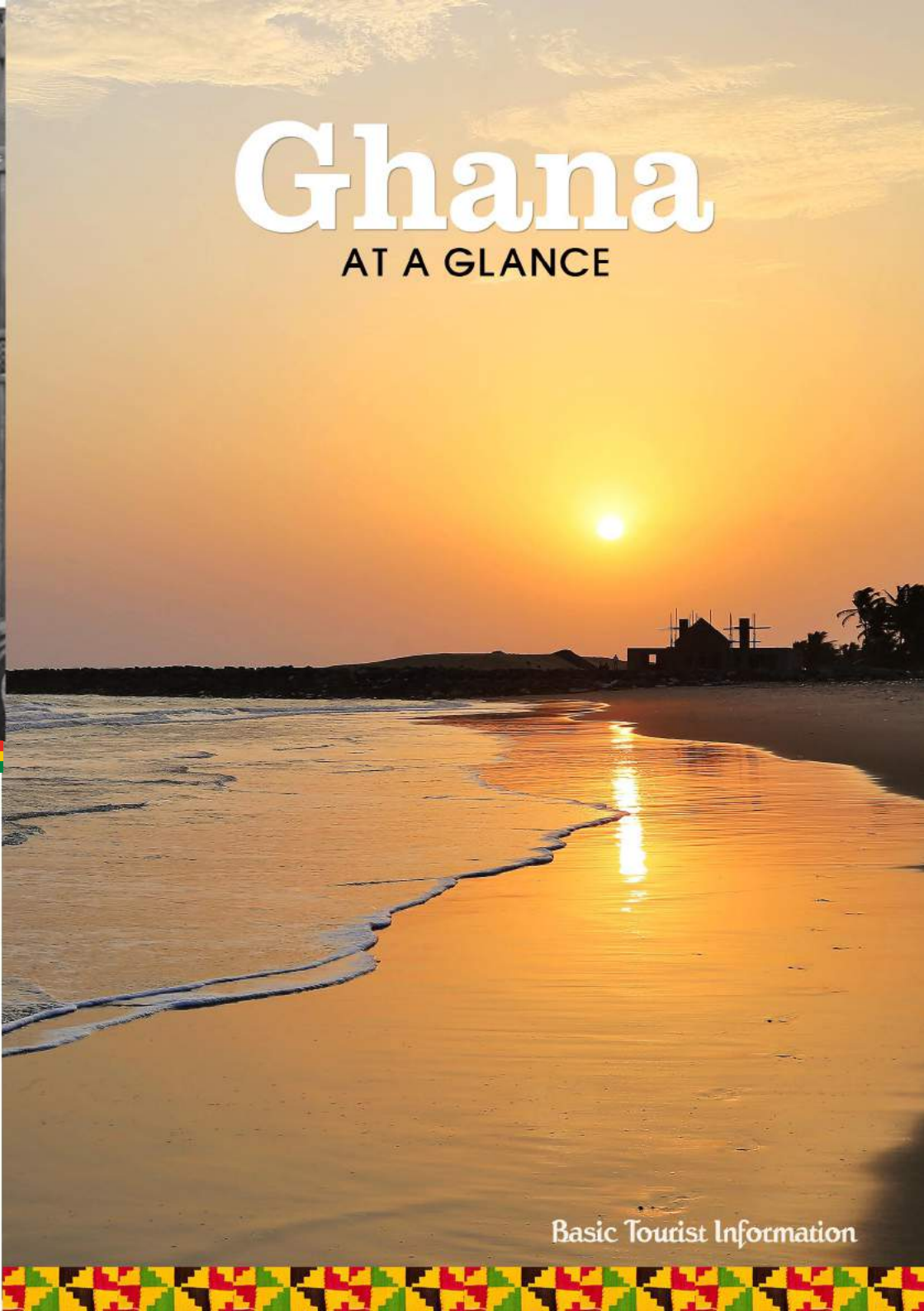


# Ghana

AT A GLANCE



Basic Tourist Information





# Akwaaba

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**"AKWAABA"** - 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. Revealing clothing or items with suggestive slogans are considered inappropriate.

**USEFUL ITEMS:** Flashlight is useful. Mosquito repellent is a good precaution. 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](http://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](http://www.visitghana.com)

**TOURS:** visit [www.visitghana.com](http://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:** 29.46 million (2018 estimate)

**GOVERNANCE:** Constitutional Democracy.

**BUSINESS HOURS:** General: From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 01:00 p.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 (¢). Ghana Cedi Notes are in denominations of GH¢1.00, GH¢2.00, GH¢5.00, GH¢10.00, GH¢20.00 and GH¢50.00. Coins in circulation are 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and GH¢1.00.

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

**RELIGION:** About 71.2% of Ghanaians are Christian, 17.6% 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

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TAKORADI	218	242	383	0	372	683	74	765	362	853
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## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

January 1 - New Year's Day  
January/February - Eid Ul Adha  
March 6 - Independence Day  
April - Good Friday  
- Easter Monday  
May 1 - May Day  
May 25 - African Union Day

July 1 - Republic Day  
September 21 - Founder's Day  
November/December - Eid Ul-Fitr(Muslim festival)  
December - 1st Friday Farmers Day  
December 25 - Christmas  
December 26 - Boxing Day

# Tourist Map



# Ecotourism



Mole National Park

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.



Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary



Paga Crocodile Pond

# 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

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



Crusing at Ada

# Adventure

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



Wli falls



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 only 3 locations in Africa with a canopy walkway, which is 350 metres long and connects seven tree top which provides access to the forest.



# 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 Harbor area in Takoradi. The music, the people and the food will keep you alive for the night.



Skybar 25



# 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.

## Some selected festivals

**Akwasidae:** Celebrated every forty days or every sixth Sunday in Ashanti.

**Dipo Festival:** March/April by the Krobos

**Aboakyire Festival:** Celebrated on the first Saturday of May in Winneba

**Bakatue Festival:** Celebrated on the First Tuesday of July in Elmina.

**Asafotufiam Festival:** Celebrated on the last Thursday of July in Ada.

**Homowo Festival:** Celebrated between August and September in Greater Accra.

**Fetu Afahye:** Celebrated on the first Saturday of September in Cape Coast.

**Odwira festival:** Celebrated between September and October in Eastern Region.

**Kundum Festival:** Celebrated in October in Western Region.

**Hogbetsotso Festival:** Celebrated on the first Saturday of November in Ho.

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



# MICE

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



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