**REVISED ITINERARY FOR REVEREND NICK HOOD’S CHURCH GROUP: 2025**

**DAY 1: MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025: DEPARTURE**

Depart from the States

**DAY 2: TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 2025: ARRIVAL**

* Arrive at Accra Airport
* Meet assist and transfer to your hotel.
* **Hotel check-in is at 3.00 pm.**
* Orientation by Sunseekers Tours staff
* Overnight: 5\*/4\*/Sam’s Cottage Hotel in Accra.

**DAY 3: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 2025: ACCRA CITY TOUR & LECTURE ON CULTURE**

* **Breakfast**
* Morning: Lecture on “The Relationship between African-Americans and Ghana
* Depart after the lecture for a full-day city tour of Accra. Our first visit is to the National Museum of History and Ethnography. This Museum houses a varied collection of Ghanaian artifacts. Objects in the archaeology section range from the Stone Age period to the recent historical past. Those on permanent exhibition at the ethnography gallery include chief’s regalia, indigenous Ghanaian musical instruments, gold weights, beads, traditional textiles, stools, and pottery.
* Depart to Ga Mashie-Old Accra, a contrast of Victorian Dutch and post-colonial architecture. You will drive past James Fort built in 1673, Old Accra Square and the Post Office. Drive past Ussher Fort, one of three European forts in Accra which have survived the times. Ussher Fort was built by the Dutch in 1649 as Fort Crèvecœur. Fort Crèvecœur was part of the Dutch Gold Coast. The Anglo-Dutch Gold Coast Treaty (1867), defined areas of influence on the Gold Coast and was transferred to the British in 1868. See the lighthouse built by the British to guide commercial ships into Accra Harbour.
* Continue to visit the newly refurbished Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Mausoleum. This is a Memorial and Third burial ground for the First Head of State and President of independent Ghana. The Mausoleum site was the Old Polo grounds for the Europeans during the colonial period until 1957. This Mausoleum has been visited by many world dignitaries.
* **Dinnerat a local restauran**t ***(on own account)***
* After lunch**,** visit the W.E.B. Du Bois Centre for Pan-Africanism; this is the final burial place and home of the prominent American Pan-Africanist Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois, who led the Pan-African Congress between 1919 and 1927. It is currently a Pan African Centre for Culture, and it also has a research library and gallery full of manuscripts.
* Your last stop for the day is the Art and craft market to view a varied collection of Ghanaian handicraft souvenirs. This offers you the opportunity to try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors and to “shop till you drop.”
* Enjoy a traditional welcome performance highlighting various dance forms and percussions.
* ***Evening:*** Meet Tailors and dressmakers featuring casual wear and formal garments made from local

fabric and textiles will visit your hotel. You may purchase ready-made clothes or place an order for a

custom-made outfit.

* ***Explore the nightlife in Accra.***
* Overnight: 5\*/4\*/Sam’s Cottage Hotel in Accra.

**DAY 4: THURSDAY AUGUST 7, 2025: ACCRA – ASSIN MANSO- ELMINA**

* **Breakfast and hotel check out**
* Depart Accra to the Central Region. Drive past several farming villages and towns.Detour at Mankessim to Assin Manso to visit the burial site of the remains of two ancestors exhumed from New York’s Wall Street & Kingston, Jamaica and re-interred on Emancipation Day 1998. A third grave containing remains of African ancestors was brought in by the Prime Minister of Barbados in November 2019 as part of the “YEAR OF RETURN” GHANA 2019. Visit the DONKO NSUO (Enslaved River) where the African captives were allowed to take their last bath in waters of their native land before they were marched to the Dungeons.
* Continue to Elmina.
* Arrive and have **lunch** at a local restaurant ***(on own account).***
* After lunch, you spend time with the people in Elmina. This offers you the opportunity to interact with the community. As part of your commitment to community engagement, take the opportunity to contribute to the local schools and clinics. Offer donations that align with their needs, whether it be educational supplies for schools or essential items for healthcare facilities. This gesture not only supports the community but also fosters a sense of collaboration and shared responsibility. This immersive experience allows you to witness firsthand the resilience and warmth of the community members.
* Check in to your hotel.
* Overnight: Coconut Grove Beach Resort or similar in Elmina.

**DAY 5: FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2025: UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES - ACCRA**

***All White Attire***

* **Breakfast and hotel check out.**
* Depart to visit Elmina Castle, the first and oldest European structure built of any substance on African soil. This was built by the Portuguese in 1482 and later used as an auction market for a comprehensive guided tour. See the enslaved dungeons and condemned cells where African ancestors who resisted captivity were starved to death.
* Continue to visit Cape Coast Dungeons which was originally started by the Swedes in 1652. It served as the headquarters and seat of the British colonial government until 1877. Go on a comprehensive tour of the Castle, the slave dungeons where enslaved Africans were starved to death and the negotiation hall where our ancestors were bargained for and sold. Learn about the powerfully symbolic Door of No Return, the last exit point for the enslaved being transported to the Americas. This UNESCO World Heritage Monument has been visited by several world personalities including US President Barack and Michelle Obama, Steve Harvey, Boris Kodjoe, Danny Glover etc.
* Observe a moment of silence in remembrance and pay Solemn Homage to your ancestors.
* **Lunch *(on own accounts)***
* Depart for Accra. Drive along several fishing villages and coconut lined beach
* Check in to your hotel.
* Overnight: 5\*/4\*/Sam’s Cottage Hotel in Accra

**DAY 6: SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2025: DODI PRINCESS**

* **Breakfast**
* Depart hotel to Akosombo to join the scheduled cruise on board the Dodi Princess Cruise boat on the Volta Lake. Enjoy **lunch** on board while cruising to the Dodi Island where you glide pass several scenic villages on the banks of one of the largest man-made lakes in the world***.***
* Return to mainland and return to Accra.
* **Dinner** ***(on own account)***
* Overnight: 5\*/4\*/Sam’s Cottage Hotel in Accra

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**DAY 7: SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2025: CHURCH SERVICE**

* **Breakfast**
* Depart after breakfast to attend church service.
* Return to the hotel late afternoon and have rest of the day at leisure.
* Overnight: 5\*/4\*/Sam’s Cottage Hotel in Accra

**DAY 8: MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2025:** **ACCRA – KUMASI VAI VILLAGE VISIT WITH NAMING CEREMONY**

**Breakfast and hotel check-out**

* Depart Accra in the morning for Kumasi in the Ashanti Region, the Kingdom of Gold, History and Culture. Drive past several scenic villages and cocoa-growing communities.
* Make a detour to pay a courtesy call on the chief and people of a local community. Arrive and interact with local folks and learn about village life. You will participate in a naming ceremony, where you will be given a traditional African name. It would be interesting to compare your given attributes with who you are today.
* Continue to Kumasi with **lunch** at a Highway restaurant ***(on own account)***
* Arrive in Kumasi late afternoon.
* Check-into your hotel.
* **Dinner** ***(on own account)***
* Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Kumasi

**DAY 9: TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 2025: CRAFT VILLAGES & KUMASI CITY TOUR**

* **Breakfast**
* Depart after breakfast to visit a few Ashanti craft villages to participate in using simple tools and traditional technology to produce breath taking artifacts and designs. Learn how to make these crafts from which you can send personalized souvenirs for friends and family back home.
* Visit Ahwiaa – the woodcarver’s village specializing in woodcarving such as the Ashanti stools, fertility dolls and walking sticks. Proceed to visit Ntonso – the traditional textile printing village. See Adinkra cloth and tie-and-dye processing and get a demonstration of how intricate designs are applied to this sacred mourning cloth. Adinkra cloth is designed by Indigenous artists whose expertise lies in the textual printing using traditional symbols that express the spiritual, moral, political and socio- cultural philosophies of the Akan people and offers you an opportunity to create your own designs. Bonwire where the famous Kente cloth is handmade on looms, in a time-honored tradition passed down through generations.
* **Lunch** in Kumasi ***(on own account).***
* After lunch go on a city tour of Kumasi, visiting the Manhyia Palace Museum. The Manhyia Palace Museum was created within the old residence of Otumfuo Agyeman Prempeh I and Otumfuo Sir Osei Agyeman Prempeh II, the thirteenth and fourteenth Kings of Asante, respectively. This historic building was rehabilitated in 1995 to serve as a museum, National Cultural Centre and Prempeh II Museum. This museum displays artifacts relating to the Ashanti King Prempeh II, including the king's war attire, ceremonial clothing, jewelry, protective amulets, personal equipment for bathing and dining, furniture, royal insignia, and fine brass weights for weighing gold. Constructed to resemble an Ashanti chief's house, it has a courtyard in front and walls adorned with traditional carved symbols.
* Return to your hotel and relax at the hotel’s poolside.
* **Dinner at your hotel** ***(on own account)***
* Evening free to explore nightlife in Kumasi.
* Overnight: 3\*/4\* Hotel in Kumasi

**DAY 10: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, 2025: KUMASI - ACCRA**

* **Breakfast and hotel check-out**
* Depart Kumasi to Accra.
* Drive through the evergreen past several farming towns and villages.
* **Dinner at your hotel** ***(on own account)***
* Overnight: 5\*/4\*/Sam’s Cottage Hotel in Accra

**DAY 11: THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2025: DEPARTURE**

* **Breakfast**
* Morning at leisure for last-minute shopping and packing
* Hotel check-out is at 12.00 noon.
* Evening transfer to the airport for departure

**DAY 12: FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 2025: ARRIVE HOME**

Arrive back in the States.