

## Testimonies

"We really enjoyed our time with Bortier in Ghana, in a steamy location, eating spicy fish and kenkey in the streets of Accra, seeing people break into dance at a passing sound and the spontaneous singing that fills the streets. Ghana lives music and dance. We would strongly encourage anyone who has the opportunity to travel to Ghana with Bortier on the Telema Tour, to take it. It is an experience we will never forget!"

**John and Erin, Northern Territory**

"I have never experienced such a diverse range of cultural and musical influences. Ghanaians are the most friendliest people I've ever met and their food was amazing!! Bortier runs a tight ship with every moment delivering exciting and new experience. Everyone should have an opportunity like this in their lifetime."

**Charlie, Adelaide**



## Tour Dates

Every September to October for one month.

**Cost - \$3699.00**

**Early Bird discount \$3499** if deposit paid by 1 June (all bookings require a \$1000 deposit, final payment must be made by 1st Aug)

### Cost Includes:

- Drum and dance tuition – up to 5 hours a day, Mon to Fri
- 3 meals daily – Vegetarians, gluten free and special dietary needs catered for
- Accommodation – a short walk to the beach in Nungua, rooms serviced daily
- Transport to and from airport + weekend excursions
- Entertainment package.

### Not included:

- Airfares (can be arranged for you, if required. We recommend our travel agent for a great discount)
- Private tuition (can be arranged for kpanlogo, djembe, dundun, talking drum, xylophone, flute, thumb piano, or dance)

## Travel and Medical

A valid visa and yellow fever vaccination certificate are required to travel to Ghana. Additional vaccinations and anti-malarial medications should be considered and discussed with your travel doctor. Travel and medical insurance is compulsory.

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## JOIN Master Drummer Bortier Okoe

for a once-in-a-life-time Ghanaian experience. Immerse yourself in rich and vibrant culture on a four-week intensive and unique cultural tour. You will live amongst the community in the town of Nungua, learn the traditional rhythms, songs and dances and develop your skills under the guidance of Bortier and local drum and dance masters.

Bortier's family will welcome you, share their culture, prepare delicious traditional food for you and care for your every need.

Take part in live performances, be entertained by renowned performers, learn to cook favourite Ghanaian meals and how to balance water on your head. Witness traditional ceremonies, take part in weekend excursions and end your tour with a spectacular performance, showcasing your new skills for the whole community.

### Drum and dance workshops

No prior drumming or dance experience is necessary. We cater for all levels from beginners to professional artists. You can take part in as much or as little as you wish, with an opportunity to do up to 5 hours of drumming and dancing each day during the week.

Students will be required to have one kpalogo and one djembe at the commencement of classes. Locally made drums will be available for purchase at great prices.

For \$250 you receive:

- 1 - *djembe drum*
- 1 - *kpalogo drum*
- 1 - *ashakai (shaker)*
- 1 - *gnogno (bell)*



### Experiences and Excursions

Not only will you be immersed in drum and dance, but you will have many rare and unique opportunities to saturate yourself in Ghana's rich culture. Do some bargaining at Accra's busiest market, where you can buy anything from soap and sandals to beads and baskets, taste the local produce, have your hair braided, buy some vibrant material and have some clothes made by a local tailor. Visit beautiful beaches, peruse local cafes and bars, and have the chance to attend a spirited African Church. Feel the rhythm of Ghanaian life and be totally infected by the joy of the people.

Learn about Ghana's history and slave trade on a special weekend excursion to historical **Cape Coast**. Visit the rainforests of **Kakum National Park**, famous for its exquisite Canopy Walkway.

### Community Project

Would you like to teach for a day in a local school? Could you tutor some adults how to use the computer? Do you have skills in basic first aid that you can pass on? If you would like to volunteer some of your time to share your skills with the community we can arrange this for you.

