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GHANA

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JOIN WESTFIELD ALUMNI ON A TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO GHANA!



Two of our very own Westfield alums, **Professor Emeritus Dr. Kamal Ali,** and **Daphne Felten-Green, Esq. (WSU, '87)** have helped craft a transformative and immersive experience to beautiful Ghana based on their prior visits and experiences.

You will have a 10-day privately-guided group tour hosted by the innovative Oceans & Accents travel company, a Ghanaian-American enterprise. You will learn and experience places and moments in Ghana that will stay with you forever.

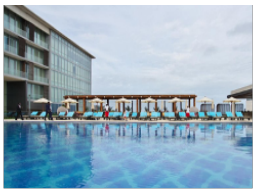
You will not only learn history about Ghana's people, culture, and the transatlantic slave trade which occurred throughout Ghana and from its beautiful coastlines, but you will walk the halls, see the communities and immerse yourself in a place you will never forget. You will experience: A historical tour of 3 major areas of Ghana including: the capital city of Accra; Ashanti Kingdom (Kumasi), and the Eastern region. You will see and learn about the memorial to President Kwame Nkrumah who led Ghana to independence from colonial rule; the cultural center and final resting place of western Massachusetts scholar and statesman, W.E.B. Dubois; a traditional Ghanaian village cultural celebration with naming ceremony; castles and dungeons of the Transatlantic slave trade; a traditional Kente weaving village, and other artisans with which you can work and create, along with a memorable agricultural tour, and so much more.



Accommodations are primarily at 5-star hotels (4-star minimum if unavailable), and many meals and entrance fees are already included, as are flights and visa processing.

Tour option available without flights, if you prefer to book your own. We can't wait for you to join us and experience Ghanaian culture and warmth with us.

Dr. Kamal Ali and Daphne Felten-Green, Esq.



Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City



AnoMansa Beach Resort



Safari Valley Resort

Day 1: Akwaaba



Your journey begins, not as a tourist, but as an honored guest. From **VIP airport** assistance and **private transfers** to your first warm Ghanaian embraces, every detail has been thoughtfully arranged so you can simply arrive and enjoy.

Your introduction to Ghana starts with a visit to a **local seamstress**, where you'll select vibrant fabrics and be measured for your own **custom-made traditional outfit.**



As evening falls, you'll gather for a lively **Akwaaba (Welcome) Dinner** filled with delicious Ghanaian cuisine, live music, laughter, and conversation. More than a welcome meal, it's the beginning of friendships with both fellow travelers and local Ghanaians that will shape the days ahead.

Day 2: The Soul of Ghana



Before you can truly experience Ghana, you must first **understand her story**. Through a **private orientation** created exclusively for our guests, you'll gain insights into Ghana's **history, culture, and people** that few visitors ever receive.



You'll then explore the **vibrant streets of Accra**, discovering how centuries of resilience, creativity, and optimism have shaped one of Africa's most dynamic capitals.



Wander through **bustling neighborhoods, taste authentic local flavors, hear the stories** behind iconic landmarks, and experience the rhythm of everyday life. From **national monuments** and **museums** to **neighborhoods** rich with character and personality, these two days provide the **foundation for everything** that follows.

Day 3-4: Ashanti Kingdom

Journey into the cultural heart of Ghana as you travel to **Kumasi**, the historic capital of the **Ashanti Kingdom**. Here, history isn't confined to museums. It lives within palaces, traditions, and the people who continue to preserve centuries of heritage.



Explore the magnificent **Manhyia Palace**, learn the extraordinary **stories of kings, queens, and warriors**, and discover the powerful symbolism woven into **Adinkra art** and centuries-old customs.

Visit the birthplace of **Kente cloth**, where **master weavers** continue techniques **passed down through generations**, and enjoy unique opportunities to engage with respected local leaders and traditional custodians of culture.

Day 5-7: Path of Memory

These are the days that remain with people forever.

Travel through some of the most **significant sites** in African and world history as you **retrace the final footsteps** of countless ancestors during the **transatlantic slave trade**.

Stand beside the **Slave River at Assin Manso**, where captives took their last bath before the unimaginable journey ahead. Visit historic coastal forts and villages where you'll **gain perspectives** not only from historians but also through meaningful **local connections** that help bring these places to life.

As you enter the dungeons of **Cape Coast and Elmina Castles** and stand before the **Door of No Return**, history moves beyond something you read. It becomes something you feel.



The journey also **celebrates hope and resilience** as you spend time with inspiring **women artisans** whose work preserves tradition while **empowering communities today**.

This portion of the trip offers reflection, healing, and a profound understanding of both the pain and the enduring strength of the African story.

Day 8-10: Gardens, Cocoa, Artisans

Explore the renowned **Aburi Botanical Gardens.** Continue to the **Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG)**, where you'll discover the **science, innovation, and generations of expertise** that have made **Ghanaian cocoa** among the finest in the world.

Continue to **Cedi Bead Factory**, where you'll witness and participate in the remarkable transformation of **recycled glass into vibrant traditional beads** using **techniques** that have been **preserved for generations.** Discover one of Ghana's finest **wood carving communities**.



Wander among **talented artisans** as they **skillfully transform** hardwood into **intricate works of art** that reflect generations of craftsmanship and cultural tradition. Watch masters at work, **hear the stories** behind their creations.

Then trade artisan workshops for lush forests as you journey to the spectacular **Safari Valley Resort**. Surrounded by rolling hills, wildlife, tranquil lakes, and calm scenery, you'll enjoy a **time immersed in nature** (a peaceful contrast to the rich cultural experiences of the previous days)

Westfield Alumni Closing Reception

We'll close our Ghana journey with a special reception hosted by Professor Emeritus Dr. Kamal Ali, and Daphne Felten-Green, Esq. in partnership with the Westfield Alumni Association. This is an opportunity to come together one final time and celebrate the journey we've shared. Over good food and conversation, we'll reflect on the people we've met, the places we've experienced, and the stories and perspectives we'll take home with us. It will be a chance to exchange reflections, deepen connections, and celebrate not only what we discovered about Ghana, but what the experience revealed to us about ourselves and one another.

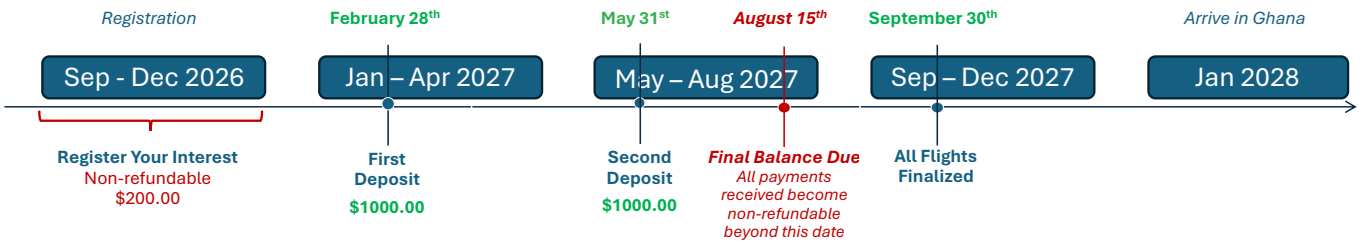
Estimated Investment* and Path Forward

Total Per Person Sharing		Total Per Person (Single Occupancy)	
Excluding Flights	Including Flights**	Excluding Flights	Including Flights**
$5,125	$7,125	$6,570	$8,570

***Includes:** *International Flights; visa costs (VIP service for single entry); accommodation; airport transfers and private transport; all tours, experiences and private guides; daily breakfast; 8 lunches; 2 dinners* **Excludes:** *Alcohol; meals not included in the itinerary; activities outside of itinerary; other personal purchases.* **Pricing based on:** *Current itinerary; standard room at Kempinski (or equivalent); and estimated non-refundable economy airfare departing from JFK or IAD.*

Flexible Payment Plan

Oceans & Accents offers a flexible payment plan to make your Ghana experience easier to budget for. You may make additional payments at your convenience, provided you meet the payment milestones below.



A $200 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place.

Amount Due By Date	Per Person Sharing- Excl. Flights	Per Person Sharing- Incl. Flights**	Single Occupancy- Excl. Flights	Single Occupancy- Incl. Flights**
February 28, 2027	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
May 31, 2027	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
August 15, 2027	$2,925	$4,925	$4,370	$6,370

You do not have to make payment on each of these dates. Additional payments may be made at your convenience, provided that $**1,000 total** has been paid by **February 28, 2027, $2,000 total** has been paid by **May 31, 2027**, and the **remaining balance is paid in full by August 15, 2027**.

We will gladly provide email reminders of upcoming payment milestones and your remaining balance.

*** Flight costs shown are estimates based on current fares and projections and are subject to change based on airline pricing and availability. The final fare may differ from the amount currently advertised. The final flight cost will be communicated on or around July 1, 2027.*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