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GHANA GOLD Study Tour

Elmina—The Castle & the Slave Trade



Kutsoati, Alla-Mensah and Robinson approach the entrance to Elmina Slave castle.



This is the oldest existing fort connected to the trans-Atlantic slave trade.



Construction began in 1482 to protect access to the gold-rich lands discovered by Portuguese explorers in 1471.



The trap door where female slaves were taken to the governor's bedroom



A church for worship services in the courtyard, surrounded by slave dungeons on the ground floor, and residences for soldiers, merchants, and the governor on the top level



The door of no return... where captives were loaded on ships to cross the Atlantic.



Located right on the ocean, Elmina Castle was a trading post surrounded by a moat, protected by cannons.



For Prof. Kutsoati, a moment of reflection ...



Today Elmina is home to a bustling fishing industry. Tourism focused on the African Diaspora is supported by government policy.