



Accra
GHANA

MINI-GUIDE
ACTIVITIES | ITINERARY
RECOMMENDATIONS

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Akwaaba To Ghana!

Cultural Norms & Tips

- Ghanaians use their right hand for eating, shaking hands, and giving. The left hand is considered for hygiene/dirty.
- Credit Card is not widely accepted even if the machine is present in the store. Bring Cash and exchange it at the airport. Big bills will allow for a better exchange rate.
- The main water supply is not considered safe for drinking, consume bottled water only.
- The national language in Ghana is English, but their local language is Twi (pronounced 'Tree')
- The currency is Cedi. 1 USD= 10 GHC. The rate fluctuates, check prior to your travels.

Airport, Visa, & Shots

- Kotoka International Airport (ACC)
- Single or multiple entry visa is required for entry into Ghana. Single entry visa is valid for 3 months and multiple entry visa is valid for 5 years.
- Visa application form can be found on the [Ghana Embassy Website](#). (Your passport must be mailed in)
- All tourists are required to receive a Yellow Fever vaccine which can be done at your local health department. Malaria pills are strongly suggested but not required for entry.

Move About Ghana

Transport

- Download WhatsApp for all communication.
- Taxis are **not** a recommended form of transportation.
- Uber and Bolt are safe Rideshare Apps that should be downloaded, Cash can be used for these trips by changing the payment method.
- If you are interested in a personal driver for the day or the duration of your trip WhatsApp Prince Sarpong +233-24-758-0064

Safety Tips

- Identifying as LGBTQ+ is prohibited, which necessitates the suppression of any visible signs of homosexuality.
- Please watch your phone, phone left is on the rise.
- You will see police checkpoints at night, there is nothing to worry about. The police are checking for those that are intoxicated or have drugs.



Move of Accra

Stays

- One Oxford Street***: 5 Star luxury Hotel in the heart of Osu. Futuristic design aesthetic and 108 elegant state-of-the-art units. This location is perfect if you want to be in “the mix”
- Kempinski Hotel**: 5 Star luxury hotel, a go-to destination for many tourists. An amazing pool and great food!
- Labadi Beach Hotel**: Your ultimate beachfront hotel there is also a spa on site.
- Axis Suites***: My personal go-to apartment hotel. Affordable and perfect for long term stays. It has a full kitchen and living room but no pool.
- Kwarleyz Residence***: Luxury hotel with spacious rooms and amazing decor.
- Alisa Hotel North Ridge***: Affordable hotel with great service and a great breakfast buffet.

All stays are hyperlinked.

Click the name of the hotel to access the website. Many of the 5 star resorts & the luxury stays have instagram pages. For more hotel options check Booking.com

I do **not** recommend Airbnb unless they are a Super-Host due the possibility of a host cancelling or pictures not being the same as in-person.

*= I stayed here



Exploring Accra

Tour of Accra

- Visit The Art Center to shop for local items such as fabric, shea butter, jewelry, clothing and more. Be sure to use your negotiating skills!
- If you are feeling bold visit Makola market but I do not recommend you going here alone. This is a huge market and can be overwhelming
- Visit the Ghana home of the late W.E.B. Dubois.
- Go to Independence Square, a symbolic representation to celebrate the nation's independence.
- Visit Kwame Nkrumah Memorial, commemorating Ghana's first president
- Walking tour of historic Jamestown or traditional naming ceremony, to book either of these contact Nii Marma on WhatsApp +233-24-552-4627
- Visit University of Ghana to see the students and campus
- Check out the amazing homes in East Legon
- Check out the local Labadi Beach, Sunday evening is when all the locals come out!

If you would like to book a full day/week tour contact Expert Travels via e-mail execdir@expertravel.com.gh



Good Eats in Accra

Restaurants

- Azmera** is an amazing place for local cuisine. They have a buffet with a variety of options. This is your one stop shop for your taste of Ghanaian cuisine.
- Chez Clarisse Mama Africa** has hands down the best tilapia and kelewele.
- Baobab** has all the local food you could want and it tastes AMAZING!
- Living Room** is located in East Legon and has all the Ghanaian dishes with a great vibe.
- Bella Afrik** is an Italian restaurant with top tier pasta, drinks, and vibes
- Rockefellas** has the best sushi, this is Thai cuisine and it will not disappoint.
- Capitol Cafe & Restaurant** they have continental cuisine and their fresh juices are a must try.
- Rose Garden** for aesthetic brunch vibes!
- Shogun** is one of my personal fav's for Japanese cuisine.
- Ting Nice** is a Jamaican restaurant if you are in the mood for Caribbean food



Fun in Accra

Lounges, Views & Vibes

- Sky Bar 25** is located in the Villagio. It is an amazing rooftop with great views of the city.
- Enigma Sky Lounge** is a rooftop located at the Signature Apartments, great vibe and DJ!
- Lamu** is a lounge that has great drinks and amazing decor, oh...and a rooftop!
- Luna Rooftop Bar** is located in the airport residential area
- Pink Flamingo Beach Club** has an amazing beach view and close to Labadi Beach.
- +233** is a vibe, there is a live jazz band some nights and is usually an older crowd 40+
- Exhale Lounge** can be a very calm place and great for drinks and date nights but on Monday's, it can get really busy!
- Republic Bar** is my go-to local spot. Especially for karaoke on Tuesday. Be sure to get a kokroko and ginger shot!
- Kruna** is upbeat and high energy. If your up for it, go on Tuesday after karaoke.
- Mood Bar** has amazing drinks and if you go on a Wednesday you will for SURE have a time!
- Front Back** is a staple. Be sure to check out this spot during your travels.
- Enzo** formally known as Garage is high energy club that goes until the morning.

**Most of the lounges and nightlife have Instagram pages, be sure to check them out for upcoming/weekly events.



Beauty in Accra

Manicures/Pedicures

- Eurospa** is located in East Legon and is my go-to place for acrylic nails. They also do great pedicures
- Marie Noelle's Spa** has locations in Osu and East Legon. They do amazing pedicures and I prefer going here because they can be less busy with still quality work.
- Polish'd** has locations in Osu and East Legon. Be sure to get here early or you may have to wait a while to be seen.

Hair

- Twists n Locks** whatever braid or natural hair style you would want, this is the place to go! | @twistsnlocs
- Nalabi** is your go-to place if you want a sew-in | @nalabigh
- PonyWorld** by Debecca if you want a cute pony hairstyle | @ponyworld_bydebecca
- Tilly's** is a tourist favorite and known for how well they do braids especially knotless. | @tillyhairgh

Spa

- Labadi Beach Hotel** has a great spa if you are in need of a spa day.
- Ma'ati Spa** is an EXPERIENCE. This is where you get a massage underneath the waterfall. They offer pickup and drop-off.

Be sure to call to see if you can make an appointment prior to going.



Outside of Accra

Nature

- Wli Falls** is an amazing hike. Located in the Volta Region, this is the tallest waterfall in West Africa.
- Kakum National Park** is in Cape Coast, there is a canopy walk with a moderate hike.
- Aburi Botanical Gardens** is located in the Eastern region of Ghana with lush gardens and trees. Truly a sight to see!
- Pram Pram** is a coastal town with beautiful beaches and rich cultural heritage.
- Kokrobite Beach** is about an hour and a half away from Accra. There are many private resorts and amazing food.

History

- Cape Coast Dungeon** is located in Cape Coast and is a “slave castle” that was built by European traders. It is recognized by UNESCO.
- Elmina Dungeon** is a “slave castle” located in Elmina, built by European traders recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.
- Assin Manso Slave River** is located in the central region of Ghana where enslaved Africans had their last bath on African soil before being marched down to the slave castles

Resorts

- Big Blue Resort** is a beautiful beach resort located in Kasa, Ghana. It's only about an hour away from Accra.
- Coconut Grove** is located in Elmina, Ghana and the beach views are amazing. If you are going to any of the slave dungeons, stop here for lunch.
- Tills Beach Resort** is an hour and a half West of Accra. You can come here for a serene day trip or overnight.

Sample Itinerary Schedule

Day 1

- Arrive to Kotoka Airport (ACC)
- Check-In at Hotel
- Dinner at Bella Afrik

Day 2

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour of Accra including W.E.B. Dubois museum, Art Center, Kwame Nkrumah museum, and Independence Square
- Buffet lunch at Azmera
- Dinner and drinks at Exhale Lounge

Day 3

- Breakfast at hotel
- Boat ride at Akosombo Dam, the largest man made dam in West Africa
- Lunch at Royal Senchi Hotel & Resort
- Dinner at Bondai and night out at Mood Bar

Day 4

- Brunch at Rose Garden
- Jamestown walking tour
- Dinner at Capitol Cafe & Restaurant

Day 5

- Breakfast at hotel
- Traditional naming ceremony
- Lunch at Chez Clarisse
- Pool day at hotel

Day 6

- Chill day/Final shopping
- Lunch at Baobab
- Dinner at Kozo
- Republic Bar for drinks

Day 7

- Departure



Enjoy Ghana & Stay Connected!

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