



Discover Ghana

FARM RADIO INTERNATIONAL'S LEARNING TOUR AND SAFARI

February 9 – 21, 2019



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY:





Dear friends,

You are one of our most valued supporters, and I am so thrilled to be able to share with you the experience of seeing Farm Radio International's work first-hand. **It's my pleasure to invite you to join our third learning tour and safari!**

The year I spent living and working in Tanzania to be closer to Farm Radio International's work on the ground was one of the highlights of my entire career. It was amazing to witness the power that radio has to strengthen rural farming communities, as well as the spirit, perseverance, and ingenuity of small-scale farmers. Since returning to Ottawa, I have been committed to creating opportunities for our Canadian supporters to share a similar experience. **You are one of the first to know about this exciting opportunity, and I hope you will join me on a tour of Ghana in February.**

This is your chance to experience the difference that radio is making for small-scale farmers in Africa. You'll visit local radio stations to meet the people who dedicate their lives to serving farmers over the airwaves. You'll see how radio is joining forces with other technologies to become an interactive communications tool that gives farmers a stronger voice. And you'll meet with farmers who rely on radio every day.

You'll explore a beautiful country through the eyes of Farm Radio International with other committed supporters. Together we'll explore the cities of Accra, Tamale and Kumasi, visit nearby farming communities, go wildlife spotting on treks and safaris, experience the Cape Coast, and learn about Ghana's rich history and culture. **We'll take care of all of the details in what is sure to be the trip of a lifetime.**

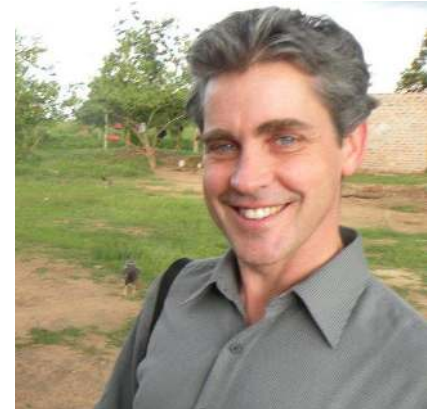
You know how radio can help farmers help themselves. Now you can see for yourself the power that it has to lift farming families and communities out of poverty. Seeing truly is believing.

If a grassroots trip to Africa is something you've been wanting to do for a long time, don't delay. Space in the learning tour is limited to 15. I have enclosed a brochure with more details about the trip. If you like what you see, let us know quickly by returning the enclosed reply coupon. Better yet, give us a call at 1-613-761-3659 so that we can personally address your questions and reserve your spot.

I wish you a happy summer and hope to see you in February,

Kevin Perkins
Executive Director

P.S. This trip will fill up fast, and I wanted to make sure that you heard about it first. If you're interested, please be in touch so that you don't miss out!





Farmers in Ghana

Our Itinerary

Saturday, February 9: Arrive in Accra

We will be met on arrival and transferred to our hotel.

Overnight: Labadi Beach Hotel

Sunday, February 10: Accra

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and the morning at leisure, resting up after your long journey to Ghana. Later enjoy lunch at the office of Farm Radio International with our staff. We'll take a tour of the Digital Innovation Lab and learn more about the activities of Farm Radio International in Ghana. After that, we will pay a visit to the Canadian High Commission in Accra to learn more about the history of Canada's international cooperation with Ghana.

Overnight: Labadi Beach Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Monday, February 11: Accra

Visit Independence Square, Accra's open-air ceremonial grounds where all national celebrations are held. Continue to visit the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and museum, a tribute to Ghana's first President. This park, formally called the Polo grounds, is where Dr. Kwame Nkrumah declared the independence of Ghana. The remains of Dr Nkrumah as well as that of his wife rest on this premise. You will see various personal items used by Dr Nkrumah, as well as books he authored. In the afternoon we will visit the Arts and Crafts market where you can test your bargaining and trading skills against the vendors or visit one of Ghana's best known fabric stores where there is a wide selection of African fabrics.

Overnight: Labadi Beach Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday, February 12: Fly Accra – Tamale

Today we will fly to the city of Tamale in Northern Ghana. We will visit a partner radio station and participate in a mini-drama recording session and next, travel to a rural village and a farm that has been served by Farm Radio. Later, meet a group of enterprising women who are processing shea nuts into shea butter, the main livelihood activity in the north. In the evening, the group will enjoy a dance performance.

Overnight: Gariba Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday, February 13: Tamale

This morning, we'll visit Farm Radio's International Bridge Project in Savelugu. After lunch, we'll sit in on a listening group session and undertake a guided walk through the group's community.

Overnight: Gariba Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Thursday, February 14: Drive to Mole National Park (190 km. /Approx. 3 hrs)

After breakfast we will depart on a half day tour of Tamale, visiting the central market and the Centre for National Culture and leather market. Later, we'll travel to Mole National Park, home to 93 species of mammals, including herds of elephant, bucks, and a wide range of bird life. The plan is to reach Mole before 4:00pm and go on our first safari (on foot) in the Park before checking in to our lodge.

Overnight: Zaina Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Cape Coast Castle

Friday, February 15: Mole National Park

We will rise up very early in the morning to have a trekking safari to try and view the elephants and other protected species of the game reserve, followed by a visit of Mognori, a village that will exhibit some of its preserved traditions. After lunch, we will depart on a second safari by 4WD and then have time to enjoy the swimming pool before we return to our lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Zaina Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Saturday, February 16: Drive Mole to Kumasi (395 km / Approx. 6 hours)

Early today we will drive to Kumasi and make a stop at the Kintampo Falls for a picnic. We will visit another partner radio station and meet with a group of female maize and soybean farmers who improved their marketing thanks to a 'Radio Marketplace' program developed by Farm Radio.

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday, February 17: Kumasi

Visit the National Cultural Centre, where we'll find the small but informative Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and its collection of relics and historical memorabilia from the Asante Empire's storied history. In the afternoon, we'll make our way just out of town to visit the UNESCO-listed Asante Traditional Buildings to see what the traditional ceremonial dwellings of the Asantes looked like during their cultural height.

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Monday, February 18: Kumasi

In Kumasi, the capital of the Ashanti Region, we will visit the craft villages Adawomase and Ntonso where the traditional Kente and Adinkra cloth have been made for centuries. These textiles still play an important role in today's culture. This afternoon, we'll get a feel of the pulse of Kumasi at its main market, the massive open-air Kejetia Market. While there, pick up some Asante sandals or famous kente cloth... and don't forget to haggle.

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday, February 19: Drive Kumasi to Elmina (225 km/ Approx. 4 hrs)

Today we will drive to Elmina and visit Assin-Manso on the way. The slavery monument and ancestral graveyard in Assin-Manso used to be the final stop on the slave trail where slaves were bathed and sold at the slave market before they walked the final distance to the castles at the coast from where they were transported to 'The New World' under horrific circumstances. We'll also visit Cape Coast Castle and the Castle Museum. Cape Coast Castle is a restored UNESCO World Heritage Site, and was one of the departure points for Africans being sent to the Americas. The castle is home to the infamous Door of No Return.

Overnight: The Coconut Beach Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Wednesday, February 20: Elmina

After breakfast, we'll visit Kakum National Park, one of Ghana's most famous parks. We'll take a brief walking tour on the forest floor and learn cultural and medicinal purposes of the flora and fauna. Afterwards, we'll experience the park from above—Kakum is home to Africa's only aerial walkway through the tree canopy, a 1000 foot long, seven-bridge walkway with viewing platforms that reach heights of over 150 feet above ground! This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner.

Overnight: The Coconut Grove Beach Resort
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

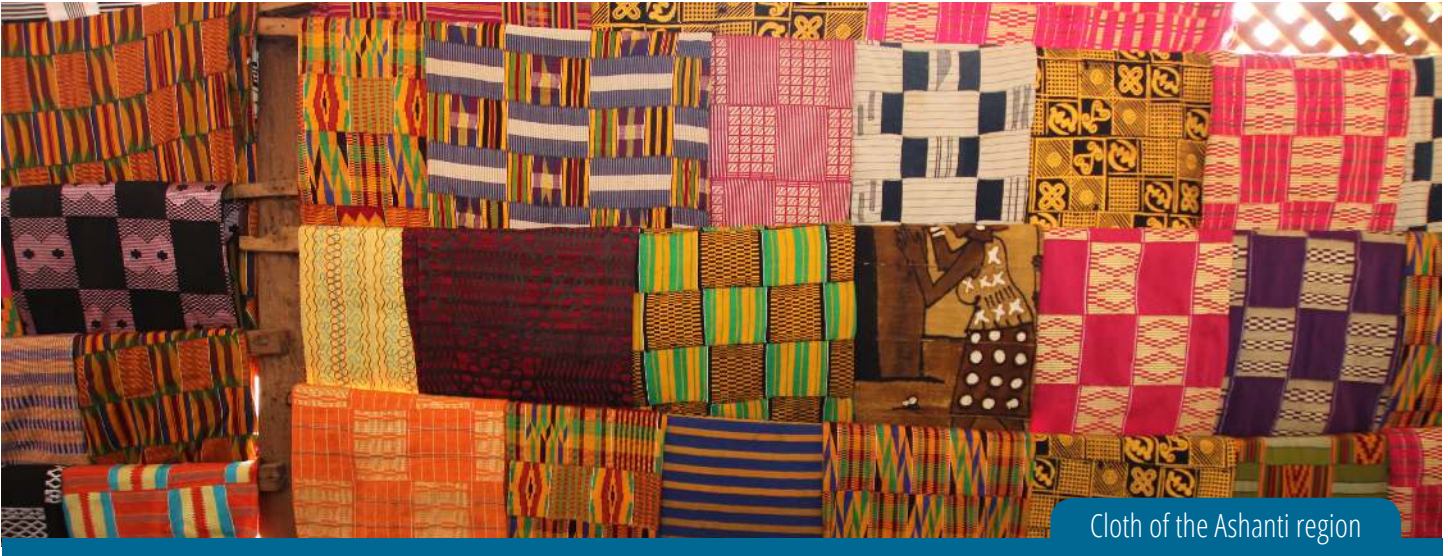
Thursday, February 21: Drive Elmina – Accra, depart

This morning, we'll visit Elmina Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in 1482. This castle was the first European structure in sub-Saharan Africa. Continue to the village of Abandze, the ancestral home of Louis Armstrong, the famous American jazz musician. We'll arrive in Accra by late afternoon for last minute shopping, and then transfer this evening to the airport for our late flight home.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Note: The itinerary and accommodation described here are subject to change. In the event of weather changes, logistical arrangements or local events, we may make changes to your tour.





Cloth of the Ashanti region

TOUR DETAILS

Tour Cost (per person, based on a minimum of 12 participants): US\$4875

Plus tax deductible donation to Farm Radio International: C\$1250

Single Supplement: US\$1495

If you are travelling on your own and would like to share accommodation, we would be happy to try to match you with a suitable roommate. If we are unable to do so, the single supplement applies.

Group Size: Limited to 15 participants

What's Included:

- Accommodation based on selected properties or similar
- Meals as listed in the itinerary
- All excursions as listed in the itinerary including site visits
- Transportation by private 25 seater comfortable air-conditioned coach
- Internal flight from Accra to Tamale
- Bilingual local experienced English-speaking guides
- All park and entrance fees
- Gratuities
- Services of our local offices
- Tour will be accompanied by Kevin Perkins, Executive Director, Farm Radio International

Not Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from your home
- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Fuel surcharges, if applicable
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage charges
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional arrangements required due to any emergency or other situation

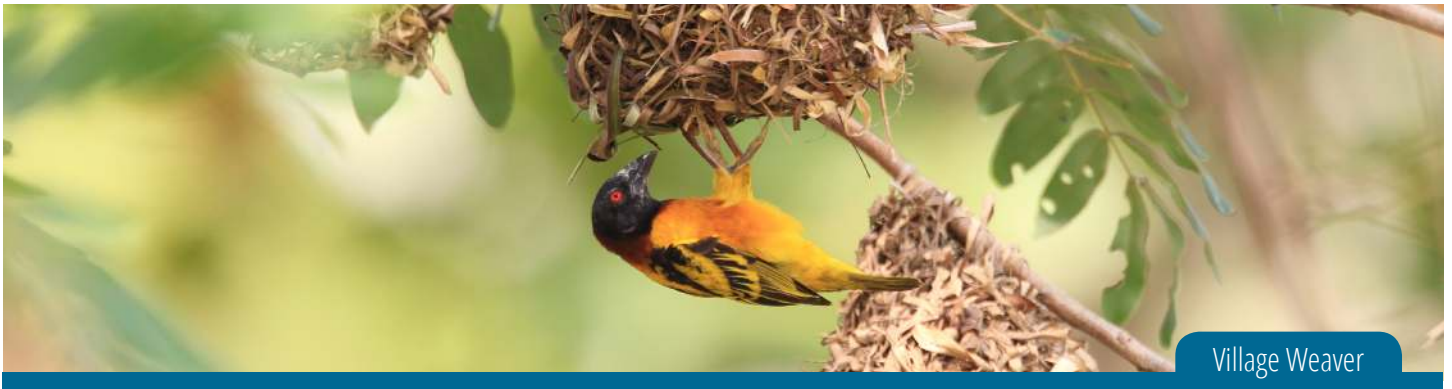
Please contact Worldwide Quest for personalized flight arrangements.

Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of US\$1000 per person is required to confirm your place on this trip. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure (November, 2018).

How to Book

**Please call Sara at Worldwide Quest with any questions and to secure your booking:
Toll-free 1-800-387-1483 / Local 416-633-5666 or sara@worldwidequest.com**



Village Weaver

WHAT TO EXPECT

Joining Instructions

Start: Accra Airport Feb. 9, 2019 (arrival anytime on this day)

End: Accra International Airport Feb. 21, 2019 (late evening departure)

The trip starts and ends in Accra with a group transfer. Worldwide Quest can assist with arranging your flights from your chosen point of origin. Your transfer is not included if you are arriving or departing outside of these joining guidelines, but we are happy to assist in arranging one.

Level of Activity: Easy to Moderate

This tour can be enjoyed by travellers of most levels of fitness. This itinerary includes a walking safari and you must be comfortable walking on uneven terrain for about two hours at a stretch. On some days there will be long drives up to 5–6 hours.

Accommodation

We will be staying at delightful properties, all with private facilities that have been selected for their location, amenities and charming atmosphere.

Transportation

We will be travelling in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle driven by a professional driver.

Weather

We expect mostly clear sunny skies with average daytime temperatures between 26 – 30°C and overnight lows of about 20°C. We may experience light rain.

Travel Documents

You will require a passport for this trip. Please ensure it is valid for at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return home. Canadian passport holders require a visa for Ghana. Detailed instructions for obtaining this visa will be provided by Worldwide Quest.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Flights

Worldwide Quest is pleased to provide personalized flight arrangements for your travel to/from Accra. If you are making your own air arrangements, please check with us to ensure that your flight itinerary aligns with the tour program prior to confirming your flight.

Terms and Conditions

For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946).

Cancellation Policy

All deposits are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.