

EDUCATIONAL GROUP TRIPS

Cultural Immersion Program (\$ 1,350)

- **Qualifications required:** There are no special qualification for this program but applicants must be in good health condition for hiking
- **Season:** January to December
- **Placement settings:** 2 wks. Local community projects and 1 wk. Tours
- **Program duration:** All year round
- **Accommodation:** Volunteers live as a group with any of our well trained host families near the project during volunteering and in a hotel during tours.
- **Tour Customizable:** Yes
- **Program fees:** which includes airport pick-up, Program orientation and supervision, accommodation, 3x daily meals, utility bills, Local SIM card, Official Star Tours Ghana T-shirt , all tours in-country, Entrance fee to tourist centers, Last day airport drop off, and 24/7 in-country support
- **What Fees doesn't include:** Airfare from your home to Ghana, visa, Travelling Insurance, buying of souvenirs to families and friends back home, drinks.

Travel somewhere incredible and have an unforgettable experience. Live in and be part of another community, totally different from your own.

We organize more authentic cultural experiences for High Schools and Universities groups. Cultural immersion tours give travelers experiences only locals normally have access to. Cultural immersion tours tend to combine the best parts of travel and sightseeing.

Star Tours Ghana Cultural Immersion Projects will let you step inside a culture. We've created a range of unique travel experiences where you can switch off from modern life. You'll work alongside locals to pitch in with their day-to-day lives and the challenges they face. Volunteers will spend time in our partner schools to be involved in their schools activities, engage in language Lessons, cultural drumming and dancing lessons with their traditional meaning, help renovate school facilities or even help the school farming project and take a trip to historical sites including the slave trade castles and forts (Cape Coast and Elmina), Kakum National Forest (canopy walkway), the monkey sanctuary, Wli Falls (highest waterfall in West Africa), the highest mountain in Ghana, The village on Stilts of Nzulezu, Mole National Park and many more.

Our previous participants on cultural exchange programmes have gone on to a wide range of careers and experiences, having gained versatile social skills and resilience during their time with us.

Schools and colleges

Inspiring college and school expeditions providing a challenging and rewarding learning experience for youths.

Educational, meaningful and affordable school expeditions are hard to come by. Ideally, as a teacher, you'll be looking for a trip that not only meets specific curriculum objectives but helps your students' educational and personal development. Well, look no further...

Taken out of their comfort zones, your students will have a unique opportunity to learn and develop new skills that will support their schooling and life after education. Furthermore, you could accompany them on this eye-opening and rewarding adventure.

Our aim is to make the entire experience for you as a group leader as simple and hassle-free as possible. Therefore, we take care of a lot of the admin, provide inclusive school expedition packages, and help your group through every step of their trip journey so that you feel supported from start to finish.

The experience starts long before the trip itself. Through fundraising the monies required to go on the trip, your students can gain invaluable life skills such as money management, independent decision-making, and planning. Following the experience, we are confident that they will return as more resilient, enterprising and rounded individuals, having had an insight into what it takes to become a global citizen.

What's Included In Your Package

We pride ourselves on our excellent pre-departure service and comprehensive packages.

Pre-departure

- **Free staff place with every 10 volunteers**
- Dedicated Groups Manager
- Fundraising ideas and support
- African Adventures t-shirt
- Visa application support

When You Travel

- Pre departure orientation
- Airport pickup and transfers in-country and daily transport
- Orientation upon arrival
- Dedicated in-country Trip Host
- Single-sex, shared accommodation
- Three meals per day throughout the program
- Pre-planned project work
- 24-hour support in the event of an emergency
- Cultural events and activities
- Project development contribution

What's Not Included

Very little actually.

Pre-departure

- medical expenses – any vaccinations or antimalarial tablets
- Visa fee

During your trip

- Drinks
- Internet and laundries

Youth Development Program (YDP) \$1,350

- **Qualifications required:** There are no special qualification for this program but applicants must be in good health condition for hiking
- **Season:** January to December
- **Placement settings:** minimum 2 wks plus tour
- **Program duration:** All year round
- **Accommodation:** Volunteers live as a group with any of our well trained host families near the project during volunteering and in a hotel during tours.
- **Tour Customizable:** Yes
- **Program fees:** which includes airport pick-up, Program orientation and supervision, accommodation, 3x daily meals, utility bills, Local SIM card, Official Star Tours Ghana T-shirt , all tours in-country, Entrance fee to tourist centers, Last day airport drop off, and 24/7 in-country support

Our Youth Development Programme is open to young people between the ages of 16 and 19, and all that's needed to participate is enthusiasm, commitment, and the drive to make a difference!

The programme offers young people the chance to take part in a 2 weeks or more of volunteering experience in Africa, and the adventure starts as soon as you sign up.

In the preparation phase, you'll be targeted to fundraise as much of your programme fee as possible, giving you a chance to develop skills even before you travel. Our friendly team will support you throughout your fundraising.

When you return home after the trip you'll be awarded a certificate stating that you have successfully completed the Youth Development Programme; a fantastic record of the commitment you have shown to your development, and something which you can reference in further education and job opportunities. You'll return home with a new sense of independence, increased confidence, and a feeling of pride in what you have achieved.

On your trip, you will have the chance to form close bonds with the other young people in your group as you work as a team to make a positive impact at our partner schools. You can choose to help with teaching, running sports sessions, or building /renovating classrooms. Away from volunteering, you'll get to explore your host destination on one of our adventure

activities. From safari, to trekking through the rainforest in Ghana, touring slave trade castles, canopy walkway in the rainforest and the beautiful beaches of Ghana, there's something for everyone. Throughout your trip, you will be accompanied by an experienced Group Leader, who will be your main point of call and support you through the process. So, what are you waiting for...