

# WORK EXPERIENCE LAW PLACEMENTS GHANA

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**AKWAABE - 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 dusty 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, yet much more relaxed. 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 Ghanaians 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!**



## LAW PLACEMENTS

**If you've qualified or hoping to go on to your Law degree, you can work with a legal practice in Accra that will give you the opportunity to get exposure to all aspects of legal work.**

This placement will give you the opportunity to gain experience in the day-to-day running of a law practice. If you are going to specialise in a particular area of law, the practice will be more than happy to take this into consideration during your placement.

Ghanaian law follows common law which is based on our own British system. During the placement, you will be given plenty of opportunity to visit the Ghanaian Courts and observe how they function. Cases could range from civil and criminal law to conveyance, probate and property law.

As with all our Work Experience placements, this placement is tailored to suit your specific requirements to ensure you gain the maximum benefit and experience. We'll have detailed discussions with you to ascertain what you're looking for, then we'll tailor the programme for you.



## AREAS OF PRACTICE

**INVESTMENT:** Legal advice on investment in Ghana, co-ordination with consultants and analysts for comprehensive investment project planning, liaison with Ghana investment promotion centre etc.

**CORPORATE PRACTICE:** Structure and incorporation of companies, partnerships and joint ventures

**COMMERCIAL:** Negotiation and drafting of tender documents and management contracts, registration of copyright, patent and trade marks and dispute resolution for international trade finance, telecommunication, shipping timber, agriculture, manufacturing, hospitality industries and major infrastructure projects.

**INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** Industrial disputes resolution, drafting of service. Agreement negotiation of CBAs, employee share ownership programmes, welfare schemes and superannuation.

**BANKING AND FINANCING:** Negotiation and drafting of international and local loan agreements, debentures and securities. Acquisition of banking and financing licenses. Provision of legal financial service companies.

**CONVEYANCING:** Investigation of Land Title negotiation and drafting of leases and other property interest, registration of land titles and litigations. Urban regeneration schemes, location of industrial and residential properties for clients on request.

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY:** Based on our experience with power, mining, petroleum, water and forestry rights and regulatory regimes and practices both in Ghana and in other producing countries, we are able to guide investors in making key decisions about natural resource investment in Ghana.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Environmental consciousness in Ghana is growing rapidly. Regulatory practices in this area are increasingly vigorous but not yet very systematic. Our expertise in planning compliance is valuable to all investors.

## ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation will be in either at Kwabenya or Espoo which is about 6 miles from the city centre. You will most likely stay with a host family. They will look after you superbly and often our volunteers comment how 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 they'll 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.



## VISAS

We will send you all the necessary forms and information and make the process very easy for you.

## FLIGHTS

You can book your own international flights or we can book them for you. You will fly into Accra where you will be welcomed by our Travellers Organiser. They will take you to your family and settle you in for the period of your induction. After that you'll be taken to your school. All flights we book have changeable return tickets because many of our volunteers choose to extend their stay. Changeable return tickets enable you to do so, within the limits of your visa, of course.

## 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**

If you would like to join us on one of our exciting projects then please fill in either an online application form at our website ([www.travellersworldwide.com](http://www.travellersworldwide.com)) or one that is attached to our brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you detailed pack information regarding your placement and country.

**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](mailto:info@travellersworldwide.com)**

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