

Ancestral Pilgrimages, 2014

**The Ghana Trip
July 23rd – August 6th**

Return application materials to:

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Find the full program description at:
<https://www.facebook.com/ghanapilgrims>

More questions? Contact us at:
profmarking@yahoo.com
or
prohugllc@gmail.com

Please check to ensure that each of the following is included in your application:

- Application with signed disclaimer
- Questionnaire & Essay
- 2 letters of reference
- A certified check or money order for \$1500 (covers round trip airfare) made payable to:
Professional Hajj and Umrah Guides LLC.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Promptly notify us if anything below changes before we depart for Ghana.)

Legal Name Exactly as it Appears on Your Passport (last, first, middle, etc.)

*Note: If you do not have a passport, please apply for one immediately.

Preferred Name, if different (last, first, middle)

Primary Email Address

Permanent Home Address (snail-mail)

City, State, Zip

Mobile Telephone # (including area code)

Home Telephone # (including area code)

Work Telephone # (including area code)

Current Address (if different from permanent address)

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City, State, Zip

Sex (male or female), **Age** (in years), and **Date of Birth** (mm/dd/year)

State of Legal Residence

Telephone # of someone who can always reach you, if needed

Emergency Contact person(s)

Name of Emergency Contact

Relationship to Applicant

Emergency Contact Address

Emergency Contact City, State, and Zip

Emergency Contact Mobile

Emergency Contact Home Telephone number

Emergency Contact Work Telephone number

Emergency Contact Primary Email

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List your serious medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, heart disease, asthma, etc.)

(cont. on back?)

Please list your doctor-prescribed medications (e.g. insulin, aldosterone inhibitors, etc.)

(cont. on back?)

Please list your dietary restrictions, if any (e.g. no meat, no dairy or egg products, kosher, etc.)

For housing considerations, and because the Ghanaian public is not tolerant of LGBTQ lifestyles, please let us know if your sexual and/or gender behavior is not “hetero-normal.”

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ESSAY

In a 350-500 word typewritten (or hand-printed) essay, please tell us why you want to take the Ancestral Pilgrimage. For example, what do you hope to gain from the trip? How do you think you might contribute to Ghana, or particular Ghanaians that you will meet? Etc.

REFERENCES

Reference: Although your reference providers must submit a separate letter on your behalf, please provide contact information for both of them. Reference letters should come from people who know you from professional or organizational settings (references from family, friends or neighbors will not be accepted). They should attest to your character, maturity, and ability to get along well with others. They should consider the aforementioned areas within the context of a 2-week trip to a “developing country” with roughly 20 people, who you may be meeting for the first time and with whom you will have to share communal space and activities for most of those 2 weeks abroad.

Reference 1:

Name (First and Last) _____

Title and organization _____

Phone (mobile and home) _____

Primary E-mail _____

Reference 2:

Name (First and Last) _____

Title and organization _____

Phone (mobile and home) _____

Primary E-mail _____

Referral

Please indicate how you heard about us.

Circle: Facebook page Email Digital Flyer Paper Flyer

Person's name (if applicable): _____

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment of airfare is due at the time of application to the program. However, payment will not be processed until the applicant has been notified of acceptance. In the event of a rejected application, your check or money order will be returned to you. Money orders and certified checks can be made out to

See (website URL) for cost details. The schedule of payments is:

- \$1,500 due with application by March 1, 2014 (to reserve airline tickets)
- \$500 due by April 1, 2014
- \$500 due by May 1, 2014
- \$500 due by June 1, 2014
- \$650 due by July 1, 2014
- Cumulative payments = \$3,650

DISCLAIMER

Read the following, then sign and date it:

I understand that submitting an application for Ancestral Pilgrimages Ghana does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Candidates must meet program requirements and be approved by the organization's directors. Participation is also subject to availability. For the summer 2014 trip, Ancestral pilgrimages can take up to 15 people to Ghana.

Applicants who are accepted into the program are required to complete and sign an agreement and waiver which stipulates the terms, conditions, and schedule of the program, behavioral expectations, and a waiver of liability.

I also understand that the program, or individual elements of the program, may be cancelled due to low enrollment or other mitigating circumstances. I understand that I will be informed of such a decision at least 6 weeks before the planned departure date, or as soon as possible after any mitigating circumstances lead to cancellation.

I hereby authorize release of any criminal/mental health records (if applicable) to the directors of Ancestral Pilgrimages. I fully understand that my records may be a factor in evaluating my application.

Finally, I also acknowledge that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that providing false information during the application process is grounds for rejecting my application or for dismissal during the Ancestral Pilgrimage trip.

Legal Name (printed)

Date

Signature

Date