Late Spring Program in Ghana - West Africa

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Program Objectives
This program offers students the chance to:
• Experience different cultural/groups in Ghana and how they relate to the environment;
• Experience urban innovations and problems firsthand in four cities, Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast and Sekondi-Takoradi;
• Develop knowledge and understanding of the Ghanaian “worldview” and its influence on the environmental challenges and adaptive strategies used by different cultural groups in Ghana;
• Enrich their cross-cultural experience in our “global village.”

Your Professors
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Total Cost of the Program and Payment Schedule

Estimated cost per student:
Graduate ($4,792);
Undergraduate ($4,548);
Other ($4,000)

Cost includes:
• Tuition:
  Undergraduate $8,116;
  Graduate $10,600;
  Other $2,650
• Airfare to Accra-Ghana (roundtrip) $2,000

Lodging & Meals
Students will stay in a first class hotel with excellent security, access to television, air conditioning and three meals a day. Two students sharing a double room is the standard policy.

Cape Coast Slave Castle
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Day 1: Twin Cities Departure
Departure on Northwest flight to Amsterdam. Arrive and proceed to connecting KLM flight departing for Accra, non-stop service.

Day 2: Arrive in Accra
Spent the night in Accra at Angie Hill Hotel.

Day 3: Accra
Introductory lecture at 9:00am; Driving tour of Accra, Ghana’s capital city; Visit University of Ghana Du Bois Center, Lunch at REGAL; Night in Accra at Angie Hill Hotel.

Day 4: Akosombo
Visit the Volta Dam to learn about the impact of mega dams on the environment; Cruising on the largest Man-made lake in the world; Visit communities displaced by the lake; Lunch on boat; class discussions; Spend the night in Akosombo at Akosombo Continental Hotel.

Day 5: Depart to Kumasi
Lunch at Anyinam Linda Door; View Kwahu Mountains and Atiwa Forest; spend the night in Kumasi at KNUST Guest House or Georgia Hotel.

Day 6: Kumasi (Capital of the Ashanti Region)
Visit Ashanti Kings Palace and Kumasi Cultural Center to learn more about the Ashanti culture and history; Night in Kumasi at KNUST Guest House or Georgia Hotel.

Day 7: Sunyani (Capital of the Brong Ahafo Region)
Depart Kumasi to Sunyani; Visit monkey sanctuary to study indigenous resource management practices; class discussions; spend the night in Sunyani at USBETT Hotel.

Day 8: Kumasi
Depart Sunyani to Kumasi; Visit Kente village and Adinkra village; Visit Lake Bosumtwi; spend the night in Kumasi at KNUST Guest House or Georgia Hotel.

Day 9: Kumasi
Visit traditional shrine to learn about indigenous medical practices; Tour Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST); Visit carvings center; spend the night in Kumasi at KNUST Guest House or Georgia Hotel.

Day 10: Travel to Obuasi
Visit Obuasi goldmines; spend the night in Obuasi at Coconut Groove Hotel.

Day 11: Atlantic Coast
Travel to the Atlantic coast; stopover at Slave River at Assin Manso; spend the night in Elmina at Elmina Beach Resort.

Day 12: Kakum National Park
Tour Kakum National Park to experience the rain forest and canopy walk; Night in Elmina at Elmina Beach Resort.

Day 13: Cape Coast/ Elmina Castles
Visit Cape Coast and Elmina Castles to learn more about the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

Day 14: Accra
Depart Elmina to Accra; spend the night in Accra at Angie Hill Hotel.

Day 15: Shopping in Accra
Shopping at Arts Center; Banquet at La Palm Beach Hotel; Night in Accra at Angie Hill Hotel.

Day 16: Departure to USA
Group presentations; Departure to USA.

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Don’t wait to apply for your passport. Passports have been taking twelve weeks to be delivered. Students at other schools have not been able to go on tours they paid for because their passport did not come in time. Even if you are only thinking of joining our tour you should get your passport immediately. If you apply for your passport after November 1 be sure to write “Expedite” on the envelope.

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