

AUGUST

2nd - 3rd August

Natural Hair Expo

Celebration of natural hair. The expo will feature panel discussions, educational workshops, hair braiding, live entertainment, and much more. [Organiser:- Africa Loom](#)

5th August

Investment Forum

Assembled to lead efforts that connect and facilitate African American-Ghanaian investment and business ventures, large and small. [Organiser:- Africa Loom](#)

5th - 11th August

HACSA Summit

Leaders from all over the African Diaspora will discuss the 400th Year of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade & strategies to overcome its effects. [Organiser:- Heritage and Cultural Society of Africa](#)

10th August

Art Installation

Nkyinkyim is an installation by Kwame Akoto-Bamfo. The installation seeks to use the arts to document and tell the story of Ghanaian/African heritage. [Organiser:- Osramba Company Limited](#)

7th - 11th August

Nana Yaa Asantewaa Festival

[Organiser:- Nana Yaa Asantewaa Memorial Foundation](#)



OCTOBER

12th - 13th October

Ghana: Remember the Times

Focuses on showing the global reach that Ghanaian traditions, cultural practices and folklore have played outside of the country. [Organiser:- The Calabash Hub](#)

25th October

Madiba Humanitarian Award: Celebrating the Legacy Of Nelson Mandela.

Celebrates the Legacy Of Nelson Mandela and awards individuals who embody many of the principles that guided his life. Takes place in NYC. [Organiser:- The Bedford Stuyvesant Museum of African Art \(BSMAA\)](#)

25th - 26th October

The Blueprint Conference Ghana 2019

Conference to unite interior design professionals & enthusiasts around riveting panels, workshops and discussions on the role of design.

[Organiser:- Jenniez School of African Interior Design in partnership with Blueprint Africa](#)

25th October

Back To The Motherland: The Documentary

Screening of film themed 'Back To The Motherland'. The plot encourages African Americans in the Diaspora to relocate to Ghana & invest in the economy. [Organiser:- Sparkle Light Productions](#)

29th October - 2nd November

Kumasi Carnival

It's the Caribbean type of carnival. There will be seminars, durbar of chiefs and visit to tourist sites.

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11th - 16th August

Congressional Black Caucus Homecoming

Government of Ghana will host the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to commemorate the Year of Return.

17th August

MMG Foundation Homecoming Dinner and Dance

Commemorate Marcus Mosiah Garvey's legacy & celebrate the achievements of individuals who have demonstrated Pan-African unity and spirit. [Organiser:- MMG Foundation](#)

18th - 22nd August

Jamestown to Jamestown, African American Business Investment, and Development Summit

A spiritual, historical, and reconciliatory journey from Jamestown, Virginia, to Jamestown, Accra Ghana to commemorate the 400 year anniversary. [Organiser:- Sunseekers Tours LTD. and The Adinkra Group](#)

19th - 25th August

Chale Wote

An alternative platform that brings art, music, dance and performance out into the streets. Local and international artists will be featured. [Organiser:- Accra \(dot\) All](#)

21st - 25th August

Black Star International Film Festival

Focuses on the business of film and advocacy in Africa as a whole and bridging the gap between African Cinema and the rest of the world. [Organiser:- Black Star International Film Institute](#)

NOVEMBER

2nd November

Ghana Carnival

The Ghana Carnival is an event to showcase Ghanaian culture through vibrant costumes and dance.

[Organiser:- MMRS & Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture](#)

8th - 15th November

NAFAC

It has all the 16 regions in Ghana exhibiting their various culture.

25th - 30th November

Ba Yili!

Encourages the speaking of indigenous Ghanaian languages among the citizens of Ghana and create an avenue to introduce our returning brothers and sisters to our local languages.

[Organiser:- Bureau of Ghana Languages](#)

29th - 30th November

Kids Fun Fair

Kids Tourism Fair is an event aimed at introducing kids to tourism activities in Ghana. The Theme for the Kids Tourism fair is Patriotism through Tourism. [Organiser:- Kids in Tourism](#)

DECEMBER

5th - 6th December

Kuenyehia Trust For Contemporary Art

42 talented Ghanaian artists will present artworks responding to the theme "Diaspora - from local to foreign".

[Organiser:- Kuenyehia Trust For Contemporary Art](#)

6th -7th December

Gold Coast Experience

Focuses on the rich display of Ghanaian culture & heritage. [Organiser:- EmergPR](#)

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Benpaali Young Filmmakers Festival

An annual event for artists (15-30 years old) from Africa and the African Diaspora focused on the synergy between heritage, art, and film.

[Organiser:- Firebeads Media](#)

23rd August

World Folklore Day

Global village exhibition and funfair displaying the rich beautiful culture of various countries.

[Organiser:- National Folklore Board](#)

23rd - 25th August

New York Kente Festival

A celebration that is based on the iconic Ghanaian artisanal fabric that is becoming quite popular. Ghanaian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York



Chale Wote Street Festival

DECEMBER

14th December

The Creatives Art Show

Brings together Ghanaian and foreign artists to interact with art lovers coming from various parts of the world.

[Organiser:- NVA Marketing and Promotions](#)

20th December - 5th January

The V for Vanity Show: Neon Light Edition

Interactive art experience focused on the use of neon lights to illuminate the African progression from continuous subjugation to persecution to emancipation and greatness.

[Organiser:- Vernell Akyeampong](#)

21st December

AfroChic Cultural Arts Exhibit

Multi-disciplined mobile event which highlights young & emerging talent of African descent through visual arts, music, technology, and wellness. [Organiser:- AfroChic](#)

24th December

PinexGinja

PinexGinja is the ultimate merger of Ghanaian and Jamaican cultures, using music and performance to create a tropical themed experience. [Organiser:- Ford Communications](#)

24th December - 4th January

Full Circle Festival

International celebrities will visit Ghana where they will be introduced to many facets of Ghanaian culture, [Organiser:- Diaspora Affairs Office of The President](#)

26th - 27th December

Sankofa Music Concert

Music concert [Organiser:- Ministry of Tourism Arts & Culture](#)

SEPTEMBER

6th - 7th September

Voyajah Festival

Festival, panel discussions, networking events, group tours, pop ups stores & live music performances by both local and high profile international artists. [Organiser:- Voyajah](#)

20th - 23rd September

Wormanne African Ware Festival

Promotes the sale and use of African made products/wares. Features entertainment ranging from folksongs and dance to Hi-life and Hip-life. [Native Tribe Ghana](#)

21st September

Nkrumah Memorial Lecture Series

Commemorates Nkrumah and celebrates the achievements of political activists across the African Continent.

[Organiser:- W.E.B. Du Bois Center](#)

27th September

World Tourism Day

Celebration in honor of World Tourism Day [Organiser:- Ghana Tourism Authority](#)

21st September

H.E.R Collective Presents Red, Black, and Gold Festival

Local and international performers. Fun & games for children and adults. Raffles, history trivia, battle of the sexes, folklore tales food and all kinds of fun for the entire family!!!!

[Organiser:- H.E.R Collective](#)

DECEMBER / JANUARY

26th December

Return Rumble

International professional fighters from the diaspora return home to challenge the best professionals in Ghana.

[Organiser:- Future Proof Boxing](#)

27th - 29th December

RE-CONNECT FEST 2019

Experience that promotes wealth building, self-esteem, education, & entertainment for all people of colour in Africa and in the diaspora. [Organiser:- CLASS OF 83' INC.](#)

28th December

Afrochella

Features art & fashion installations, & live painting. The Best of African cuisine & live performances.

[Organiser:- Culture Management Group](#)

29th December

African Royalty Night: The Gala

Brought to you by the organizers of Afrochella. This will be an elegant night of dance and entertainment.

[Organiser:- Culture Management Group](#)

29th December

Accra Under The Stars

Elegant outdoor pop up dinner which will gather diasporans from all walks of life for a spectacular evening of dining and dancing. [Organiser:- Accra \(dot\) All](#)

1st - 3rd January

This is New Africa 2020

Dialogues, community service, and concert featuring Fuse ODG. [Organiser:- New Africa Nation](#)

JULY

25th July
PANAFEST - One Africa Wall of Remembrance Museum
 Exhibition with five rooms focused on historical and pictorial display about the African American and Diasporan experience.
 Organiser:- One Africa Health Resort, Restaurant and Tours

27th July
PANAFEST - Grand Durbar of Chiefs, Queen Mothers & People of Africa
 This event involves a grand procession and assembly of traditional and national leaders to receive the people of African descent attending the Festival Organiser:- PANAFEST Foundation

27th July
PANAFEST - Inter-Faith Dialogue
 Faith Leaders from around the world engage in dialogue on the role of religion in enslavement, colonialism, redemption and emancipation. Organiser:- The God Box Foundation (TGBF)



JULY
24th July
PANAFEST - Wreath Laying & Tribute to the Ancestors
 Wreath laying programme & tribute to the Pan African Pioneers in Accra beginning at the W.E.B. Dubois Centre for Pan African Culture and continuing to the George Padmore Library and ending up at the Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum.
 Organiser:- PANAFEST Foundation

24th July
PANAFEST - Chains and Shackles
 Dramatization of Nii Ayi Solomon's, CHAINS AND SHACKLES. The performance will re-enact & re-tell the story of slavery, colonization and the fight for freedom.
 Organiser:- Village Mind Production

25th July - 21st August
GOD BOX Spiritual Pilgrimage
 The three week pilgrimage will participate in PANAFEST, Emancipation, as well as four religious sites in Ghana.
 Organiser:- The God Box Foundation (TGBF)

25th July
PANAFEST - Ghana African Diaspora Engagement Day
 The event will have an active participation of African diasporas who are returning to Ghana for the first time.

25th July
PANAFEST - Return Journey & Akwadaba Ceremony
 25 Returnees will form a circle to invoke the spirit of the ancestors before proceeding to and through the "Door of No Return" to board canoes to begin the journey to Elmina.
 Organiser:- PANAFEST Foundation

JULY

29th - 31st July
PANAFEST - Colloquium, Lectures, Assemblies, and Dialogues
 Working with the University of Cape Coast, Centre for African and International Studies, various Pan-African topics will be discussed.

30th July
PANAFEST - Youth Assembly
 Youth Assembly organized in conjunction with The International Hip Hop Pan African Diaspora Family Reunion.
 Organiser:- PANAFEST Foundation

30th July
PANAFEST - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Depression in the African American and diaspora communities Workshop
 Workshop by mental health professionals aimed at individuals who have been diagnosed or are curious about PTSD or Depression in the African American and diaspora communities.
 Organiser:- The Law Office of Floyd Chapman, PLLC

31st July
EMANCIPATION - Reverential Night
 Observation of the trauma & triumph of the ancestors will be marked by a candlelight procession from Mfantsepim Junction to the Cape Coast dungeons and performances in the court yard. Organiser:- PANAFEST Foundation

31st July
Pan African Student Summit
 Organiser:- 3GC Inc. (501 C 3 Nonprofit) and True Culture University (University of Ghana based organization)

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1st August
Emancipation Day
 Ceremonies take place in Assin Manso & comprises a Durbar & Wreath Laying Ceremony as well as a visit to Donkor Nsuo (Slave River)- for Atonement, Libation & Ritual Washing.
 Organiser:- Ghana Tourism Authority

1st August
Emancipation - Healing and Atonement Ceremony
 Organiser:- Ministry of The Future

1st August
First Bath of Return & Naming Ceremony
 The "First Bath of Return" Rites at the 'Nnonko nsuo' at the river side and Naming Ceremony at the Chief's Palace for our brothers and sisters from the diaspora.
 Organiser:- Ghana Tourism Development Company

1st - 2nd August
Music and Dance Workshop Series
 Music and dance education workshop series featuring the history and dances of jazz, break dancing, and hip hop.
 Organiser:- Cultural Links

2nd August
PANAFEST - Ghana World Music Festival
 Highlights music from the diaspora and demonstrate the connectivity of African people via their music and art.
 Organiser:- PANAFEST - International Arts Solutions



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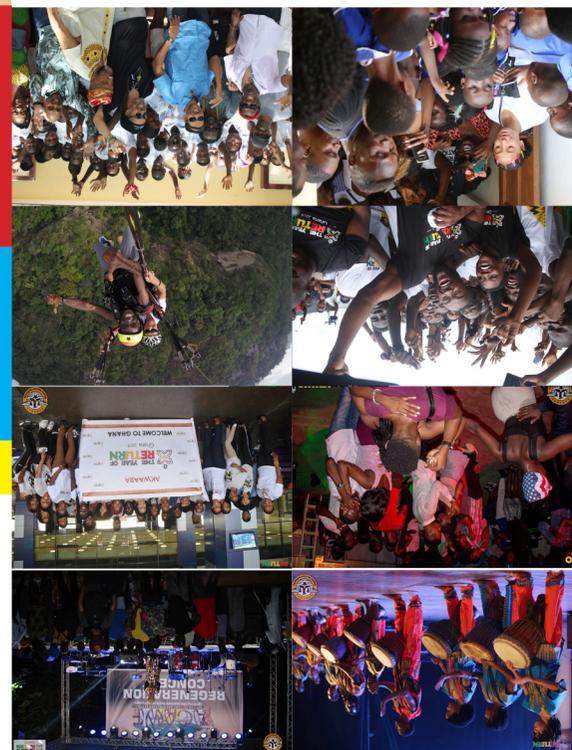
JULY
1st - 7th July
Africa Greek Week
 Tau Chi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity aims to bring members of the Diaspora & the 9 international greek letter societies for a week's worth of community service, cultural, and social activities. Organiser:- Omega Psi Phi Tau Chi Chapter

JUNE
14th - 16th June
Wax Print Festival
 Celebration of fashion, food, music, art, & film. Wax print art & Kente weaving exhibitions and experiences. Screening of the Wax Print film followed by an open conversation on its content.
 Organiser:- Atropole

UPCOMING EVENTS

OVERVIEW
 Ghana is the first African Country to organize a concerted effort to commemorate the 400 year anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved African in the United States in 1619. The "Year of Return, Ghana 2019" is a yearlong commemoration and celebration of the global African resilience. In September 2018, the President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, launched this initiative in Washington following a successful local launch at the National Theatre in Accra, Ghana in August 2018.

Since January 2019, several events & activities including investment meetings, Spiritual Pilgrimage, Gospel Shows, Cultural & wellness program have been held.



PAST EVENTS (JANUARY 2019 - MAY 2019)