

## **TRAVELLING TO GHANA**

### ***1. Visa on Arrival (Emergency Visa)***

The Ghana Immigration Service introduced this visa policy to cater for visitors who travel on short notice from countries where Ghana has no mission or consulate.

The Emergency Visa may be obtained from the Immigration Headquarters in Accra upon an official request Ghana Immigration Service. This request would take a minimum of five (5) working days to process.

#### ***Requirements for a Visa on Arrival (Emergency Visa)***

- Clear scanned photocopy of traveler's passport bio page
- Emergency Visa Application Fee of USD150.00

HCCGH will provide the below supporting document to the Ghana Immigration Service as part of the Visa Application.

- Date of arrival
- Date of Departure
- Copy of return ticket
- Proof of accommodation (e.g. hotel booking confirmation details.)
- Purpose of Visit

A Visa on Arrival (Emergency Visa) is granted for a single entry only and must be used within the days as given by the Ghana Immigration Service.

The foreigner is required to present a photocopy of the approved request on arrival at the point of entry for him to be granted a Visa.

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<b>NO.</b>	<b>COUNTRY / ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>VISA REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>CONDITIONS</b>
<b>1.</b>	ECOWAS States: Nigeria, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Togo, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Liberia, Benin, Cape Verde	Visa not required for all types of passports	90 days
<b>2.</b>	Cuba, Brazil, Iran, Hong Kong, Germany	Visa not required for Service and Diplomatic passport holders	90 days
<b>3.</b>	Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, Mauritius	Visa not required for all types of passports	60 days
<b>4.</b>	Southern and Eastern African countries: Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Malawi, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya	Visa not required for all types of passports	60 days
<b>5.</b>	African Union, Regional Economic Communities, United Nations and its specialized agencies	Visa not required for official passports	60 days
<b>6.</b>	Egypt and Rwanda	Gratis visa	Granted on arrival/ Mission 60 days
<b>7.</b>	Member States of African Union	Visa required	Granted on arrival/ Mission 60 days

Kindly see the link below for any further information by the Ghana Immigration Service.

<https://home.gis.gov.gh/permits-and-visas/>

## **ARRIVAL PROCEDURES**

### **Covid 19 Pre-Entry, Entry and Exit Requirements.**

#### **Country-Specific Information**

Accra Kotoka International Airport is open for regular international passenger travel. Ghana's land and sea borders are open as of March 28, 2022.

The wearing of facemasks is no longer mandatory, but the government of Ghana encourages everyone to continue to maintain enhanced hand hygiene practices, and avoid crowded gatherings.

All in-person activities, such as those that take place in churches, mosques, conferences, workshops, private parties and events, cinemas and theatres may resume at full capacity as of March 28, 2022, as long as the audience and/or participants are fully vaccinated. Hand washing and hand sanitizing points should be made available at these venues. Outdoor functions at sporting events, entertainment spots, political rallies and funerals may resume at full capacity, again, as long as all persons at these events are fully vaccinated.

#### **COVID-19 Testing**

Are PCR and/or antigen tests available for travelers in Ghana? Yes.

If so, are test results reliably available within 24 hours? Yes.

See Ghana Accredited COVID-19 Testing Laboratories | Ghana ([www.ghanahealthservice.org](http://www.ghanahealthservice.org)) for a list of labs in Ghana that are certified by the Ghana Ministry of Health to test for COVID-19.

Nyaho Medical Centre, MDS Lancet, Akai House Clinic, and Noguchi Memorial Advanced Research Laboratory offer fee-based COVID-19 testing with a 24- to 48-hour turnaround time. Fees vary per institution and are not covered by the Government of Ghana. On average, testing fees range from 450-550 Ghana cedis. Expedited processing is available for an additional fee, typically ranging from 650-750 GHC total. No-cost testing is available at Government of Ghana public hospitals listed in the Local Resources section below, however turnaround times can vary.

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

Has the government of Ghana approved a COVID-19 vaccine for use? Yes.

Are vaccines available in Ghana for travelers to receive? Yes.

Which vaccines are available in Ghana? Sputnik V, Covishield TM, Jassen, Moderna, Pfizer

## **Entry and Exit Requirements**

Accra Kotoka International Airport is open for regular international passenger travel. Ghana's land and sea borders were open as of March 28, 2022.

Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) required for entry? For unvaccinated travelers only. Vaccinated travelers do not need to show a negative COVID-19 test.

Is proof of vaccination required for entry? Yes

All persons 18 years-old and above arriving in Ghana will be required to provide evidence of full vaccination for a COVID-19 vaccine. Citizens of Ghana and foreign residents who are not fully vaccinated, will, however, need to provide a negative PCR test result no more than 48-hours old, will undergo an antigen test upon arrival in Ghana, and will be offered vaccination upon arrival. Ghana's Foreign Missions have been instructed to make vaccination a requirement for visa acquisition. A person is said to be fully vaccinated when he or she has taken the full dose of vaccines approved and registered by the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) of Ghana. You need two (2) doses of AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, or Sputnik V to be declared as fully vaccinated. One dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine is required to be declared fully vaccinated.