



TEACHING PROJECTS

GHANA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**AKWAABA - which means "welcome" - is never more meaningful than in Ghana. The Ghanaian people are among the friendliest in Africa.
So ... AKWAABA to this beautiful country!**

From the moment you step out of the airport in Accra, you will realise that you have landed in Africa! En route to your accommodation, you'll pass by run-down shacks on dirt roads, and half completed buildings with people all around you selling anything and everything whilst waiting at the traffic lights.

There is no mundane routine here: you are now on 'African time' and every thing is far wilder, much more relaxed and completely different! The air is filled with a warm equatorial breeze and unusual aromas and sounds; a mixture of charcoal, debris and fufu or beny slowly cooking over an open pot along with the chitter-chat of the tribal language of Twi being spoken. You then realise that you have finally arrived in Ghana.

Ghana is very much isolated from what goes in the Western world. While walking around the streets of Accra you won't find any Beckham shirts, Mc Donald's or any other touristy gimmicks - just real people living real Ghanaian lives.

Ghana is warm, friendly and remarkably safe. If you are looking for a truly authentic African cultural experience, Ghana certainly will not disappoint you!

TEACHING PLACEMENTS

We work with schools based in two areas around Accra, the two areas are Kwabenya and Darkuman. The schools here are about six miles from the city centre.

- All schools accommodate 150 and 400 children.
- Class sizes are generally 30-35 but can be a bit larger depending on the status of the school.
- The age range of children are around 4-15 years old.

Most of the schools that we work with are poor schools where the support given by our volunteers makes a tremendous amount of difference.

If you have the skills, you can also teach other subjects, from academic subjects to Music, IT or Sports.

You don't need any qualifications to participate in a teaching placement in Ghana, but, if you're teaching English, you do need to be fluent in the language and it should preferably be your home language.

The schools are a mixture of primary and junior secondary. You will generally be asked to help out with any age groups, although where possible we will try to keep you to your preferred age range. You are very likely to be in popular demand everywhere - in and out of the classroom.

More information and photos on Kwabenya, where much of our teaching is done, can be seen on the website.

Many of the schools have got black boards but it's a good idea to take out a pack of chalk with you. Generally the schools lack many of the facilities that we take for granted in our own country but, for African standards, the facilities are 'okay'. The schools and class rooms are generally very neat.



The first time we arrived it was quite daunting; all these new names and faces, and the thought that I was to be responsible for part of their education. I was taken aback by the fact that I was teaching Art (a subject in which I show about as much talent as I do at speaking Greek) as well as English, French, PE and Music, but it really wasn't a problem at all, and now I enjoy the school very much. The headmaster and teachers are all very nice and so far there haven't been any problems whatever to note. Charles Fowler

ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation will be in either at Kwabenya or Darkuman, and depending on the area you are based in will depend on whether you stay with a host family or hostel. Volunteers that stay with a host family, say that they feel more like being part of the family than a guest! At times you may even be embarrassed to receive such generous hospitality. By far the vast majority will do their best to make you feel happy and part of their family. For the more independently-minded volunteer we also work with host families who will feed and house you, but for the most-part leave you to your own devices.



The houses are fairly basic but will have all the basic facilities like kitchens and bathroom, telephone, television, radio and running water.

VISA

You need a visa for Ghana, and we will send you all the necessary forms and information and make the process very easy for you.

GHANA – GENERAL INFORMATION

Currency: Cedi (c) = 100 psewas.

£1.00 = c13,603 (as at 15/07/03, but exchange rates may fluctuate).

A pint of beer can cost 5,000 -15,000 Cedis which is about 40p-£1.10

Soft drinks like Fanta cost about 2,000-10,000 Cedis which is about 14p-74p

A packet of cigarettes can cost about 15,000 Cedis is £1.10p
So it can be cheap for a good night out.

Full country name: Republic of Ghana

Area: 238,540 sq km (93,030 sq mi)

Population: 19.7 million

Capital city: Accra (pop 1.3 million)

People: Akan (44%), Mole-Dagbane (16%), Ewé (13%), Ga (8%), Guan, Gurma, Gonja, Dagomba

Language: English (official language), Ewé, Ga, Twi

Religion: Christian (60%), Muslim (15%), traditional African religions (25%)

Government: Parliamentary democracy

President: John Agyekum Kufuor



ACCRA – THE CAPITAL CITY

Accra, on the coast of the Gulf of Guinea, is both big-city hectic and African laid-back. Accra may not be one of the prettiest cities by Western standards, but there is something else this African city has that makes up for lack of planning and fancy buildings.

It is a wonderful city to experience. It is full of character, has a warm feel, is extremely friendly and feels very safe. It also has some great beaches!

Spend a few hours in the breezy capital of Accra and you'll swear the wind and waves off the Gulf of Guinea have infused the land and people with equatorial warmth. It is a city that is young, wild and full of soul and here you'll sample the true African spirit.

During the day, the streets are full of market stalls and vendors where you can browse and buy mouthwatering foods, colourful Kente cloth, beads, or baskets. Don't forget to practice your haggling.



During the night the city comes alive with the traditional Ghanaian 'spot' bars and the sound of live drumming music in the warm night air. Village-specific festivals and events occur throughout the year.

Accra itself is fascinating, very different from home. Very noisy, dusty and hot, but really colourful and vibrant. Particularly impressed by the palm trees, amazing variety of little stalls and shops and the women balancing huge bundles on their heads! We've felt very safe so far - very little hassle from people, most of whom have been really welcoming. Caroline Allen – Law Placement

THE NEXT STEP

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I do hope you join us and please do call or email if you have any questions at all about this or any of our other projects – 01903 502595 or email info@travellersworldwide.com

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