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FOREWORD

Ghana has a unique geographical position as the Center of the World, making it easily accessible with an average of 6hours of flying time to Europe and 10 hrs to the Americas. She has a peaceful, stable, secure and safe environment

Visitors are guaranteed a diversity of tourism attractions: from our friendly people, authentic culture, unique heritage, nature, adventure, wildlife, 365 days of sunshine and vibrant lifestyle, you are in for a truly enriching experience.

For adventure hunters, there are a variety of options; a visit to the Kakum National Park, offers spectacular scenery and a fascinating wildlife experience along with modern camping facilities or Mountain Afadja, one of the highest mountains in Ghana standing at an elevation of 885 metres.

Ghana has a unique cultural heritage, featuring a calendar of regular festivals, ancient traditions, artisans, excellent goldsmiths and wonderful woodcarvings.

If you are a nature lover, then there is the marvelous array of Ghanaian wildlife – everything from elephants to butterflies – while the scenery is breathtaking in its variety, from tropical forests to majestic waterfalls to perfect beaches.

The past is linked to the present in

all kinds of fascinating ways: by the institution of chieftaincy with its rich regalia, by the colorful pageantry of its many festivals, by the splendid variety of its handicrafts – and, above all, by its legendary hospitality.

Come and immerse yourself in the centre of history and culture of Ghana with rich and satisfying experience.

Ghana is not only the best place for doing business but one of the fastest growing economies in the world . The country has developed into an established business destination for investors seeking a conducive business environment, committed and progressive government-private sector participation, political stability, transparent regulations and a dynamic private sector ready for partnerships.

Ghana has a world class airport serving numerous flights from within the continent, Europe and the rest of the world and is home to one of West Africa's largest ports (Tema harbour). Internal movement is made easy with a good network of roads.

Visit Ghana and experience a true authentic cultural destination with a lot more to offer you. Explore and discover.

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PASSPORT: A valid passport is mandatory.

VISAS: Required of most non-residents. Ecowas nationals are exempted. For more details, consult the Ghana Mission or Consular Office near you or the Ghana Immigration Service.

HEALTH: Yellow fever vaccination required by all. Infants under one year are exempted.

CURRENCY: The unit of currency in Ghana is the cedi (pronounced 'CD'). There are 100 pesewas to a cedi.

CLOTHING: Loose, cool clothing is recommended all year round. Even in coolest times, a long-sleeved shirt or light sweater is generally sufficient. Dress is conservative in Ghana and long trousers are generally worn. Shorts are acceptable only if they are at least knee-length. Revealing clothing or items with suggestive slogans are considered inappropriate. Rainwear is useful from April to September.

USEFUL ITEMS: Mosquito repellent is a good precaution and you may wish to take medication for malaria prevention. Birdwatchers should bring their own binoculars. If staying at an ecotourism site, bring a top sheet and towels.

BUSINESSES HOURS: General: 08.00 to 12.00 and 13.00 to 17.00. Banks: 08.30 to 15.00 Mondays to Fridays.

LOCAL TIME: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

ELECTRICITY: 220 / 240 volts.

NATIONAL DIALLING CODE: +233.



DRIVING: Ghanaians drive on the right. Visitors require an international driving licence and insurance. Vehicles driven across the borders require a special permit.

MEDICAL AID: Modern private and public hospitals and clinics are available in all cities and big towns. Health insurance is advised. DRINKING WATER: Bottled mineral water is recommended

CREDIT CARD AND CURRENCY FACILITIES: The most widely accepted credit cards are Visa, American Express and Mastercard. You can pay with your card at leading hotels, airlines and supermarkets. Foreign currency can be exchanged at forex facilities and banks. Mobile money transactions are widely available.

TIPPING: The quality of service should dictate your generosity to waiters, taxi drivers, porters, guides, etc.

TOURS: The GTA has details of licensed tour operators. See www.visitghana.com

ENTERTAINMENT: Urban Ghana comes alive in the evenings with everything from cultural entertainment to theatres, cinemas, discotheques, pubs and casinos. Ask your hotel reception for details or log on to www. visitghana.com

PHOTOGRAPHY: Visitors are encouraged to take photographs, but avoid taking pictures of military installations and other key strategic locations unless you have a permit.

SAFETY AND SECURITY: Ghana is considered a peaceful and safe country, but visitors are advised to be wary of strangers and to avoid secluded and quiet places. Personal effects and important documents must be kept secure.

A WELCOMING CLIMATE

Ghana is an 'any time' destination thanks to its consistent climate, with only a slight variation in temperature throughout the year. Lying just above the equator, Ghana has a tropical climate – typically hot and humid with seasonal rains. The weather is generally warm and comparatively dry along the south-east coast, hot and humid in the south-west and hot and dry in the north. In most areas, temperatures are highest in March and lowest in August.

Ghana's high season for tourism is from June to August. December is also a key month for travellers looking for a party and leisure destination. December in



GH is where all the events and activities take place. The coolest time of year is the wet season, with clear skies, lush growth and temperatures of 23 to 31°C. In the southern coastal region, the rainy seasons occur from April to June and from September to mid-November. The dry months – and also the easiest times for travelling within Ghana – are from November to March and during July and August. In the Central Region, the rains are heavier and last longer. In the hotter and drier north, there is one rainy season lasting from April to October

YOUR MOBILE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

Travelling in Ghana provides visitors with a great opportunity to experience everyday life across the country. Each region is distinct and has its own unique appeal. Tourists are recommended to visit as many places and sights of special interest as they can in order to appreciate the true scale of what Ghana has to offer.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL

TAXI: Short trips can be made by taxi. Easily recognised by their bright-yellow sides, taxis operate from most city centres and can also be hired for longer trips or shared with other passengers at cheaper rates. Tourists should always ask for a price up-front and can even barter with multiple taxi drivers to get the best rates.

TRO TRO: Another way of getting around cities and towns is in a tro tro minibus – not only less expensive than a taxi but also more fun. Operated by a driver and a conductor (who collects the fares and calls the destinations), the tro tros are decorated with slogans and sayings and are sure to add adventure to any trip. These minibuses are the most popular mode of transport with Ghanaians. As well as being pocket-friendly, they offer an ideal way to mix with the local people.

BUS: Other forms of transport include reliable inner-city and cross-border bus services run by state-owned and private bus companies.

CAR HIRE: Licensed car rental services provide chauffeur-driven and self-driven cars as well as air conditioned coaches at reasonable rates. Most urban roads are paved and well maintained, but roads outside the major towns are in poor condition. Travelling at night, particularly outside cities and large towns, is not recommended.

AIR: For longer journeys, many airlines operate domestic flights within Ghana. Strong competition between local airlines allows tourists to find the very best rates. Airlines with scheduled domestic flights include African World Airlines, and Passion Air

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: Ghana has seen a growth in interest from international airlines over the past few years, with many more carriers now offering direct flights to Ghana. Among the major international airlines that fly to Ghana are British Airways, Emirates, Ethiopian Airlines, KLM, South African Airways, Qatar Airways, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Kenya Airways, Turkish Airlines and Qantas.

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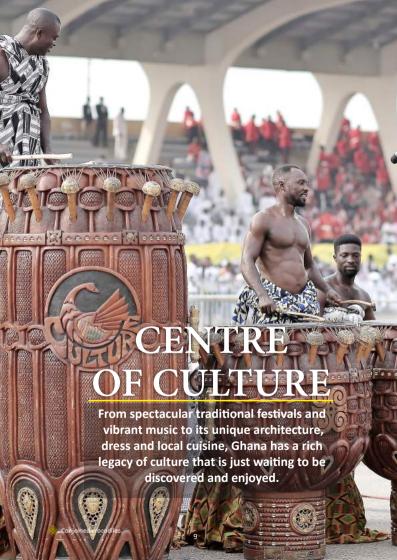
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One of the hallmarks of the country is its cultural diversity. While the country as a whole is characterised by a unique African rhythm, visitors can expect to find a big contrast in lifestyles; from the downtown bustle of Accra, to the quiet simplicity of the villages in northern Ghana. Visitors can experience the cultural variety within Ghana by visiting the different regions. Here, you will discover the fascinating legacy of distinct ethnic groups and their centuries-old traditions. The customs of our ancestors are still an important part of day-to-day life for the people of Ghana.



Watching a Ghanaian festival is a must-see experience for visitors. Many festivals include thrilling durbars (assemblies) at which the leaders process in decorated palanguins, shaded by traditional umbrellas and supported by drummers and warriors. Few events can measure up to the spectacular sight of Ghanaians dressed in their finest attire as they parade in time to the drums alongside their traditional chiefs. Festivals are a big feature of Ghana. Hardly a week goes by without a town or village holding its annual celebration, while personal events such as childbirth, name-giving ceremonies, weddings and funerals all tend to have a carnival atmosphere.

Ghana has over 100 distinct ethnic dialects and languages. This, of course, is in addition to the country's official language, English, used in government and business. Fante, Twi, Ga and Ewe are the most prevalent Kwa languages spoken in the south, while two subdivisions of the Gur branch dominate the north.





CENTRE OF HERITAGE

Our Heritage sites bring the past to life







Cape Coast Castle

It's clear, from the moment you arrive, that Ghana is a land with a rich history and heritage. Every region has a fascinating story to tell of momentous events, while local people take pride in recounting their ancestry and cultural roots.

Ghana is an ideal destination for history buffs – especially those fascinated by the early history of West Africa – because of the wealth of significant sites and ancient structures that have been preserved to this day.

The history of Ghana goes back much further than its interaction with Europe and the dramatic story of the slave trade. In fact, there was a long and opulent history before that. According to the archaeological evidence, people may have been living in what is now Ghana since as long ago as 1500 BC; but the accepted wisdom is that many of the country's present-day ethnic groups arrived in the 13th century AD.

There is no question, however, that the slave trade made a huge impact on the nation's history. The coast of Ghana is dotted with castles and forts built by British, Dutch, Danish, German, Portuguese and Swedish traders.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

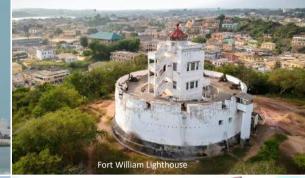
In the capital, Accra, visitors can learn about colonial times at the National Museum, opened in 1957 as part of Ghana's independence celebration. Also in Accra is the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and memorial park. dedicated to the nation's first prime minister and first president. The memorial park is a favourite with local people, while the mausoleum is a testament to the progress that Ghana has made since independence. For the perfect end to a fun-filled day in the capital, visitors can stroll through the colonial neighbourhoods and fishing community of Jamestown.





















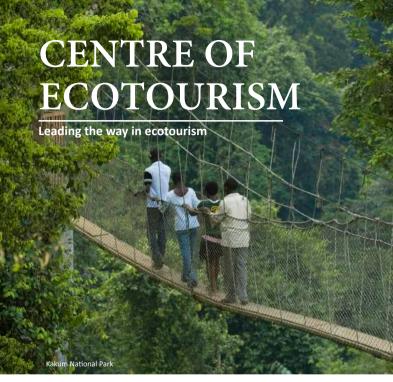












Ghana is a nature lover's delight. Its sunny equatorial climate and fertile soils sustain an enchanting selection of wildlife, ranging from elephants to monkeys and from marine turtles to crocodiles, as well as hundreds of colourful bird and butterfly species.

More than five per cent of the country's surface area has been accorded official protection in 16 national parks or lower

profile conservation areas, of which the most popular tourist destinations are the vast Mole National Park in the northern savannah and the forested Kakum National Park near the coast. In recent years Ghana has emerged as a pioneer in the field of community-based ecotourism, which aims to create a mutually beneficial three-way relationship between conservationists, tourists and local communities.





The Boabeng-Fiem Monkey Sanctuary, home to sacred troops of mona and black-and-white colobus monkeys, led the way in 1995 and remains the flagship for more than two dozen other community-based tourism projects across the country. These range from the award-winning Wechiau Hippo Sanctuary in the Upper West and Amansuri Wetland Sanctuary in the Western Region to cultural sites such

as the Domana Rock Shrine, set in the forests near Kakum National Park, and the painted houses and pottery of Sirigu in the Upper East.

The Volta Region, the most topographically varied part of Ghana, also hosts the country's largest concentration of community-based ecotourism sites and offers outdoor enthusiasts some superbopportunities for hiking, rambling and





BIRD SPECIES

Ghana is highly alluring to birdwatchers, with 725 species recorded in an area the size of Great Britain. For casual visitors, it is colourful savannah birds such as gonoleks, rollers, parrots and weavers that tend to catch the eye, as well as the eagles and other raptors that inhabit the drier north. Serious birdwatchers, however, will want to seek out the more elusive residents of the shadowy rainforest interiors of Kakum, Bui and Ankasa as well as the exceptional variety and volume of marine species that congregate in coastal lagoons such as Keta, Songor and Muni-Pomadze.















From the savannah of the coastal plains to the dense tropical forests of the north, visitors are spoilt for choice by a spectacular range of wildlife in a land of mountains, forests and breathtaking waterfalls.

The country is home to dozens of vulnerable and endangered species including primates such as chimpanzee and red colobus monkey; big cats such as lion and leopard; bush elephant; and a range of waterbirds. From elephant and crocodile in the north to hippo in the Black Volta River, Ghana has almost every





animal a safari-goer could wish for, while its spectacular birdlife is unrivalled in Africa, with over 750 species.

A key advantage for visitors is that Ghana, is able to offer a more personal and memorable safari experience. Another major draw is the beautiful landscapes of Ghana. Whether it's a panoramic view from the summit of Mount Afadia or Mount Gemi, a refreshing shower under the Tagbo, Wli or Ote waterfalls or a hike in the shade of giant baobab trees in the rocky landscape around Bongo, Ghana has something for everyone.

Alternatively, you could make an entertaining visit to a monkey sanctuary at Tafi Atome or BoabengFiema, take a cange trip on the Black Volta River to look for hippo, visit the sacred caves of Tano, or go on a foot safari in Mole National Park to view elephant, crocodile and antelope.

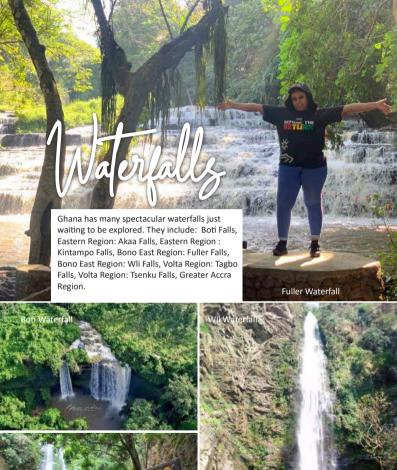
There's much more to do in Ghana than vou could ever imagine. Conservation programmes are in place to protect the country's natural areas, allowing visitors (and future generations of Ghanaians) to go on enjoying this wonderful country and its wildlife

Ghana's wildlife areas are national treasures. Its 16 national parks, reserves and wildlife sanctuaries are home to a rich diversity of mammals, reptiles. insects and marine species. Some of the wildlife parks are within easy reach of Accra, while others involve a long drive.



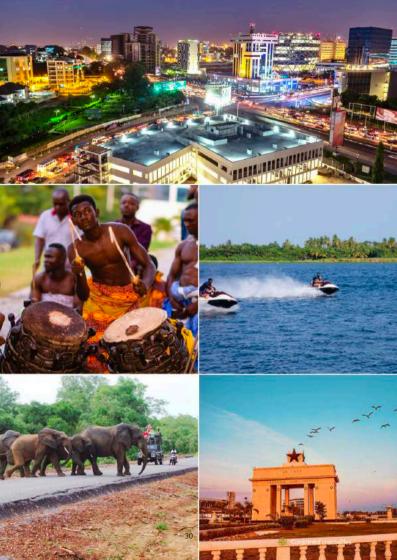


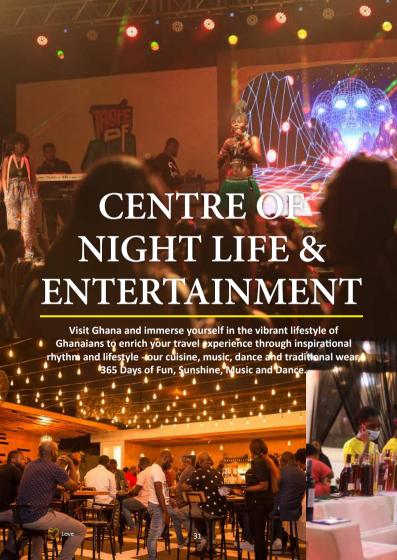














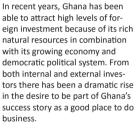
CENTRE OF BUSINESS

Ghana has a long history of exploiting its excellent natural resources. In sub-Saharan Africa it has always been one of the leaders in key sectors such as agriculture, cocoa beans, gold, mining and metalwork. Today, more than ever, Ghana is leading the way as a major player in the African business sector.

Ghana has a track record for enterprise and progress that goes back to British colonial times, when the country was known as the Gold Coast. In 1951 it became the first British colony in Africa to achieve self-government. The country changed its name to Ghana when it attained political independence in 1957.











DEMOCRACY

Over the past two decades, Ghana has made significant progress towards ensuring a sustainable foundation for democratic growth. In contrast to some of its neighbours, Ghana has enjoyed years of stable democracy, with free and open elections, comparatively low levels of corruption and a general atmosphere of social stability. Many international companies have been persuaded to invest in Ghana's business sector because of its conducive social, political and economic environment that allows companies to grow and succeed. Its political stability has also allowed Ghana to establish strong international ties with the United Kingdom, the United State, the European Union and China as well as with emerging powers such as India and South Africa.

WORKFORCE

The nation's workforce is another key benefit for those looking to start up a business in Ghana. The population is better educated than ever. Ghana can now lay claim to some 18,530 primary schools, 8,850 junior secondary schools, 900 senior secondary schools, 28 training colleges, 20 technical institutions, four diploma-awarding institutions, six public universities and over 40 private universities. Most Ghanaians now have ready access to both primary and secondary EDUCATION through the Free Senior Secondary Education.



A TRUE WEDDING DESTINATION

MICE

MEETINGS, INCENTIVES, CONFERENCING. **EVENTS**

Ghana has taken steps to build on its business legacy to become a hub for MEETINGS, INCENTIVES. CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS. within the sub Region. Ghana hosts the secretariat of the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCTA) and various government organisations have focused their efforts on fostering intra-regional trade, opening up rural areas for investment, enhancing productivity and creating job opportunities. The steady increase in demand for business meetings has led to a proliferation of hotels able to cater for the ever-growing needs of business tourism. Today, there is a wide choice of middle to luxury level accommodation available for business visitors and MICE guests. Accra, in particular, in its present-day role as a business hub, has seen a big expansion in hotels catering mainly for business tourism















EAT GHANA

There is a wide choice of international restaurants, particularly in Accra and Kumasi. Visitors can also sample delicious spicy Ghanaian dishes at local restaurants (chop bars).





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The cities and major hotels have varied dining culture to meet your special needs. Foreign wines and liquors are all over the place. Dishes to whet your appetite include, Chinese, Indian, European, Lebanese, Turkish, Mediterranean, African, local and many more.











There are ample opportunities to shop for souvenirs at craft markets, malls, jewellery shops and craft villages. leticio es King of the Adinkra symbols.



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