Charlottesville-Winneba Foundation

Our Roots, Our History:
May 2026 Charlottesville Delegation to Winneba, Ghana

Approx. travel dates: Apr. 26-May 7, 2026 • Limited to 25 travelers

Itinerary highlights:

- Participation in Winneba's internationally renowned Aboakyer Festival
- Memorable cultural immersion activities
- Visits to historical sites that shed light on the origins and history of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade (Cape Coast Castle, Elmina Castle, Slave River site/ancestral burial ground, etc.)
- Visits to schools, orphanages, hospitals, libraries, environmental conservation sites, and other collaborative projects supported by the Charlottesville-Winneba Sister City partnership
- Food! So much tasty Ghanaian food!

Optional activities: Tour of University of Education-Winneba; Winneba beach excursion; attendance at local football (soccer) match; worship service at Winneba church; visits with Winneba elected officials, traditional authorities and community leaders; tour of Kakum National Park & tree canopy walk; sightseeing in Accra; souvenir & gift shopping at traditional West African arts & crafts markets; etc.

Payment info.:

Cost per person is $3,000. Fee includes airfare, hotel lodging, all meals, travel visa, ground transportation and admission fees; does not include souvenirs/gifts, snacks, gratuities, vaccines/medications, passport application fee, etc. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis; contact Dave Norris at cvilledave@gmail.com or (434) 242-5165 to confirm your participation.

Payment deadline is February 1, 2026. Payment can be made online via http://www.paypal.me/cvillewinneba or by check to "Charlottesville-Winneba Foundation," 1137 Locust Ave., Charlottesville, VA 22901. You can pay in installments, as long as $1,500 is paid by February 1.

Note: the Charlottesville-Winneba Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, so friends or family members can get a tax deduction by donating toward your trip! Please make sure they designate the traveler's name when they contribute.

Travel requirements:

- Current U.S passport – beware, it can take several months to apply for or renew one!
- Ghana travel visa - we apply for these as a group
- Yellow Fever vaccination – must have been done within the past 10 years
- Check with your doctor about anti-malarial medicine and specific vaccines he/she might recommend (e.g. COVID, typhoid, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, cholera, rabies, meningitis, influenza)

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Note that the trip will be preceded by a series of planning meetings for participants on what to expect, what to pack, etc.