



**College Study  
Tours**

*10 days*

**GHANA**



# FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## ABOUT THIS TOUR

***Experience the cultural traditions and natural beauty*** that greet you in Ghana. Watch a vibrant African drum and dance performance and participate in community activities, such as helping out at a local school or creating arts and crafts with local children. You'll also visit the popular Aburi markets and travel to the Volta Region where you can hike to lush wetlands and waterfalls.



Through it all, you'll return home prepared for whatever path lies ahead of you. Beyond photos and stories, new perspectives and glowing confidence, you'll have something to carry with you for the rest of your life. It could be an inscription you read on the walls of a famous monument, or perhaps a joke you shared with another student from around the world. The fact is, there's just something transformative about an EF College Study Tour, and it's different for every traveler. Once you've traveled with us, you'll know exactly what it is for you.



**DAY 2:** Accra



**DAY 3:** Kokrobitey Institute



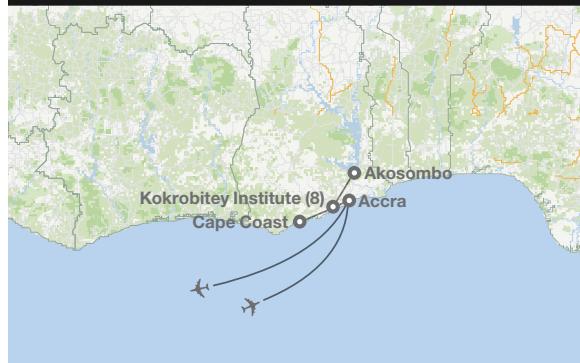
**DAY 4:** Local crafts



**DAY 4:** Black Star Square



**DAY 7:** Participate in a cultural exchange program



## INCLUDED ON TOUR:

- Round-trip airfare
- Land transportation
- Dormitory-style accommodations
- Three meals daily
- Full-time tour director
- Sightseeing tours and visits to special attractions
- Free time to study and explore

## ADDITIONAL INFO:

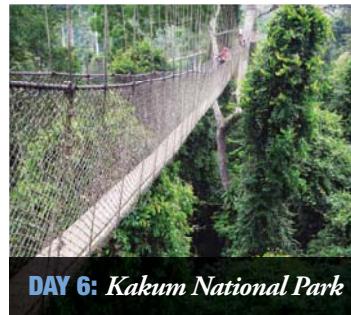
The Kokrobitey Institute was established to increase understanding of Ghana's rich culture and history. Activities center around increasing environmental and societal awareness by connecting Ghana with the rest of the world through education and service.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

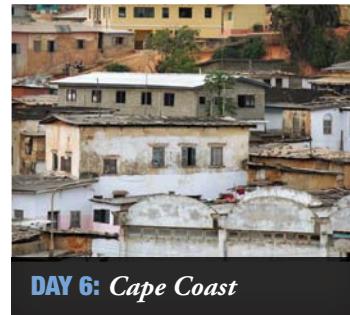
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**DAY 5: Traditional masks**



**DAY 6: Kakum National Park**



**DAY 6: Cape Coast**



**DAY 8: Shoreline**

## DAY 1 FLY TO GHANA

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Accra.

## DAY 2 KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Arrive in Accra** • Welcome to Accra, capital city of Ghana. After clearing customs you are greeted by your guide, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

**Travel to the Kokrobitey Institute** • Situated on a beautiful campus at the ocean's edge, Kokrobitey Institute was established in 1992 to increase understanding into the rich cultural, historical and societal resources of Ghana.

**Attend a lecture with local community leaders \*** • Attend a lecture with community leaders at the Kokrobitey Institute, where you may gain an in-depth look into the mission and goals of the Institute from a service-focused perspective. The lecture may introduce you to the Ga people, the traditional rulers of the Accra and coastal regions.

**African drum and dance performance** • This evening, experience your first taste of the vibrant traditional Ghanaian culture when you attend an African drum and dance performance. Watch the thrilling show of traditional, ceremonial and war dances, whose roots continue to play a significant part in Ghanaian culture.

**Welcome dinner** • You and your group can reflect on your first day in Ghana while enjoying a welcome dinner arranged by the Kokrobitey Institute.

## DAY 3 KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Experiential learning: Participate in an art workshop\*** • Today, gain insight into an important part of Ghanaian culture by participating in an art workshop. Activities may include making African Batik, the colorful

patterned cloth that people use for clothing and bags. You can also learn about basket weaving and the making of recycled jewelry.

## DAY 4 KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Experiential learning: Participate in a cultural exchange program\*** • Today's program may include participation in calabash carving, an activity where a gourd is carved hollow and then decorated with traditional, intricate Ghanaian designs.

**Sightseeing tour of Accra** • The city of Accra was founded by the Ga people in the late 1600s. Today, Accra is Ghana's largest city and considered to be the economic, commercial and manufacturing center of the country. Begin your sightseeing tour of Accra in **Jamestown**, historically a community built around the British occupation of James Fort. A fishing port, Jamestown serves as a rich reminder of the town's colonial past. Next, peruse the many **outdoor markets** that sell authentic, traditional Ghanaian prints, postcards, crafts and food, such as yams, plantains and other fruits and vegetables.

For another taste of the exciting Ghanaian culture, visit the **Art Center**, a large market with stalls selling arts and crafts. Discover excellent wood carvings, traditional Ghanaian drums, and a large variety of colorful and elaborately-decorated fabric and cloth, including Ashante kente, which is a traditional form of weaving. Dust off your bargaining skills—it's the name of the game here! After exploring the Arts Center, go next door to the **Nkrumah Mausoleum**, the final resting place for the first president of Ghana. Situated in a park-like setting with a museum dedicated to Nkrumah's life nearby, the Mausoleum is a poignant showcase of Kwame Nkrumah's quest to establish Ghana as an independent-thinking, pro-nationalist country, separate

from the heavy British influence that had shaped it for hundreds of years. Complete your tour of Accra at **Black Star Square**, where you will hear the history of Ghana's independence from Britain and see the memorial that now stands as a reminder of that historic day in 1957.

## DAY 5 KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Experiential learning: Participate in a cultural exchange program\*** • Imagine helping to make sustainable stoves for the locals, or teaching English to a high school student, or playing traditional African games with elementary school children. You may, during another cultural/community activity at the Kokrobitey Institute. Ghana's needs are great, and so are the options for helping its citizens.

**Attend an evening lecture or film\*** • Attend a lecture with local community leaders at the Kokrobitey Institute or watch a film. Topics may relate to the environmental or societal awareness of Ghana throughout the world.

## DAY 6 CAPE COAST • KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Travel to the Cape Coast** • This morning transfer to the Cape Coast, the capital city of Ghana which was founded by the Portuguese in the 15th century.

**Visit Kakum National Park** • Home to many nearly-extinct plants and animals, Kakum National Park is an ecological wonderland of lush rainforest, and a sight to behold when you take the popular canopy tour!

**Visit Cape Coast Castle** • Another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cape Coast Castle was established as a fortification site in 1653. Explore the dungeons where hundreds of slaves were stored before being transferred by boat to the western hemisphere. Cape

Coast Castle switched hands throughout the years, first occupied by the Swedes, then the Danes, and finally the British before eventually returning to Ghanaian ownership.

## DAY 7 KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Experiential learning: Participate in a cultural exchange or community service program\*** • Choose from a number of workshops today, including traditional arts, crafts, music, dance and drumming workshops, as well as community service in the Kokrobitey Village. Afterward, enjoy an evening activity.

## DAY 8 CAPE COAST • KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Volta Basin** • Embark on an excursion to the scenic region surrounding Lake Volta, the largest reservoir in the world. Your excursion includes a **lake cruise** and a **hike** to some of the area's waterfalls. You will also visit the **Akosombo Hydroelectric Dam**, completed in 1965 to provide electricity for the region's aluminum industry.

## DAY 9 KOKROBITEY INSTITUTE

**Independent study project in Accra** • As your stay winds to a close, spend your final day focusing on your independent study project.

## DAY 10 DEPART FOR HOME

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Flexibility is necessary, as projects and lectures will differ depending on the community's needs. Itineraries will be scheduled subject to availability and confirmed prior to departure date.



## WHAT OUR TRAVELERS SAY

### BARBARA L.

*Concordia University  
Portland, OR*

"The overall experience of the trip was amazing, unforgettable. I went on the tour not knowing many of the students in my group, and came back with really good friends and amazing memories. With the guidance of the tour director, I got to experience new culture without feeling completely lost. I now know that I can succeed and survive in a foreign country."

### ERIN H.

*Itasca Community College  
Grand Rapids, MN*

"I had such an amazing time, and I learned so much. We saw so many different sights. My experiences enriched my understanding of another culture, and created a realistic concept of an entirely foreign culture I would never have been exposed to otherwise."

### CHELSEA S.

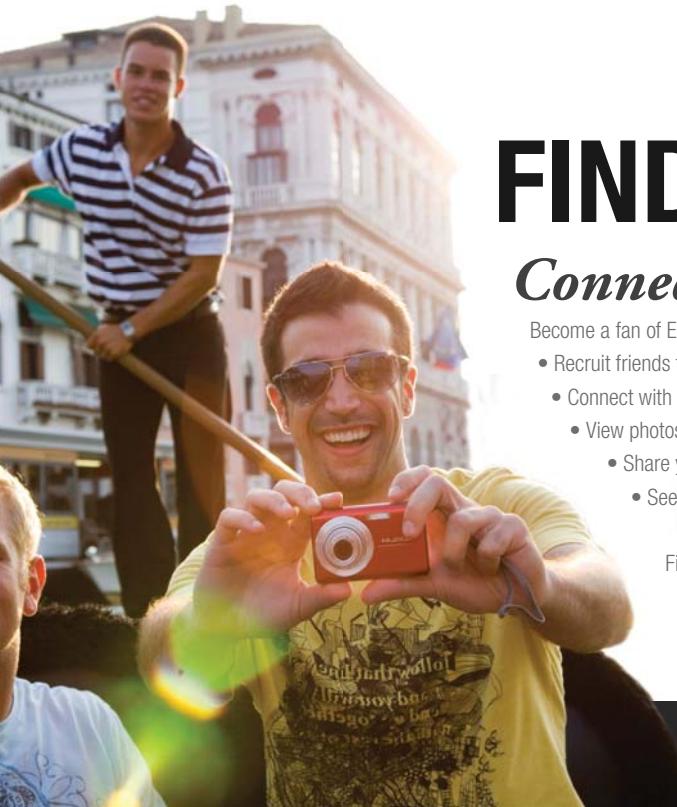
*Northern Oklahoma College  
Stillwater, OK*

"I can't believe we had the opportunity to see and do so many things for what we paid. I traveled on my own soon after my trip, and the flight alone cost more than the entire tour—which included meals, shows, tourist sites. I will never ever forget this experience. You'd be crazy not to take a tour with EF—they take great care of you."

### VIRGINIA M.

*Palo Alto College  
San Antonio, TX*

"Every student should go. I enjoyed flying to a foreign country, getting completely out of my comfort zone and truly seeing what this world has to offer. We tried new food, spoke different languages, and saw so many of the best sights on our walking tours. I love history, and being able to experience what I've studied for years was so moving it left me speechless. If there is ever an opportunity to go, take it!"



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