





Tour date: October 6 – 22, 2023

DDK Tour Director Bio:

[Captain Charles Alphin](#): In 1965, after ten years of service as a police officer in St. Louis, MO, I was introduced to the nonviolence philosophy of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. by Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. who served with him. I presently serve as Senior Instructor for the King Center. After attending training for eight years Mrs. King asked me to join the Summer Institute team. In 1992 I retired from police work and joined the Training and Education Department. The transformation provided to me by the King Center has been life changing. I have continued training the nonviolence philosophy globally to law enforcement and correction officers, educators, students, “gang leaders,” activists and community leaders.[\(Video\)](#)



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GHANA

October 6 – 12, 2023

Friday, October 6th: Depart New York JFK International Airport at 11:55pm for a direct overnight flight to Accra, Ghana.

Saturday, October 7th: Arrive in Accra, Ghana at 2:40pm



Accra, Ghana

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Morning Worship

Free Afternoon

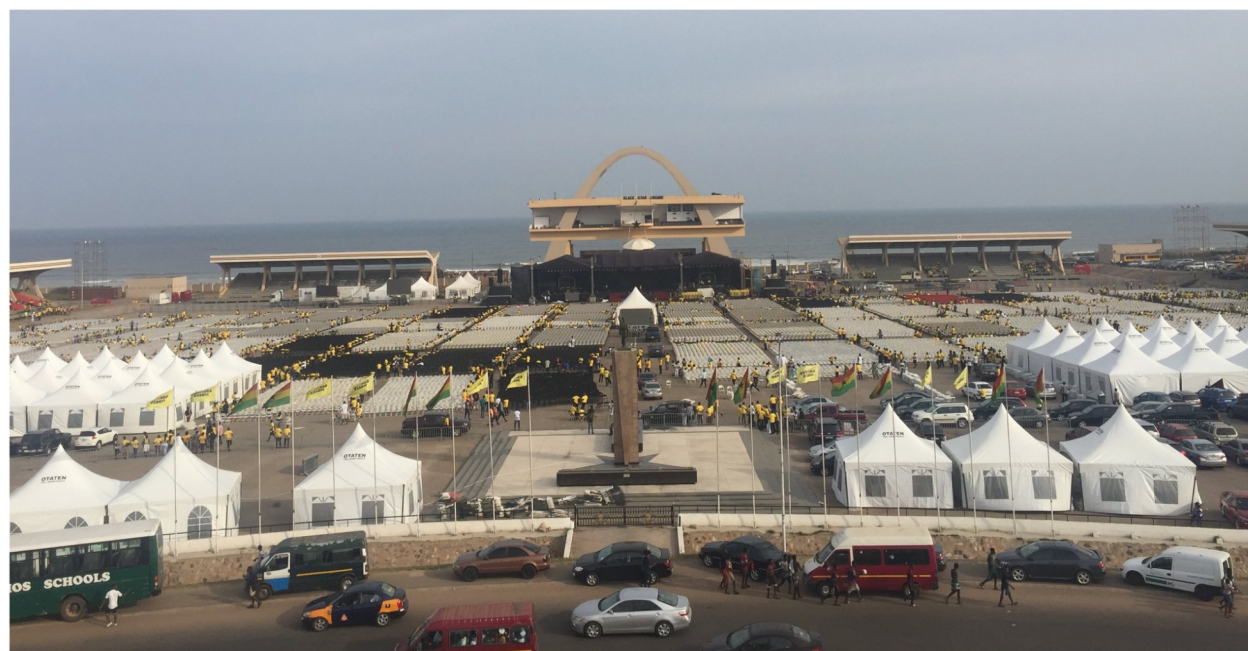


Accra, Ghana

Monday, October 9, 2023

Bus Tour

Accra is the capital of Ghana, on the Atlantic coast of West Africa. Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park honors Ghana's first president, who helped lead the country to independence in 1957. The park contains Nkrumah's mausoleum and a museum charting his life. Makola Market is the city's vast, colorful bazaar. Popular seafront spots Labadi Beach and Kokrobite Beach offer golden sand and high-energy nightlife.



Accra, Ghana

Monday, October 9, 2023

The University of Ghana is a public university located in Accra, Ghana. It is the oldest and largest of the thirteen Ghanaian national public universities. The university was founded in 1948 as the University College of the Gold Coast in the British colony of the Gold Coast.



W.E.B. DUBOIS MUSEUM

The Du Bois Centre is a library to commemorate the late W.E.B. DuBois. The centre consists of the museum which contains memorabilia and his personal library, the Open-Air Theatre where intellectual seminars, lectures and workshops are held along with cultural events. In addition is the 'Marcus Garvey' guest house. The Centre was established in 1985 by the Ghana government to encourage visitors to contemplate the ideals of Pan Africanism and to reflect upon the work of Dr. Du Bois. The W .E. B. DuBois Centre for Pan African Culture was dedicated on 22nd June 1985 in Accra, Ghana. Learn more at: <http://webduboiscentreaccra.ghana-net.com/about-dr-du-bois.html>



ASHANTI KINGDOM

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Asante empire, Asante also spelled **Ashanti**, West African state that occupied what is now southern [Ghana](#) in the 18th and 19th centuries. Extending from the [Comoé River](#) in the west to the Togo Mountains in the east, the Asante [empire](#) was active in the [slave trade](#) in the 18th century and unsuccessfully resisted British penetration in the 19th.

The world is now speaking with one voice against the slave trade eras. 25 March of every year marks the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

KUMASI

We will begin our journey with a visit to the Ashanti Kingdom capital city of Kumasi, where we step into history and end with a visit to a Kente Cloth favorite. Next, we will stop at Kakum National Park to explore the rainforest on the way to Elmina.

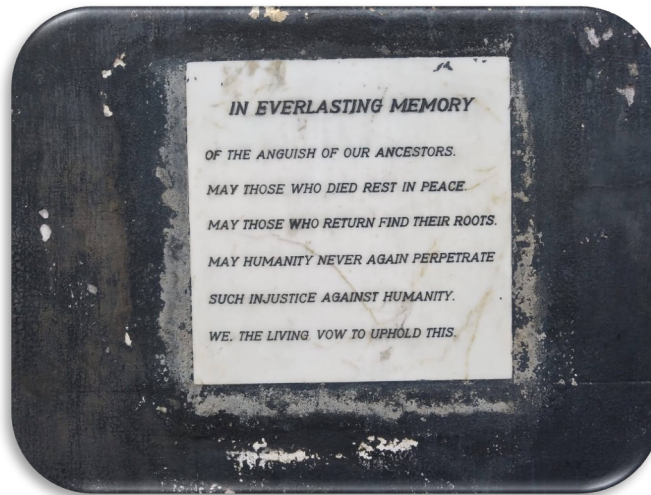
Kumasi (historically spelled **Comassie** or **Coomassie**, usually spelled **Kumase** in [Twi](#)) is a city in the [Ashanti Region](#), and is among the [largest metropolitan areas](#) in Ghana. Kumasi is located in a [rain forest](#) region near [Lake Bosomtwe](#), and is the commercial, industrial, and cultural capital of the historical [Ashanti Empire](#). Kumasi is alternatively known as "The Garden City" because of its many species of flowers and plants. Kumasi is the second-largest city in Ghana, after the capital, [Accra](#).

Hotel: Coconut Grove Beach Resort Elmina, Ghana



ELMINA SLAVE CASTLE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023



At the “door of no return” the slaves were led into boats that transferred them onto big ships farther down the sea, for the long and horrendous journey to the Americas. In the travel book *1,000 Places to See Before You Die*, Patricia Schultz writes that by the 18th century, up to 30,000 slaves passed through the “door of no return” each year. Anouk Zijlma, a Malawian travel guide, says of her visit to Elmina Castle, “You can always feel the suffering in the air, it’s unsettling.”



DOOR OF NO RETURN



Ghana Again and Always: President Obama's Visit to the Elmina Slave Castle

<https://youtu.be/jTWgGJCfhRM>



CAPE COAST SLAVE CASTLE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023



Cape Coast Castle is a trading post on the [West African](#) coast in the modern nation of Ghana. It stands only a few miles from another slave castle built by the Portuguese at Elmina in the late fifteenth century. Originally built by Sweden in the 1650s, Cape Coast Castle shifted into Danish, Dutch, and then English possession by the 1660s. In the castle's early decades, trade revolved around gold, wood, and textiles before [English merchants](#) began to seek captive Africans in large numbers.



President Obama in Ghana at the Cape Coast Dungeons pt 1-2

https://youtu.be/0gmDoon_yC0



SENCHI FERRY

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Depart Elmina for a 2.5 hour drive to Senchi. Senchi is situated along the west banks of the [Volta River](#), downstream from the [Akosombo Dam](#). We will immerse ourselves into a cultural experience living in the Akwamu tribal village.



Akwamu Tribe

The Akwamu are one of the oldest Akan states along with the Fante and Akyem states. The Akwamu were ruled by the king of all the Aduana abusua (maternal clan).

<https://www.youtube.com/@artsus7322/videos>



King Odeneho Kwafo Akoto, III

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Depart Senchi Ferry at 3:00pm for a 2 1/2-hour drive to Accra. Dinner in Accra and arrive at the airport at 7:35pm for a 10:35pm flight to Johannesburg, South Africa



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SOUTH AFRICA

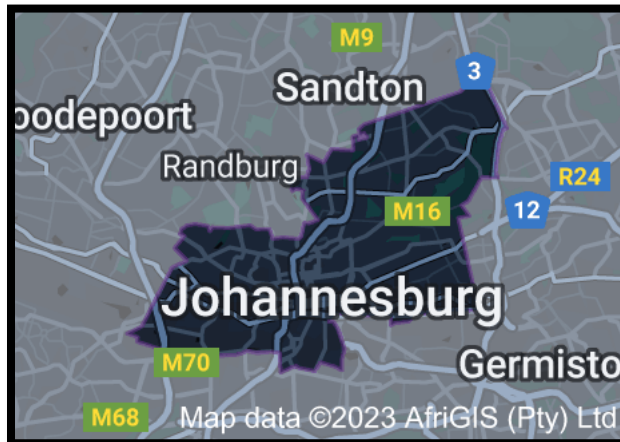
October 13 – 21, 2023

South African Airline flight arrives in
Johannesburg at 6:25 a.m.



Johannesburg, South Africa

Friday, October 13, 2023



- Exchange dollars to South Africa Rand at airport.
- 9:00 a.m., check-in Sandton Sun and Towers.
- 12:00 p.m., **Rev. Dr. Joseph Tshawane**, “The Apartheid Struggle in South Africa.”
 - Previous Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa.
 - Founding President, Dr. King-Chief Luthuli Transformation Centre, Johannesburg, SA.
 - Singer and musical producer.
 - Certified King Center Trainer and Director, *South Africa 1994 King Center Nonviolence Training Project*.
- 1:30 p.m. depart for Red City Bus Tour of Johannesburg touring the **Apartheid Museum**. **Other sites include the Mining District, Gold Reef City Theme Park, Johannesburg** and shopping, riding in a hop-on, hop-off, open-top Red Bus.
- Evening free to enjoy South Africa entertainment.



Johannesburg, South Africa

Saturday, October 14, 2023

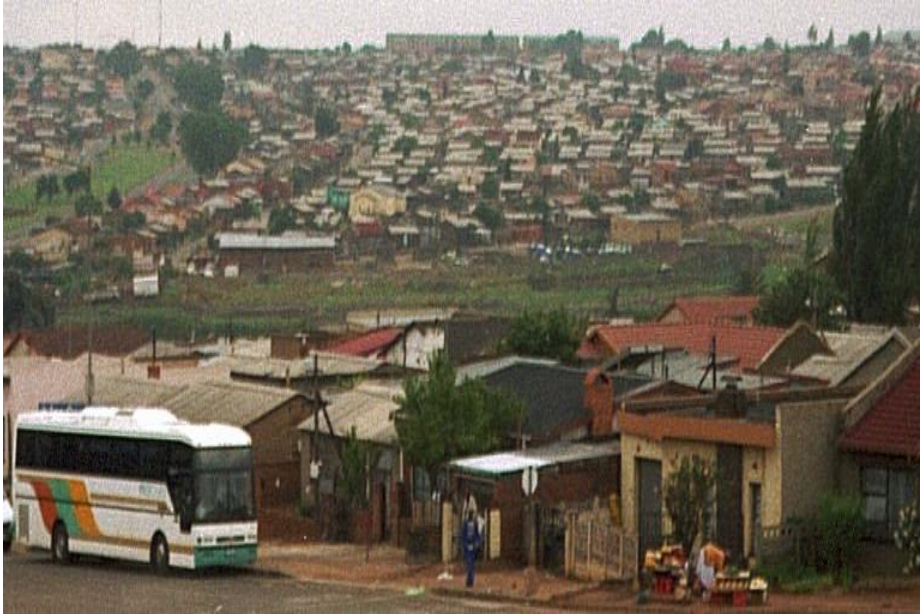


- **9:00 a.m.**, depart for the **Union Building, Pretoria**, where President Mandela took his oath of office.
- **Sun City Resort**, the two-hour drive opens up to sugar cane fields and rural South Africa living. **Sun City Casino's** and shopping; **Gary Player Gold Course**; **The Valley of the Waves**; and a **Mobile Safari** hoping to see the "Big Five animals of South Africa," the lion, elephant, hippopotamus, leopard and buffalo.
- Late evening return to our hotel in Johannesburg.



Soweto, South Africa

Saturday, October 14, 2023



Soweto is a township of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality in Gauteng, **South Africa**, bordering the city's mining belt in the south.

1:00p.m. Tour Soweto and lunch: Visit **Winnie and Mandela's home** where he lived when arrested; **Hector Pieterse Memorial**, two blocks away from where Hector Pieterse was shot and killed June 16, 1976 in the Anti-Apartheid Soweto Uprising. Over 170 protesting school children were killed; **Historical Regina Mundi Catholic Church**, housed political meetings during apartheid and held Truth and Reconciliation Commission meetings; **Nike Football Training Centre in Soweto**, the most successful and utilized venue for International Youth soccer; **Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital**, largest hospital in Africa and third largest hospital in the world.

•**6:00 p.m.** Dinner at **Carnivore Restaurant**. You'll enjoy an unforgettable dining experience with delicious game and domestic meat dishes, cooked on an open fire and served on swords. Vegetarian and fish dishes are also available. Choose from an extensive selection of South Africa wines to complement your meal.

Sunday, October 15, 2023

- 11:00 a.m., attend worship service at a Historical Church in Soweto.
- Evening free.



Cape Town, South Africa



Monday, October 16, 2023

- Depart 12:15pm noon for Cape Town. (two-hour flight)
- Check-in hotel in Cape Town.
- Dinner, Victoria Alfred Waterfront.
Evening free

Robben Island, South Africa

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

- **8:15 a.m.**, depart hotel for Victoria Alfred Waterfront, for a three-hour tour of Robben Island. A forty-five-minute boat ride will take us to **Robben Island** where ex-prisoners will be our tour guides of the prison grounds and President Mandela's jail cell. President Mandela spent a total of twenty-seven years in South Africa prisons, eighteen years in Robben Island.
- Afternoon open for sightseeing and shopping.



6:00 p.m. group dinner with **Christ Bland**, a correctional officer who befriended President Mandela in Robben Island. The books and articles are titled:

"The Friendship that begin in Hell."

"I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die." Nelson Mandela, 20 April 1964



Cape Town, South Africa

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
FREE DAY.



Thursday, October 19, 2023

- **10:00 a.m.**, depart hotel for wine tasting **Stellenbosch Winery**. Travel to **Cape Point**, the tip of South Africa where the Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean meet. Take the train to the top of the light house for a spectacular view of both oceans. With a sharp eye you may spot whales on the move.
- **6:00 p.m.**, DDK Tours Appreciation dinner.

Friday, October 20, 2023

- Depart Cape Town at 9:30pm on a non-stop flight to Atlanta (non-stop)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

- **10:45 a.m.**, arrive in Atlanta at 7:10am.

