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BLASTours confirms that:

Dr. Günther Eichhorn

has a scheduled tour for Ghana, Togo and Benin commencing on the 19th January – 08th February 2012.

Hotel reservations for Ghana, Togo and Benin have been made as follows:

| Name | Location | Duration |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Afia Beach Hotel | Accra | 19 th - 20 th January 2012 |
| Kokodo Guest House | Cape Coast | 20 th - 21 st January 2012 |
| Pine Executive Lodge | Kumasi | 21 st - 23 rd January 2012 |
| Mole Motel | Damongo | 23 rd - 25 th January 2012 |
| Catholic Guest House | Wa | 25 th -26 th January 2012 |
| Cedec Guest House | Navrongo | 26 th -27 th January 2012 |
| Baobab Guest House | Tamale | 27 th - 28 th January 2012 |
| Hotel Marie Antoinette | Kara | 28 th - 29 th January 2012 |
| Campement Relais de Tanougou | Pendjari | 29 th - 31 st January 2012 |
| Motel d'Abomey | Abomey | 31 st - 01 st February 2012 |
| L'Hotel Germain | Ganvié | 01 st - 02 nd February 2012 |
| Le Jardin Secret | Ouidah | 02 nd - 03 rd February 2012 |
| Hotel Le Geyser | Kpalimé | 03 rd - 04 th February 2012 |
| Wli Waterfall Lodge | Wli-Afegame | 04 th - 06 th February 2012 |
| Aylos Bay Resort | Akosombo | 06 th - 07 th February 2012 |
| Afia Beach Hotel | Accra | 07 th - 08 th February 2012 |

Our Services include:

- Airport transfers
- Transportation to all sites named within the programme
- Accommodation daily
- Breakfast daily
- All entry fees to all sites named in the programme
- Canoe ride on the Ganvie
- Tour Guide/Driver's services



For: Dr. Günther Eichhorn
Duration: 21 days /20 nights
Route: Ghana, Togo and Benin

Thurs. 19th Jan. (Day 1)

Accra

13.50hrs: Upon arrival on United 0990, a representative of Blastours will meet you for a transfer to your hotel. Visit the **Arts Centre for National Culture**, the **Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum** and the **National Museum**. *Spend the night at the Afia African Village beach resort, (or similar) Accra*



Fri. 20th Jan. (Day 2)

Accra – Cape Coast (144km)

Set off in the morning for a drive to the Central region. Visit the **Cape Coast Castle** a fortress that was built by the Swedes in 1653 and the **Elmina Castle** built in 1482 by the Portuguese. They are the best-preserved castles in Ghana and declared as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Both castles are located in thriving fishing ports where hundreds of huge wooden fishing canoes are anchored. Also visit the **Java museum**. *Spend the night at the Kokodo Guest House*

Sat. 21st Jan. (Day 3) Cape Coast – Kakum – Kumasi (235km)

Visit the **Kakum National Park** comprising undisturbed virgin rainforest for a walking tour on the canopy walkway, also the longest and highest of its kind in West Africa. Make a short stopover at the **Hans Botel**, a resort partly built on stilts on a river with crocodiles, lots of bird life and monkeys. Continue trip to the Ashanti region, where we spend the rest of the day on the banks of **Lake Bosomtwi**, a crater lake believed to have been created by a fallen meteorite. A tour to the fishing villages that surrounds it reveals the cultural practices of the villages in the hinterland. Experience an optional canoe ride on the lake. Visit Nana Abbas in the evening. *Spend the night at the Pine Executive Lodge (or similar) in Kumasi*



Sun. 22nd Jan. (Day 4)

Kumasi

Start the day with a visit to the **Manhyia Palace** seat of the Ashanti Kingdom. Join in the **Akwasidae** celebration - a gathering of Chiefs and people of the Asanteman. Visit the **Bobiri Forest and Butterfly reserve**, with a wide collection of birdlife. *Spend the night at the Pine Executive Lodge (or similar) in Kumasi*

Mon. 23rd Jan. (Day 5) Kumasi–Techiman (120km)- Damongo (267km)

Set off early in the morning to the Brong Ahafo Region. Stopover at the **Kintampo waterfalls**. Also visit the **Boabeng Fiema Monkey Sanctuary**, where Mona and black and white Colobus monkeys are considered to be a significant part of the community. Continue to the **Mole National Park**, home to 93 species of mammals, including herds of elephant, buck, and a wide range of bird life (approximately 300 species) Make stops at mud villages along the route. *Spend the night at the Mole Motel, Damongo*

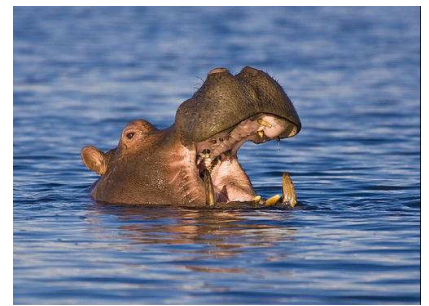


Tues. 24th Jan. (Day 6) Damongo – Larabanga(15km) - Damongo

Wake up in the morning to the sights and sounds of the park and to view the elephants and other protected species of the game reserve. Also visit the **Mognori Eco Village**, the **Larabanga Mosque** and **Mystery stone**. *Spend the night at the Mole Motel, Damongo*

Wed. 25th Jan. (Day 7)**Damongo – Wa (269km)**

Depart for the Upper Western Region to visit the **Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary**, home to hippos, bats, chameleons, hedgehogs and many different types of lizards and snakes. Also visit the **Wa Naa's Palace** to pay a courtesy call on the Wa Naa, Paramount Chief of the Wala traditional area. *Spend the night at the Catholic Guest House (or similar) in Wa*

**Thurs. 26th Jan. (Day 8)****Wa – Navrongo (269km)**

This morning drive through the small village of **Nakori**, which has an impressive mud-and-pole mosque. Continue trip to the **Gbelle Resource Reserve** on the trans-boundary migratory route for elephants and other mammals to and from the Naziga Game Ranch. It is an open savannah woodland and is mainly associated with roan antelope, hartebeest, bushbuck, waterbuck, savannah duikers and warthogs. Also home to baboon, patas, green monkey and more. *Spend the night at the Cedec Guest House (or similar) Navrongo*

Fri. 27th Jan. (Day 9)**Navrongo - Tamale (196km)**

This morning we visit the **crocodile ponds** in Paga. Tour the Chief's compound, the **Paga Pio's Palace**. We can also arrange a tour by bicycle of villages in the surrounding area through Alhassan Village Tours, opposite **Chief Palace**. Set off for Tamale with stops at sites of the region such as the **Tongo Tenzug** Cultural landscape of wondrous rock formation, caves and rock shelters enroute. *Overnight stay at the Baobab Guest House (or similar) in Tamale*

**Sat. 28th Jan. (Day 10)****Tamale - Kara (258km)**

Visit a **Witch village camp** in the Yendi district, where mostly women unfairly accused of practicing witch craft are sent to live a life in exile. Cross the border into Togo. En route we visit some settlements of Dagomba and Konkomba tribes and the Bassar people. Continue to Kara. *Overnight stay at the Hotel Marie Antoinette, Kara*

Sun. 29th Jan. (Day 11) Kara – Natittingou (119km)

Depart from Kara with visits to the **Tata Somba** miniature villages, located to the southwest in the plains of Boukoumbe. Visit the **Natittingou Museum** for an interesting overview of the Somba culture, retracing the history and heritage of the Atakora civilization. Continue to the **Pendjari National Park**, one of West Africa's surviving tropical savannas. *Overnight stay at the Campement de la Tanougou (or similar) in Pendjari*

**Mon. 30th Jan. (Day 12)****Natittingou – Pendjari (50km)**

Take a walk through this forest, where you have a good chance of spotting elephants, buffaloes, hippos, crocodiles, lions, warthogs, monkeys, antelopes and other exotic wildlife. Visit the **Tanougou falls** at the entrance of the park. *Overnight stay at the Campement de la Tanougou (or similar) in Pendjari*

Tues. 31st Jan. (Day 13)**Pendjari – Abomey (473km)**

Today is our other long drive, as we head to southern Benin with a stopover at the world famous **Dankoli Shrine** – the most powerful Voodoo fetish shrine in Benin. Drive to Abomey the city of 12 kings and visit the palaces of kings Guezo and Glele. *Overnight stay at the Motel d' Abomey (or similar) in Abomey*

Wed. 01st Feb. (Day 14)**Abomey – Ganvie (123km)**

Visit one of the highlights of any trip to West Africa, **Ganvie**, the "Venice" of the Continent is a 500-year-old village on water. In ancient times people took refuge on **Lake Nokoue** from the attacks of the Fons and the Dahomey warriors, who were forbidden by a deep belief to fight on water. Experience the daily life of the people of Ganvie, its floating market, its lanes, schools and huts. *L'hotel Germain in Ganvie*





Thurs. 02nd Feb. (Day 15)

Ganvie – Ouidah (39.7km)

Depart for Ouidah with a stopover at Lokossa for a canoe ride on **Doukon lake** for the discovery of the hippos. Upon arrival in Ouidah, the birthplace of the Voodoo religion, we begin our tour with the **Sacred Forest** and the **Temple of the Pythons**, both important voodoo shrines. Visit the **History Museum** which portrays Benin's role in the Atlantic Slave Trade. Later, visit the **Port of No Return**; a monument built by the Government to commemorate Africans who were taken from the Dahomey Empire during the Slave Trade. *Overnight stay at Le Jardin Secret, Ouidah*

Fri. 03rd Feb. (Day 16)

Ouidah – Kpalime (240km)

Cross the border into Togo, where we visit Togoville, the ancient **German Cathedral** and the **traditional museum** of the King. Continue trip to **Mount Klouto** near Kpalime visiting nearby plantations of cocoa, coffee and tea. Hike up Mt. Klouto for a butterfly safari through the forests, which overlooks nearby Ghana. Handicrafts can be found at the Klouto craft centre. *Overnight stay at Hotel le Geyser (or similar), Kpalime*



Sat. 04th Feb. (Day 17)

Kpalime – Hohoe (40km)

Cross the border into Ghana for a trek to the Upper and Lower **Wli Falls**, the highest fall in Ghana, for a refreshing afternoon in this green and serene environment. Also make a stopover at the village of Liate Wote. *Spend the night at the Waterfall Lodge (or similar) in Hohoe*

Sun. 05th Feb. (Day 18)

Hohoe

This morning, there is the possibility of attending a traditional church service. There is also a great chance of witnessing a **Boboobo dance performance**. In the late afternoon, we can hike up Mount Afadjato, the highest peak in Ghana. *Spend the night at the Waterfall Lodge (or similar) in Hohoe*

Mon. 06th Feb. (Day 19)

Hohoe – Akosombo (137km)

Start the day with a visit to the **Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary**, where monkeys live in complete harmony with the residents. Depart for Akosombo with a great chance of meeting palmwine (local wine) for sale along the route. *Spend the night at the Aylos Bay (or similar) in Akosombo*



Tues. 07th Feb. (Day 20)

Akosombo – Accra (88km)

Experience a boat ride along the Volta River to the Akosombo dam. Return to Accra with a stopover at the **Shai Hills Game Reserve**, home to baboons, kobs, bushbuck, grey duikers, etc. and about 150 species of birds. *Spend the night at Afia Beach Hotel (or similar) in Accra*



Wed. 08th Feb. (Day 21)

Start the day with a stroll through Ghana's Oxford street in Osu. Continue with last minute shopping with options to visit the **Artistes Alliance Art Gallery**, the famous coffin makers of Nungua (**Paa Joe**), the **Wild Gecko Handicraft shop**, **Nanof's Gallery**. Also visit the **Artistes Alliances Art Gallery**, **Aid to Artisans of Ghana (ATAG)**. In the evening there is a great possibility to experience a cultural event at the **Alliance Francaise**. Check into airport for a 23.15hrs departure on United 0991. *No overnight stay*

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