

Ghana

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Ghana due to crime and violence against members of the LGBTQI+ community. Some areas have increased risk.. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[233] 030-274-1000; US Embassy in Accra, No. 24, Fourth Circular Rd., Cantonments, Accra, PO Box GP 2288, Accra, Ghana; <https://gh.usembassy.gov/>; ACSAccra@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

233

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 776111-5; Fire: 192; Police: 999, 171

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Ghana: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; warm and comparatively dry along southeast coast; hot and humid in southwest; hot and dry in north

Currency (Code)

Cedis (GHC)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): D, G



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

Asante, Ewe, Fante, Boron, Dagomba, Dangme, Dagarte, Kokomba, Akyem, Ga

Major Religions

Christian (Pentecostal/Charismatic, Protestant, Catholic, other), Muslim, traditional

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Kakum National Park; Accra (includes Artists Alliance Gallery); Labadi Beach; Cape Coast

Major Sports

Soccer, boxing

Cultural Practices

If eating from a communal bowl, it is considered impolite to reach to parts of the bowl that are far from you. Instead, simply eat the portion directly in front of you.

Tipping Guidelines

Tips are not expected in restaurants, except at upscale locales frequented by foreigners, in which case a 5-10% tip is acceptable. Tip hotel porters 1-2 cedis and chambermaids at least 2 cedis per day. Taxi drivers expect a tip of 5-10% of the fare.

Souvenirs

Handmade beads, woven Kente cloth, gold and silver jewelry, carved stools, pottery

Traditional Cuisine

Fufu — cassava and unripe plantains mashed together in water with a wooden pole; once the mixture is smooth it is shaped into small balls that are placed in a stew or soup with meat

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