

Ghana

AT A GLANCE



Basic Tourist Information





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KWAABA' - is a term that will greet you everywhere you go in Ghana. Ghana is known for the hospitality and friendliness of its people.

Ghana offers a fascinating cultural experience that links the past to the present in a colourful way. The centuries – old monuments along shores attest to Europe's trading links with Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

Nature lovers will be amazed at the richness of the wildlife, which includes elephants, monkeys, birds and butterflies and breathtaking views of varied landscape and unspoilt sandy beaches.

'AKWAABA' to the golden experience. Explore Ghana, immerse yourself in our traditions and lifestyles. Have fun.

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Travel Tips

PASSPORT: A valid passport is mandatory.

VISAS: ECOWAS nationals are exempt but is required for most non-residents. For more details consult the Ghana Mission or Consular Office near you or the Ghana Immigration Service.

HEALTH: Yellow fever vaccination is required by all except infants under one year.

CLOTHING: Loose, cool clothing is recommended all year round. Dress is conservative in Ghana and long trousers are generally worn.

USEFUL ITEMS: Flashlight is useful. Birdwatchers should carry their own binoculars.

ELECTRICITY: 220- 240 Volts

NATIONAL DIALING CODE: +233

DRIVING: Ghanaians drives on the right. Visitors require an International Driving Licence and Insurance. Vehicles driven across the borders require a special permit.

CREDIT CARD FACILITIES & CURRENCY EXCHANGE: Most international credit cards are accepted. Foreign currency can be exchanged at Forex facilities and banks.

TIPPING: The quality of service should dictate your generosity to the waiter, taxi driver, porter, guide etc.

HOTELS: Ghana's hotels are classified according to the international star system, from one to five. Budget hotels offer limited service. The grade of a hotel in Ghana is identifiable on a Hotel Licence issued by the Ghana Tourism Authority and is displayed at the hotel reception. Log on to www.visitghana.com

RESTAURANTS: There is a wide choice of international restaurants. Visitors can also sample delicious spicy Ghanaian dishes at local restaurants (chop bars). Visit www.visitghana.com

TOURS: visit www.visitghana.com for list of licensed tour operators and car rentals.

SHOPPING: Abundant opportunities exist to shop for souvenirs at craft shops, art galleries, open markets, malls, jewellery shops and craft villages.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Visitors are encouraged to take photographs, but avoid taking pictures of sensitive security locations.

Fact File

LAND AREA: 238,540 sq km (92,100 sq miles)

COASTLINE: 540 km

CLIMATE: Tropical. General temperature ranges from 21-32°C. There are two rainy seasons from March to July and September to October.

November to March is the dry hot season with the Dry Harmattan winds blowing from the Sahara Desert.

POPULATION: 32.83 million

GOVERNANCE: Constitutional Democracy.

BUSINESS HOURS: :00 a.m. to 05:00p.m. Banks: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Mondays- Fridays

LOCAL TIME: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

CURRENCY: The Ghana Cedi (GH¢). Ghana Cedi Notes are in denominations of GH¢1.00, GH¢2.00, GH¢5.00, GH¢10.00, GH¢20.00, GH¢50.00, GH¢100.00 and GH¢200.00. Coins in circulation are 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, GH¢1.00 and GH¢2.00.

LANGUAGE: The official language is English. Other languages spoken include: Akan, Ewe, Ga, Dagbani and Hausa.

RELIGION: About 71.3% of Ghanaians are Christian, 19.9% Moslem 5.2% traditional, 0.8% other religions and 5.2%.

CAPITAL CITY: Accra.

INDEPENDENCE: 6th March 1957 form British Administration. The country was formerly known as the Gold Coast.

REPUBLIC: Ghana became a Republic on July 1, 1960.

MILEAGE CHART -

INTER CITY ROAD DISTANCE IN KILOMETERS

REGION	CAPITAL	MILEAGE FROM ACCRA
Ahafo	Goaso	374 km
Ashanti	Kumasi	270 km
Bono East	Techiman	370 km
Bono	Sunyani	400 km
Central	Cape Coast	144 km
Eastern	Koforidua	85 km
Greater Accra	Accra	9km (Tema)
North East	Nalerigu	641.9 km
Northern	Tamale	658.km
Oti	Dambai	347.2 km
Savannah	Damango	627 km
Upper East	Bolgatango	810 km
Upper West	Wa	740 km
Volta	Ho	165 km
Western North	Sefwi Wiawso	396 km
Western	Sekondi-Takordadi	218 km

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

January 1	- New Year's Day
January 7	- Constitution Day
March 6	- Independence Day
April	- Good Friday
	- Easter Monday
May 1	- May Day
July 1	- Republic Day
August 4	- Founder's Day
September 21	- Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day
December	- 1st Friday, Farmers Day
December 25	- Christmas
December 26	- Boxing Day

**Eid Ul Adha and Eid Ul-Fitr is determined upon the sighting of the moon.*

TOURIST MAP



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ECOTOURISM

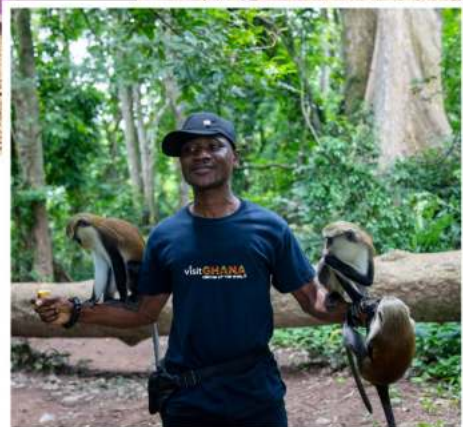


Mole National Park



Shai Hills

Ghana is a nature lover's delight. There is an enchanting selection of wildlife, ranging from elephants to monkeys and from marine turtles to crocodiles, as well as hundreds of colourful birds and butterfly species. Some of the ecotourism sites include: Kakum National Park, Bunso Arboretum, Adanwomase Kente Village, Shai Hills Wildlife Area, Paga Sacred Crocodile Pond, Mole National Park, Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary and River Safari, Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary, Wli Waterfalls, Nzulezu Stilt village , Tano Boase Sacred Grove and Formations and Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary.



Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary



Paga Crocodile Pond

NIGHT LIFE

Ghana comes to life at night whether it's a hang out at Osu in Accra or the Bantama night street in Kumasi, the London bridge in Cape Coast or the Habor area in Takoradi. The music , the people and the food will keep you alive for the night.



Skybar 25



HERITAGE

From the moment one arrives in Ghana, it is clear that here is a country with a rich history and heritage. Local people take pride in recounting their ancestry and cultural roots, while every region has a fascinating story to tell of momentous events.



Elmina Castle



Black Star Square



Light House, Accra

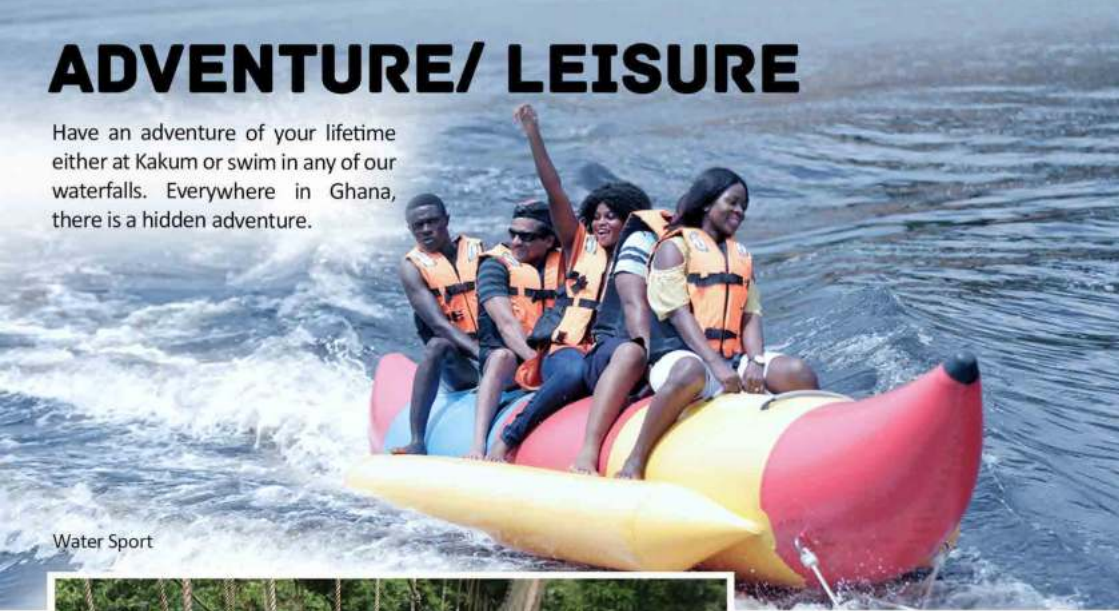
The Larabanga Mosque is a mosque, built in the Sudanese architectural style in the village of Larabanga, Ghana. It is the oldest mosque in the country and one of the oldest in West Africa.



Larabanga Mosque

ADVENTURE/ LEISURE

Have an adventure of your lifetime either at Kakum or swim in any of our waterfalls. Everywhere in Ghana, there is a hidden adventure.



Water Sport



Kakum National Park, Located in the coastal environs of the Central Region of Ghana, covers an area of 375 square kilometers. It is one of the 6 canopy walkways in Ghana, it is 350 metres long and connects seven tree top which provides access to the forest.



Paragliding - kwahu



City Tour



Aburi ATV



Dodi World

RICH IN CULTURE



Ghana is noted for its rich culture. Celebration of cultural festival and events is part of the dynamic attractions of the country. Our food expresses our dynamism and vibrancy.

Some selected Festivals

Akwasidae: Every forty days or every sixth Sunday in Ashanti Region.

Dipo Festival: March/April by the Krobos in the Eastern Region

Aboakyir Festival: First Saturday of May in Winneba

Edina Bakatue Festival: First Tuesday of July in Elmina.

Asafotufiam Festival: First Saturday of August in Ada, Greater Accra

Homowo Festival: August to September in the Greater Accra.

Oguaa Fetu Afahye: First Saturday of September in Cape Coast.

Odwira festival: September and October in Eastern Region.

Kundum Festival: September in Axim, Western Region.

Hogbetsotso Festival: First Saturday of November in Anloga.

Asogli Festival: First Saturday of November in Ho.

Damba Festival: Celebrated in the Northern Ghana.

Fire (Bugum) Festival: Held by many ethnic groups in the Northern Ghana.



Meet in GHANA

Ghana is a meeting hub in West Africa. The country hosts several events - including Tourism events, Fashion shows, Beauty Pageants, Business Conferences, Weddings, Music awards.





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