

The background image shows a narrow, sunlit street in a Colombian town. On the left, a wooden building has a yellow banner and a mural of a skull. On the right, a red building features a large mural of a person's face and some text. A person in a colorful dress stands in the distance at the end of the street.

BLACK BEYOND BORDERS



SEASON TWO: COLOMBIA

Press Kit

An award-winning documentary series exploring Black life across the African diaspora, told with intimate authenticity and powerful storytelling.

Created by Ebony Walden

Creator Bio



Ebony Walden

Creator, Host & Executive Producer

Ebony Walden is a writer, consultant, and world traveler who has been to **50 countries and all 50 U.S. states**. She uses storytelling to explore themes of travel, transformation, and liberation.

Ebony is passionate about helping Black people reconnect with their roots, reclaim their stories, and live boldly beyond borders. Her approach combines journalistic integrity with deeply personal narrative, creating content that resonates across cultural boundaries while honoring authentic Black experiences.

For more about Ebony visit www.ebonywalden.com

50

Countries Visited

Global perspective through
extensive travel

50

U.S. States

Complete domestic
exploration

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Powerful Vision

Connecting diaspora through
storytelling

"With just a vlogging camera, Iphone and a vision, I set out to capture the beauty, complexity, and joy of Black life across the globe. Black Beyond Borders is my love letter to the diaspora – a way to inspire others to connect, travel, and tell their own stories."

– Ebony Walden, Creator & Host

Series Overview



Black Beyond Borders: Season Two – Colombia is a three-part short-form documentary series following traveler and host Ebony Walden's four-week remote working journey through Colombia, with a reflective closing chapter in Quito, Ecuador. Grounded in personal observation, DIY, relationship-based storytelling, Season Two explores Afro-diasporic culture through food, history, creativity, and Black connection. Blending present-day footage with archival material from earlier trips, the series captures Black life as it is lived—not staged—centering presence, curiosity, and meaning across borders.

Created and hosted by Ebony Walden, a seasoned traveler who's visited 50 countries, the series centers Ebony as both participant and guide, balancing remote work with travel and relationship-building. The season is built around interactions with Afro-Colombian community members, Black women expats, entrepreneurs and creatives, tour guides, artists, and fellow travelers—with podcast-style follow-up interviews deepening local voices and perspectives.

Over three episodes, we follow Ebony through Cartagena, Medellín, Cali, and Quito. Ebony explores history, community, cuisine, art, and the rhythms of Black life across the Americas.

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Historical Roots

From San Basilio de Palenque, the first free Black town in the Americas, to the Afro-descendant history of Esmeraldas, Ecuador, the series grounds itself in the deep history of Black autonomy and resistance.



Cultural Pulse

Salsa in Cali, murals in Medellín's comunas, and the Festival of the Diaspora—art, music, and movement as expressions of Black creativity and joy.



Culinary Exploration

Colombia's vibrant food scene, from Cartagena's coastal flavors to Cali's Afro-Colombian cuisine and food tours that reveal culture through every bite.



Connection and Community

Building relationships with Afro-Colombian locals, Black women entrepreneurs, expats, artists, and fellow travelers across borders.

***Black Beyond Borders* is part travel diary, part cultural study, and part love letter to the African diaspora.**

Season Two Snapshot



Episode Guide

Episode 1: Return & Reorientation (Cartagena and Medellín)

Revisits Ebony's 2021 Cartagena trip with murals, drumbeats, and a stop at San Basilio de Palenque. She then returns to Colombia via Medellín to launch the season's core themes. The episode establishes the season's emotional foundation, a return not just as travel, but as a deepening of understanding and connection.

Episode 2: Diaspora, Community & Creativity (Medellín)

Centered on the Festival of the Diaspora, with visits to Comunas 13 and 4 and conversations with Black women entrepreneurs and locals about identity and belonging. Podcast-style interviews with expats and community members allow local voices to contextualize and deepen what unfolds on screen.

Episode 3: Rhythm, Reflection & Expansion (Cali & Quito)

Cali's food, Afro-Colombian culture, and salsa give way to a contemplative close in Quito, Ecuador exploring Black communities, the Middle of the World, and Afro-descendant history in Ecuador. Shared meals, stillness, and a visit from a close friend offer a reflective conclusion that widens the diasporic lens beyond Colombia.

Why It Matters

Diaspora Connection

Celebrates and connects the African diaspora across continents, fostering understanding and unity through shared cultural experiences and historical narratives.

Cultural Dialogue

Sparks meaningful dialogue about culture, history, and belonging, creating space for important conversations about identity and heritage in contemporary contexts.

Travel Inspiration

Inspires travel and cross-cultural exploration, encouraging viewers to seek authentic experiences beyond traditional tourist narratives and connect with local communities.

Authentic Perspective

Offers authentic, non-touristy views of Black places, presenting nuanced portrayals that celebrate complexity while honoring cultural depth and contemporary realities.

"This isn't just entertainment – it's cultural engagement, diaspora connection, and inspiration for future generations to explore their heritage with pride and curiosity."





Release Details

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Feb 2027

Private Screening

Location: Common House (Private Prescreening)

This will be an exclusive first look for industry professionals, press, and cultural leaders. This intimate gathering showcased the series in a setting that mirrors its authentic, community-focused approach.

2

TBD

Public Launch

Location: TBD

A celebration that connected to cultural impact. An arts venue setting reinforced the series' commitment to preserving and sharing Black creativity and culture.

📅 A private zoom screening for a global audience, ensuring international accessibility and diaspora connection will take place in March of 2027

📅 **YouTube:** The series will premiere on YouTube in mid to late 2027.

Upcoming Seasons: Expanding the Narrative

Black Beyond Borders is excited to announce a third season that delves deeper into the global tapestry of the African diaspora. The third season promises to offer more intimate reflections and vibrant cultural explorations, reinforcing the series' mission to connect, educate, and inspire.

Season Three: Across the Water - Charlottesville-Winneba: A Collective Homecoming

Season Three evolves into a feature-length documentary, chronicling a powerful two-week Sister City journey from Charlottesville to Winneba, Ghana. This season expands the series into a communal, historical, and deeply reflective documentary experience.

- Documenting the impactful Charlottesville-Winneba Sister City exchange.
- Experiencing Aboryker and other local cultural celebrations.
- Visits to historic Cape Coast and profound reflections on the transatlantic slave trade.
- Communal processing of diaspora, memory, grief, joy, and the concept of return.

This season offers a powerful exploration of historical roots and contemporary connections, inviting viewers to join a shared journey of remembrance, cultural celebration, and collective identity.

Each upcoming season is meticulously crafted to honor the rich tapestry of Black global experiences, providing viewers with both inspiration and deeper understanding.



Call to Action

Join the Journey



Watch Season One

Experience the full series on YouTube and immerse yourself in Dakar's rich cultural landscape



Host a Screening

Bring your community together for meaningful dialogue about diaspora, culture, and connection



Invite Ebony to Speak

Book speaking engagements for festivals, universities, cultural organizations, and community events



Support Future Seasons

To remain independent and intimate, Black Beyond Borders is seeking support from individuals, institutions and organizations committed to supporting global Black storytelling and narrative change.

"Every journey begins with a single step. Let Black Beyond Borders be the inspiration for your own exploration of culture, heritage, and connection across the global African diaspora."

The conversation doesn't end with the credits. *It begins there.*

Press Contact



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For behind-the-scenes content and cultural conversations



Media Assets: High-resolution images, video clips, and interview materials available upon request. Press screenings can be arranged for qualified media outlets.