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**ASSUNTO: PROGRAM: “KWANZA ROOTS” – 3-DAY REUNION WITH THE ANCESTRAL LAND**

**Luanda, June 2026**

Historical, Cultural, and Spiritual Itinerary for African Americans in Angola

## **WHY THIS TOUR IN ANGOLA?**

Many of our African American brothers and sisters carry Angola in their blood without ever having set foot on this soil. The Kwanza River was the last view of Africa for thousands of ancestors before the forced crossing. This tour is a return to your origins: you will touch the stones of the trading posts, hear the stories that books never tell, and be welcomed as family. This is not tourism. This is reconciliation. If you do not know your origin, you cannot know where you are going. Come write your name back into Angola's history. The doors of your grandparents' home are open.

## **DAY 1 – LUANDA: THE WEIGHT OF HISTORY, THE STRENGTH OF CULTURE**

Morning

9:00 AM – Reception at Dr. António Agostinho Neto International Airport, Icolo e Bengo

Akwaaba – Welcome to your grandparents' home.

Distance AAN → Hotel in Luanda: 25 miles | Travel time: 50 min – 1 hr

Transfer with a bilingual guide. Your first view of Angola begins as soon as you land.

10:30 AM – Museum of Slavery, Morro da Cruz

Note: This is where healing begins. Luanda was the largest slave port south of the Equator. You will see shackles, maps of slave routes, and letters of manumission. It is the only museum in Angola 100% dedicated to the transatlantic slave trade. You will understand why the name “Angola” echoes in so many surnames across the U.S.

Afternoon

1:00 PM – Lunch with Ancestral Flavors

Taste the dishes that crossed the Atlantic with your ancestors.

3:00 PM – Meeting with a Government Official – Audience with H.E. the Vice President of the Republic or the Minister of Culture

Note: Angola welcomes you as a State. This is official recognition that you are part of this nation. Bring your questions and proposals. This is a unique moment for dialogue on memory, repair, and cooperation.

Evening

7:30 PM – Angolan Cultural Night

Note: This is not a show for tourists. This is our living room. Experience rebita dance, marimba, storytellers, and cuisine from all 21 provinces. Wear African print if you wish—tonight, you are one of us.

## **DAY 2 – KWANZA CORRIDOR: THE PATH OUR ANCESTORS WALKED**

6:30 AM – Depart Luanda for Massanganu – 1 hr 30 min drive

8:00 AM – Town of Massanganu – First Major Slave Trading Post

Note : The first major inland depot. Walk the same packed earth where thousands were branded. See the ruins of the fortress and the church where thousands were forcibly baptized. We will hold a moment of silence and prayer on the ground where your lineage was interrupted.

10:00 AM – Continue to the Town of Dondo – 30 min

10:30 AM – Dondo – Main River Port on the Kwanza

Note: The main fluvial port on the Kwanza. From here, boats carried human cargo downriver to the sea. This river was the highway of the slave trade. Today it is life: fishermen, children playing. Pain turned into hope.

12:00 PM – Regional Lunch in Dondo

1:30 PM – Depart for the Ruins of Cambambe – 20 min

2:00 PM – Cambambe – Fortress and Final Trading Post Before the Atlantic

Note: Here the river meets the rapids. Many ancestors saw Angola for the last time at this point. We will hold a collective prayer of liberation and thanksgiving.

4:00 PM – Return to Luanda – 2 hr 15 min drive. Scheduled arrival 6:15 PM

Free Evening – Rest or stroll along the Luanda Island waterfront with team support.

### **DAY 3 – FAITH, SOLIDARITY, AND COMMISSIONING**

Morning

9:00 AM – Solidarity Visit to CEFOCA – Christian Training Center of Angola

Note : More than walls: this is where the future is formed. CEFOCA includes a medical post, a school of health under construction, and a dormitory for pastors.

1. CEFOCA Medical Post – Serves over 60 low-income patients daily from surrounding communities. Shortages of medicine and equipment are constant.

2. School of Health – Trains nurses and community health workers who serve the entire country.

3. Classrooms Under Construction – This is where we need you. The structure is up, but the rooms are unfinished: no plaster, no flooring, no windows, no desks, no boards. Hundreds of young people and pastors cannot train because there is no dignified space to study.

Why Your Donation Matters: This is where history changes. The ships took our ancestors away without books or letters. Today, we can give books and a future back.

- \$50 buys 2 bags of cement to plaster one wall.

- \$250 pays for one window to keep students out of the sun and rain.

- \$500 equips one classroom with 15 desks.

- \$3,000 completes one full classroom.

Your contribution will have a plaque on the door: “Classroom donated by the [Family Name] Family – USA, in honor of our ancestors.”

This is not charity. This is restoring education to a people who were forbidden to learn. It is saying: “Those who left in chains return today to build.” Every dollar finishes a wall; every gift puts on a roof.

Many churches in the U.S. were born from help like this. Your presence is already a miracle. For those who can, please leave a financial seed so we can complete the School.

CEFOCA Transparency: After the tour, you will receive photos and a report showing how your donation was used. Goal for this group: Complete 5 classrooms and allow 80 more students per year to be trained.

11:30 AM – Ecumenical Reunion Service

Note : This is not a service to attend. It is a service to participate in. Visiting pastors and lay members will be invited to preach, sing, or pray. We will break the curse of separation and prophesy together over Africa and the diaspora.

Afternoon

1:30 PM – Farewell Lunch with CICA Leaders

Presentation of the certificate: “**Child of Angola – Return to the Roots.**”

3:30 PM – Free Time for Shopping

Visit the Crafts Market for fabrics and sculptures.

6:00 PM – Transfer to the Airport

See you soon, family.

*“They left through the Kwanza without the right to an education. You return through AAN to build schools.”*