

# Life in GHANA

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The name Ghana originates from an African empire, which was located around River Niger between 400 and 1240AD. Formerly called the Gold Coast, Ghana became independent from British colonial rule on March 6, 1957

## LOCATION & BORDERS

Ghana is located on the west coast of Africa 6 hours by air from London

## CLIMATE



Ghana has a tropical climate. The temperature is generally between 21-32°C (70-90°F). There are two rainy seasons, from March to July and from September to October, separated by a short cool dry season in August and a relatively long dry season in the south from mid-October to March.

## CURRENCY



The Ghana Cedi (GH ) is the official currency of Ghana. The floating rate hovers around US\$ 1= GH 1.45



## ACCESSIBILITY

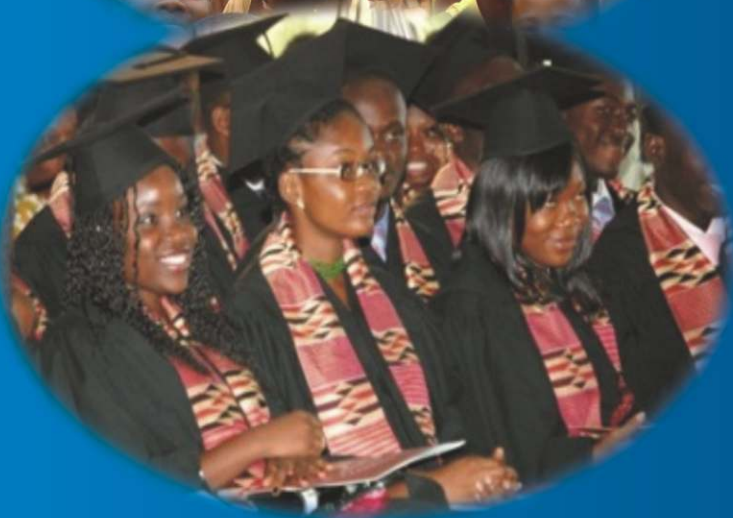
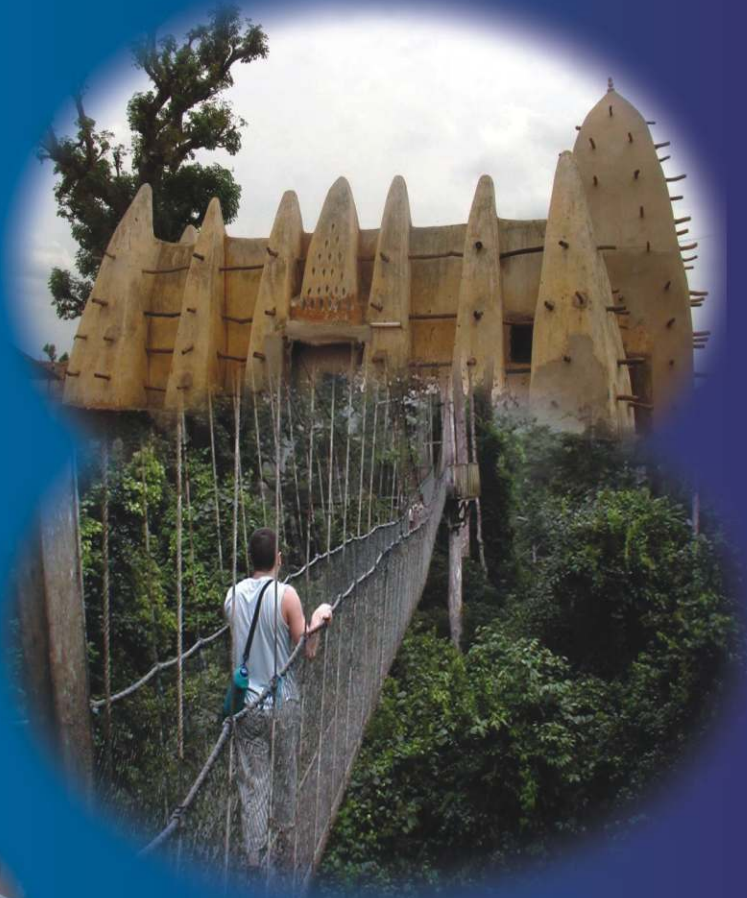
- Most International carriers (Delta, British Airways, KLM, Lufthansa, Emirates) fly to Accra
- Reasonable flying time to US [9 hours] and UK, Europe [6 hours]
- Gateway to Africa / the continental trigger
- Well developed roads and ports



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## TOURISM

Ghana's tourism sector enjoys numerous strengths including the friendliness of its people. The Ghanaian Hospitality is legendary. Ghana is a peaceful and loving country, where all visitors are warmly received. Ghanaians are often referred to as **Africa's Friendliest People** because they are a fun-loving and cheerful people.



## EDUCATION

53.3% of Ghana's population (15 years and above) is literate in English and a known Ghanaian language. Since much of literature and mass communication is in English, the effective literacy level is 46.9%.



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