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Visit Agotime and Participate in Weaving Workshop	6,7
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Drive to Lome (Togo) with stopover at Kilkor - Agbozume	
				<i>Evening:</i> Free Time	
14/07		Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Togoville Day Trip	1,6,7
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Togoville Day Trip	
				<i>Evening:</i> Dinner with Local Guests	
15/07		Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Discussion on Togo's French and German Colonial History with Prof Adjai Paulin Oloukpona-Yinnon and Nicoue Lodjou Gayibor at Lome University	1,6,7
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Grande Marche Visit Akodessewa Market Visit	
				<i>Evening:</i> "Town Meeting" for group	

16/07		Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<p><i>Morning:</i> Palais de Lomé Visit Djable Village Visit</p>	1,4,6,7,9
				<p><i>Afternoon:</i> Talk on the Separation of the Ewes with Local Facilitator Short Reflection Session</p>	
				<p><i>Evening:</i> Meet up dinner with Togo Fulbright Alumni Association at University of Lomé restaurant</p>	
17/07		Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<p><i>Morning:</i> Discussion on How his Beliefs in and Understanding of Vodou Permeate his Artistic Creations with artist Kossi Assou (Trésor vivant de l'Unesco) at his residence at Djassemé</p>	1,6,7
				<p><i>Afternoon:</i> Exclusive Paul Ahyi Urban Art Tour; Paul Ahyi Museum Visit;</p>	
				<p><i>Evening:</i> Reading & Discussion: Poetry & Fiction</p>	
18/07		Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<p><i>Morning:</i> Conference at University of Lomé: Flora, Vegetation and Medical uses in Togo Botanic trip to Kpalimé</p>	1,6,7
				<p><i>Afternoon:</i> Botanic trip to Kpalimé</p>	
				<p><i>Evening:</i> Return from Botanic trip to Kpalimé</p>	

19/07		Hotel Novela Star	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Film Screening and Discussion on the Budding Movie Industry at Maison des Jeunes Amadanhomé	1,4,6,7,9
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Short Reflection session	
				<i>Evening:</i> Farewell dinner with Second Vice Chancellor of University of Lome	
20/07	Drive Lomé - Accra	Urbano Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Leave for Accra	3,8
				Ancestral Wall Visit	
				<i>Evening:</i> Free time	
21/07		Urbano Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Accra Nima Community Visit and Engagement	2,3
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Accra Mosque Visit	
				<i>Evening:</i> Poetry Evening	
22/07		Urbano Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Makola Market Visit	2,3,4,7,10
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Visit the Arts Centre for a traditional dance and drum experience	
				<i>Evening:</i> Final Reflection Session	
23/07		Urbano Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Ga Cooking Class	3,10
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Reserved for individual meetings arranged during seminar	
				<i>Evening:</i> "Town Meeting" with Group	

24/07		Urbano Hotel	BLD	<i>Morning:</i> Reserved for individual meetings arranged during seminar	3,10
				<i>Afternoon:</i> Meeting to Discuss LGBTIQ Issues in Ghana with Mac-Darling Cobbinah at CEPEHRG office	
				<i>Evening:</i> Farewell Dinner with Guests	
25/07	Depart Accra		B	Transfer to Airport	

Abbreviations: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

This program engages Participants with the principles of the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



LOCAL PROGRAM FACILITATOR

All EDU Africa programs are administered by a local Program Facilitator. The facilitator meets the group of Participants on arrival at the airport and accompanies them for the full duration of their time on the ground. The facilitator is available at all times to assist with any Participant and educator needs, thus ensuring the smooth running of the program.

PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

Professor Kodzo Gavua



Professor Kodzo Gavua is an Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies at the University of Ghana. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Calgary and presently lectures on a broad range of courses in the fields of ethnography, anthropology and archaeology.

Dr. Dorothy Akpene Amenuke



Dorothy Amenuke was born in 1968 and comes from Adzokoe-Peki, in the Volta Region of Ghana. She studied sculpture as an undergraduate program at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana. She further completed an MA in Art Education and MFA and Ph.D. degrees in Sculpture at KNUST. Aside from her studio practice sessions, she has worked professionally as an art-teacher from 1987 to 2004 at the basic and secondary school levels and currently is a lecturer at the Department of Painting and Sculpture, a division of the Faculty of Fine Art at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

Dr. Samuel Adu-Gyamfi



Dr. Samuel Adu-Gyamfi is the first trained Social Historian of Medicine from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi-Ghana. He lectures in the Department of History and Political Studies at the same university. His research foci range from public health history, to policy in traditional medicine and environmental history, with an emphasis on the social and political histories of Africa and Ghana in particular. He lectures the following undergraduate and postgraduate courses: History of Medicine in Africa, History of Health Policy and Hospital Administration, History of Ghana, History of Science and Technology, Human Rights in the International System and Modern Chinese History. – Q&A session on

Ashanti History and Yaa Asantewaa.

Nana Kobina Nketsia



Nana Kobina Nketsia is the paramount Chief of Essikado and President of the Traditional Council. He is a well-recognized Pan-Africanist. He obtained his undergraduate degree in modern history before being awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Nigeria, having focused on Philosophy in African History. His areas of special interest are Pan-Africanism, African Culture and Religion, and Governance, Law and Philosophy.

Prof. Nkunu Akyea

Professor Nkunu Akyea is a former Geography and Tourism Lecturer at the University of Cape-Coast and the former head of Ghana Heritage Conservation Trust. With a depth of knowledge, Mr. Akyea is passionate about sharing about Ghanaian history and imparting his love for the country to those who visit. Now the president of the Ghana Tour Guides association, Mr. Akyea offers students a detailed overview of Ghanaian slavery and colonial history.

Prof Adjai Paulin Oloukpona-Yinnon

Professor Adjai Paulin Oloukpona-Yinnon is Emeritus Professor of German Literature at the University of Lomé, Togo. His special fields of research are: Modern German literature, contemporary German literature, German colonial literature, and German literature on Africa. Participants have the opportunity to interact with Professor Adjai Paulin Oloukpona-Yinnon about Togo's French and German Colonial History.

Mac Darling Cobbinah (CEPEHRG)

Mac Darling Cobbinah is the Executive Director of Centre for Popular Education and Human Rights, Ghana (CEPEHRG) and the acting Director for Frontline Human Rights and Protection Centre (FRONTLINE). He has since the inception of the organization been involved in Human Rights advocacy for the vulnerable and sexual minorities or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) persons. He has for a decade been involved in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Services sexual minorities. This has earned the organization a Red Ribbon Award in Mexico during the International AIDS conference in August 2008. Mac-Darling is also a Security for NGO's by Frontline Human Rights Defenders, Ireland and a facilitator with specialization in Human Rights education and advocacy. He is a founding member of the African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR), which seeks to advocate for MSM HIV and AIDS programs all across Africa. Mac-Darling has a number of international certificates to his credits and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication studies from the African University College of Communication and a master's in business administration (MBA) in Project Management from the Pentecost University College an affiliate of University of Ghana, Legon.

Other Contributors

Kwesi Blankson – Group Discussion on the Fante Tribe

Dr. Edem Adotey - Discussion Ghanaian Dialect

Nicoue Lodjou Gayibor - Discussion on Togo's French and German Colonial History

Kossi Assou - How Vodou beliefs permeate art in Togo

ACCOMMODATION

University of Ghana Guesthouse, Accra

The University of Ghana Guesthouse is located on the University campus and offers accommodation as well as meeting facilities. Rooms are budget friendly and options include double or twin rooms. There is also a restaurant on site which serves both local and continental dishes. The accommodation is ideal for those seeking to engage with the university and has full internet access 24/7 for research and academic work.



Golden Hill Parker Hotel

The Golden Hill Parker Hotel is situated on the Bantuma Hills overlooking Elmina, Ghana. The hotel boasts beautiful views and comfortable rooms. There is a pool for participants to relax in during their free time and a restaurant on site. All rooms have satellite TV, WiFi, air-conditioning and electronic safe and a hair dryer.



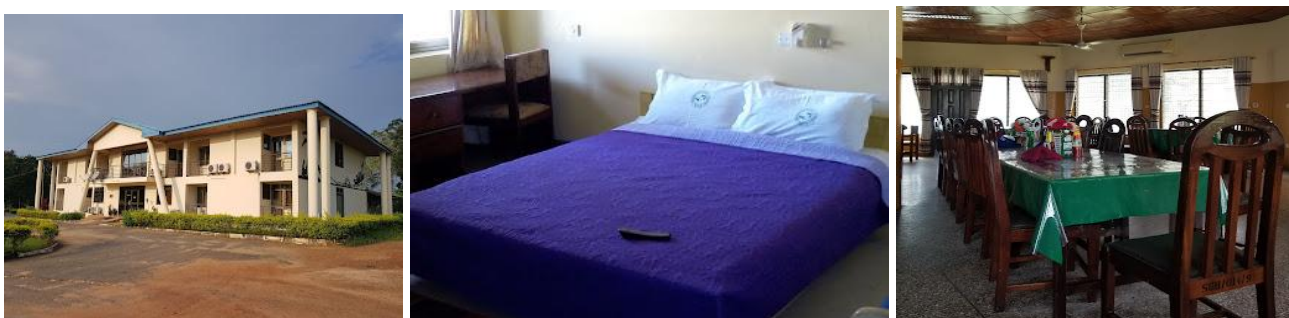
Axim Beach Resort

Situated near the coast on the western side of Ghana and near the Cote d'Ivoire border, Axim is an eco-resort that offers various chalet, villa and bungalow options. Chalets are either double or twin occupancy and en-suite bathroom and all are ocean facing with some having a living room area. All rooms have a television, air conditioning, kitchenette and dining room area. Resort facilities include a restaurant, spa facilities, and a swimming pool. Attractions in close proximity to the resort include the Nzulezu Stilt Village, Fort Apollonia and Ankasa Conservation Area.



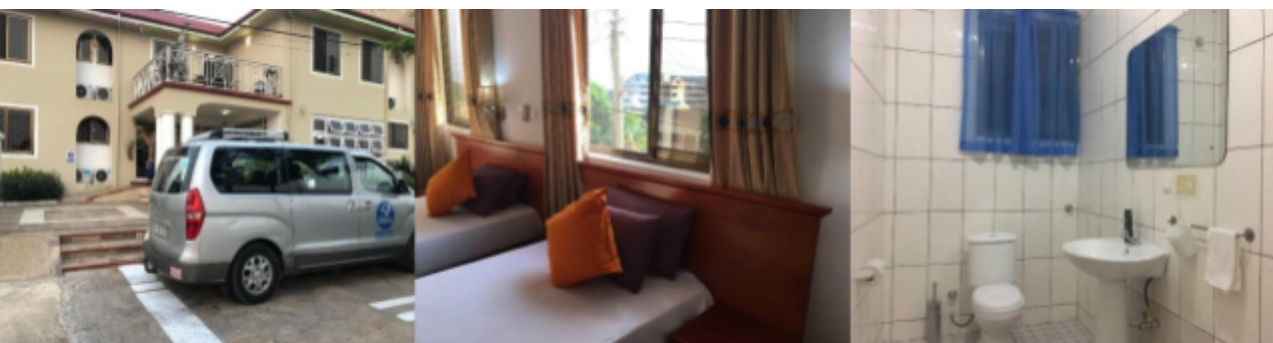
Sasakawa Guesthouse, Cape Coast

The Sasakawa Guesthouse is a comfortable guest house on the campus of the University of Cape Coast. It is a convenient location for groups who want to explore the university campus. Rooms are air conditioned and have a fan and a worktable. Breakfast is included and served in the guesthouse restaurant.



Asantewaa Premier Guesthouse, Kumasi

This guesthouse is located in Kumasi, a city in the Ashanti region of Ghana. The room configurations available include double, twin and single rooms, four-bed dormitory style rooms, as well as family rooms. Each room is airconditioned and has an en-suite bathroom. Accommodation facilities include free Wi-Fi, meeting facilities, and an on-site restaurant. There is also free use of bicycles available as cycling is a great way to explore the city. Places of interest nearby include the Manhiya Palace, Kumasi Cultural Centre, and Asante Traditional Buildings. This is an excellent lodging option for this faculty group as it has a homely feel to it, and it is an easy base from which to explore the surrounding region.



The Afrikiko Riverfront Resort

This up market resort is located in Akosombo, along the banks of the River Volta. Rooms are either double or twin occupancy with an en-suite, air conditioning and complimentary Wi-Fi. Resort amenities include a swimming pool and restaurant.



Skyplus Hotel

Located in Ho, Ghana, atop the Weta Hills, SkyPlus Hotel and Resorts offers apartments, suites and executive villas as lodging options. Rooms are either twin or double occupancy with a view of either the river or hill and are en-suite with air conditioning, a TV and Wi-Fi. Hotel facilities include a swimming pool, restaurant and conference rooms.



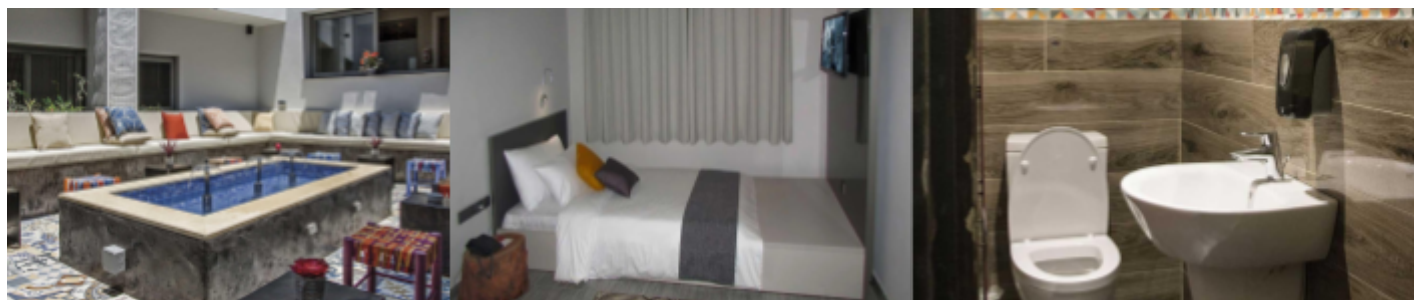
Hotel Novela Star

Located in Lomé, Togo, Hotel Novela Star is located on its own private beach. It is set in a relaxing lush environment. Participants stay in twin occupancy rooms with WiFi, air conditioning and private bathrooms. The hotel has conference facilities for lectures and group meetings as well as a restaurant and an outdoor swimming pool.



Urbano Hotel

Urbano Hotel is conveniently located 20-minutes away from Accra International Airport. Urbano offers twin and double rooms and suites each with a television, internet access and en-suite bathroom. Studio suites are self-catering and come with a kitchenette and living area. Facilities include conference facilities, a gym, pool and a restaurant known as The Oxford Terrace.



CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

EDU Africa Cultural Orientation

EDU Africa offers a comprehensive introductory orientation session at the start of the program to kickstart participants' acclimation period. The orientation session begins with an overview of EDU Africa and its transformation goals, thereby grounding the program and some of the central aspects thereof, in context. It is led by the Program Facilitator who will guide and support the group for the duration of their stay. The orientation is designed to give participants an introduction to their surroundings – contextualizing the country setting and providing information pertinent to the group's safety and overall experience throughout the program. The Program Facilitator will also provide an outline of the program and discuss the roles and responsibilities expected of the participant group while in-country.

Accra Activities

Accra is the capital city of Ghana and is home to the Ga and Dangme people groups. Participants start their days in Accra by exploring the University of Ghana as well as walking through history sites such as Osu Castle, Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, Independence square and James Town. Personal engagements such as discussions with Global Mamas Fair Trade Organization leaders and Dr. Edem Adotey on Ghanaian dialects, offer the opportunity to interact with important Ghanaian leaders and scholars. Cultural activities include visits to the Artists' Alliance Art Gallery and interactions with the traditional beliefs of the fantasy coffin makers.

After returning from exploring other areas in Ghana and Togo, participants return to Accra and end their program by engaging further with community life through discussions with local scholars, visits to local communities, visits to markets and drumming, cooking and dancing experiences.

Cape Coast, Elmina and Axim Activities

Cape Coast is in the Central Region of the country and is well known as the centre of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. It is with this background in mind that participants are guided through slave forts, Cape Coast and Elmina Castles, to understand the history of slavery and colonization in the region. A talk at the University of Cape Coast will unpack the impacts of slavery and colonization on present day Ghanaians whilst interactions with locals will allow for firsthand insight and observation. Participants will also visit the Bisa Aberwa Museum, dedicated to promoting Pan-Africanism as a tool for decolonization, and its influence on Ghana today. Participants also enjoy a walk through Kakum National park as well as workshops on drumming, dancing and batik making.

Axim Activities

Axim is a coastal town in the Western Region of Ghana. Whilst in Axim, participants will meet with the Chief of Essikado for a vivid account of colonial history in the region as well as the influence of the Akan tribe on the preservation of local culture. Participants also have the opportunity to visit local villages. One of these villages is Nzulezo, a community built on stilts over Lake Tadane and accessible by boat. The importance of the lake to the village will be highlighted on this visit and in conversation with the community. Participants explore Fort Apollonia, and hear about the colonial history of the region as it was occupied by the Portuguese, Swedish, Dutch and British.

Kumasi Activities

Kumasi, one of the largest cities in Ghana is in the Ashanti region. While in Kumasi, participants will be joined by Dr. Dorothy Akpene Amenuke from Kwame Nkrumah University of Technology's College of the Arts and Social Sciences for a discussion on African Art and its role as a tool of anti-colonialism. During visits to the villages of Adanwomase and Ampabane Krofrom and the Kejetia Markets, participants will interact with the locals and learn of the art and history of the area through observation and engagement. At the Ashanti Traditional Buildings, a world UNESCO heritage site, participants will observe buildings built in the Ashanti era and. Further understanding on the significance of the Ashanti era will be seen at the Manhiya Palace, where participants will learn more about Ashanti culture and the significance of the Ashanti talking drums. Ending the visit to Kumasi, participants go to the Kumasi Cultural Centre, to see artifacts and information on the Ashanti Kingdom's past. The centre houses the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum.

Akosombo Activities

Akosombo is a small town in the Eastern Region of Ghana. Participants visit a Fair-trade cocoa farming community. They learn how cocoa processing has benefited locals and is seen as a tool of anti-colonial empowerment. Stopping off at the bead market and factory, everyone learns about the significance of beads in this regional culture. After a hike to Boti waterfalls and Umbrella Rock, they are guided through the Akonendi Shrine. The shrine is a sacred place for traditional healing and religious ceremonies for the Ashanti. Participants engage with elders there and understand more of the people's religious beliefs and traditions.

Ho Activities

Ho is in the Volta region, one of the regions inhabited by the Ewe ethnic group. They typically reside between the Volta River and Togo's Eastern border, the Mono River. The Ewe are well known regionally for their music, drumming and textiles. Before exploring the Ho region, participants meet Togbui Afede, the Paramount Chief of the Ho-Asgoli Traditional Area. On visiting the village of Liate Wote, participants hike to Tagbo falls and visit a monkey sanctuary. The next day takes participants to Agotime where they participate in a weaving workshop, as well as Kilkor - Agbozume before crossing the border to Togo.

Lomé, Togo Activities

Although the Volta Region and Togo are both home to the Ewe people, the Ewe of Togo were significantly influenced by German and British missionaries. A prominent branch of traditional Ewe religion is called Vodun (Voodoo). This has a variety of expressions that will particularly be explored in Togo, including fetich markets and rituals.

In Togo, participants will visit Togoville, the historical center for Vodun, where practitioners were taken as slaves to Haiti, leading to the prominence of its practice in the country. This will allow them to engage, compare and contrast the Vodun practices in Togo and Ghana. They will also visit the German cathedral, built when Togo was colonized by Germany, in order to observe the impact of colonial religions on ethnic groups and religions before returning to Lomé.

In Lomé, participants will start with an engagement on Togo's French/German colonial history and its impact on present day Lomé from local historians. Visits in the city include, the Grand Marche and Akodessewa, one of the largest and comprehensive Vodun markets in West Africa, in order to observe both colonial and anti-colonial religions as well as learn of adaptations to local religion based on colonial influence. Excursions are made to the Palais de Lomé, a former colonial palace converted into a contemporary art space that exhibits artwork from Togo and around Africa, demonstrating how colonial and traditional art has been combined in transformative and anticolonial ways. Other stops in Lomé include a stop in the village of Djable, where participants can join in a regional dance called the Adzogbo, an expression of the Ewe culture, and learn more about the history of the separation of the Ewes of Ghana and Togo. Participants have a guided discussion on the separation of the Ewe people and enjoy dinner with the Fulbright Alumni Association. In the following days, participants focus on art through interactive discussions with a local artist and an Exclusive Paul Ahyi Urban Art and Museum tour as well as an evening poetry reading. Participants learn about Flora, Vegetation and Medical uses in Togo through a Botanic day trip to Kpalimé. Time in Togo ends with a screening and discussion on the budding Togo film industry before returning back to Accra.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students participating in this program should be aware of and be prepared for the following:

- Signing and adhering to the policies outlined in EDU Africa's Participant Agreement Form, which include COVID-19 Protocols.
- Obtaining travel insurance (compulsory) before travel that should include adequate cover for baggage, curtailment, and provision for any forms of COVID-19 related disruptions to travel
- Obtaining medical insurance (compulsory) before travel that should cover any potential medical expenses and the cost of repatriation should participants become too ill to participate, including helicopter rescue and air ambulance services, as well as cover for any forms of medical expenses that may be incurred due to COVID-19 related illness.
- Carrying their own luggage as much as possible to minimize cross-contamination with COVID-19 (help will be available when necessary in adherence with COVID-19 protocols)
- Walking long distances (ie. 5km) through historical sights, markets and parks
- Living in a setting away from consistent internet for a month and a half.
- Managing dietary needs with limited available options in certain communities
- Possessing an awareness that participation in the program might evoke a level of stress and discomfort as they are in an unfamiliar environment with peers that they may not know
- Being aware that they may feel uncomfortable in certain community settings and may not be able to articulate why they feel this way

Each Participant that takes part in our programs is required to have comprehensive medical insurance. Travel insurance is highly recommended, but not compulsory.

Participants are required to sign and adhere to the policies outlined in EDU Africa's Participant Agreement Form. These include **COVID-19 Protocols** which we have implemented in congruence with international and local government policies.

ITINERARY FLEXIBILITY AND COST

The itinerary is correct at the time of submission. It is flexible and may be adjusted to meet Participants' needs. In all cases, we will do our best to preserve the quality of what is presented herein. However, we reserve the right to modify the itinerary, locations, accommodations, facilities, and costs if any changes so dictate. All quoted accommodation is subject to availability and confirmed numbers.

Cost for the program based on per person sharing:

Number of paying persons	Number of Free of Charge persons	Price per person USD	Single Supplement
14	2	\$6850	\$ 1395

What this includes:

- All transport, fuel, tolls, and road taxes
- Full use of a vehicle for the duration of your program
- 24-hour services of an EDU Africa Program Facilitator
- All accommodation as listed above
- All meals as specified in the daily program
- All activities as listed above
- A donation towards the reforestation and management of Brackenhurst Forest in Kenya on behalf of each participant

What this excludes:

- Wi-Fi (only available as provided by accommodations)
- All meals and drinks not specified above
- Laundry
- All flights
- All optional extra activities
- Travel & medical insurance
- All Covid-19 tests
- Items of a personal nature, personal insurances, visas and gratuities



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