

# Travel Facts

## US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State 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. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

## Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

## 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](mailto:ACSAccra@state.gov)

## LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.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 71.2%, Muslim 17.6%, traditional 5.2%

## Time Difference

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



## Potable Water

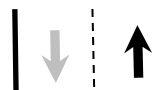
Opt for bottled water

## 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 shaped into small balls that are placed in a stew or soup with meat

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