

MUSIC AND DANCE
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
CULTURAL & ACADEMIC TRAVEL ORGANISATION



The Study Abroad program focuses on African music - making and its relationship with everyday life. This program is designed to culturally immersed students in a traditional village life. This program takes place in the Dagbe Cultural Institute and Arts Center.



The program includes the study of music and dance. Over a three weeks period, students will learn to perform one or two of the major music and dance genres. Participants will also have the opportunity to study traditional crafts such as the weaving of Kente, woodcarving and drum making. A seminar about the "Music and Art of Ghana" is also conducted in English.



LOCATION ...

The Dagbe Cultural institute is located in the picturesque village of Kopeyia in the Ewe -Speaking region of West Africa. The Dagbe institute is a facility for the study of West Africa's vibrant art forms and culture in a typical village with a natural setting. The institute offers instruction in traditional drumming, dancing, singing, weaving of kente cloth, tie and dye, woodcarving and drum making. Since the inception of the institute in 1982, professors, teachers, musicians and students from USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand had participated in teaching and learning programs. Other students and their professors from the University of North Texas, Bowling Green State University, and Berkley College of Music had all participated in this program.

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY ...

"An in-depth exploration into the rhythms and cultures of Africa." **Nicole Boland, VA, USA**

"The excitement of dance and percussion meets the harmony of the voices in the display of life African culture" **Gina Saxton, CA, USA**

"Refreshingly original African drums and dance" **Daniel Monninger, London, UK**



PROGRAM DETAILS ...

This program is open to all majors, undergraduates and graduate students. There is no minimum GPA requirement. In many cases, students receive credits for courses in both graduate and undergraduate levels.



CLASSES ...

Classes at the institute begin from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. In the performance Hall or under an open air shed which is between the performance hall and the dormitory. There are many opportunities of rearranging classes to coincide with fieldwork, i.e. funerals or burial ceremonies, shrine performances and other performances that the students have to witness.

DATES ...

All Year

C O S T ...

Individuals: See website

Groups: See website

Cost includes 7 Days in Kopeyia (dormitory type accommodation), Tuition, Meals, Kopeyia sight seeing tours, 3 nights stay in a hotel in Accra, Full day tour of Accra, Guided professional tour services, all tour entrance fees, Ground transportation, Airport and Drop off and medical insurance. CATO staff will provide information on cost. Fees are payable upon arrival in USD.

VISA...

Visas are required for Ghana. You will need to apply for your own visa. CATO Staff will provide information on fees, consulates and applications forms.

VACCINATIONS...

Yellow Fever vaccinations are required to obtain Ghanaian visa. We recommend you consider vaccinations for Hepatitis A & B, Meningitis, Typhoid, Tetanus and anti-malaria medication.

DRUMS...

Students will need djembe and kpalongo (traditional Ghanaian drums for classes. We are not able to provide drums for classes, but we have an arrangement with a local drum maker to deliver both drums at US\$120. Students are not obliged to purchase drums this way but must have drums for commencement of classes.



O R I E N T A T I O N ...

Each program begins with an orientation. Talks will be on African topics, staff explains procedures at the Cultural Center, and local students describe the social scene. Language training begins. Orientation includes talks about village culture and a tour of the Accra.



C I T Y T O U R S ...

All program participants will embark on a full day tour of one of the most beautiful cities in Africa, Accra. Accra reflects its transition from a 19th-century suburb of Victoriasburg to today's bustling modern metropolis. Participants will visit the W.E.B. Dubois memorial center for Pan African culture, Independence Square, the state ceremonial grounds, Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, the National Museum with its splendid display of the exhibits that reflect the heritage of Ghana from prehistoric to modern times, the Arts Center.

Participants will have the opportunity to buy African handicraft and clothes at the National Arts Center. The cost of these city tours is included in the program cost.

A C C O M O D A T I O N ...

Participants are housed in a hotel while in Accra for the Program orientation and city tours. Dagbe Cultural Institute and Arts Center provide dormitory style housing at the Institute in the Village. The dormitory housing has no running water or electricity. All housing cost is included in the cost of the program. **Vegetarians can be catered for.**

E X C U R S I O N ...

Field trips are arranged for participants to attend traditional gatherings such as ritual events and social dance clubs in the Kopeyia area. These excursions are included in the cost of the Program.

GHANA TOURS ...

Participants may choose to have an **optional** guided tour of Cape Coast and Elmina Castles. This coastal drive, ironically scenic, takes you to the castles of Cape Coast and Elmina.

Cape Coast started as a small trading fort but soon became the largest slave trading post after Elmina castle in the world.

Elmina was built by the Portuguese largest slave trading post in the kept until they were transported to Afro-Americans originated from here.



Here, historic castles and forts stand tragic periods, the era of the African beautiful coastal settings and relaxed your educational tour. This is not Participants pay an extra fee for the

in the year 1471 and became the world. It is here that the slaves were their unknown destinations. Many

as witness to one of the world's most slave trade. Cape Coast, with its atmosphere is the ideal location for included in the cost of the program. cost of these tours.

APPLICATION PROCESS...

A non-refundable application fee of \$100 is required. This fee will be applied towards the cost of the program if the applicant enrolls. CATO staff will contact applicants within a week after we receive the application forms.

Money order, pay pal or western union can be used to pay for the application fee. Full Payment would be made upon arrival in Ghana

Cancellation fees apply. If cancelled up to 1 month prior to departure, fee of \$50 is charged. If cancellation is under 1 month prior to departure, a fee of 50% of the program fee is accessed

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