

THE PILGRIMAGE OF RETURN TO AFRICA

(23-25 October 2026)

Ghana

Arrangements are being made for delegates to the Conference coming from the Diaspora to enter into the African continent through the “Doors of No Return”. These are the “doors” through which Africans were taken into slavery. The idea is to turn these historical “Doors of no Return” into “The Doors of Return” back to the African continent as delegates come from the diaspora to the continent.

Thursday, October 22 - Arrive in Ghana by evening
Overnight in Monarch Hotel, East Legon, Ghana

Friday, October 23, 2026

Before 08:00AM	Breakfast and transfer to Trinity Theological Seminary
8.30 - 10.30AM	Welcome worship and brief meeting with leaders of WCC member churches in Ghana
10:30AM	Depart for Elmina
12:30 - 1.30AM	Lunch in Apam
15:30	Arrive in Elmina - check in at the Hotel
16:00 - 18:00	Conversation with African American community in Elmina

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Before 7:30	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:30	Pilgrimage to the dungeons
12:00	Check out from the hotel
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
14:00	Depart from Accra
17:00	Check in at the Monarch Hotel and Dinner

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Before 7:30	Breakfast
08:00 - 10:00	Worship with a local congregation
11:30 - 14:00	Trip to the WEB Dubois Centre
14: 00- 15:00	Lunch
16:00 - 17:00	Wrap up discussions
	Depart for Airport for those taking South African Airlines
	Those on other airlines can leave in the morning of the 26 th .

Practical Issues

1. It appears flights that make it possible for the three way trip from JFK to Accra, Accra to Johannesburg and Johannesburg to JFK is around 2,200 US dollars. Other origins from the USA, the Caribbean, South America and Europe will of course be different.
2. Hotel accommodation costs in Ghana would be around 100 US dollars per person a night
3. Lunch and dinner will be around 70 US dollars per day for the three days.

4. Ground Transportation. This will be around 330 dollars per day for 3 days for the group
5. Contingency (which may or may not be used) including refreshments - 500
6. Entry into Elmina Castle -

Financial considerations for those stopping in Ghana

1. Air fare whatever the cost is
2. Accommodation and meals per person per day is 180 US dollars. Therefore for 3 days it will be 540, and for 4 days it will be 720 US dollars
3. Ground Transportation for three days 990 US dollars. Per person will be 200 US dollars if 5 persons, 170 per person if 6 persons, 150 per person if 7 persons, 130 per person if 8 persons, 110 per person if 9 persons, and 100 per person if 10 persons.
4. Therefore in Ghana costs per person will be around 850 to 1,100 US dollars per person.