

GHANA - A Land of Warmth, Heritage and Promise



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Location and Overview

Situated along the Gulf of Guinea on the west coast of Africa, Ghana lies just a few degrees north of the Equator. The country shares borders with Côte d'Ivoire to the west, Burkina Faso to the north, Togo to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the south. Covering about 238,533 km², Ghana is home to over 35.3 million people, known globally for their warmth, hospitality and rich cultural heritage.



A Map of Ghana with Regions, Road Networks and Major Water Bodies. Map of Ghana with Regions, Road Networks and Major Water Bodies.

Governance and Economy

Ghana's multi-party democracy makes it one of Africa's most stable and peaceful country. The economy is anchored on agriculture, mining, energy and services. The country is one of the world's leading producers of cocoa and rich in gold, bauxite, manganese, diamond, copper, iron ore, chromium, quartz, nickel, limestone and recently discovered oil and gas reserves.

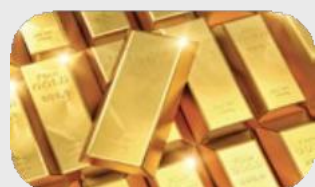
The nation holds the position of the sixth-largest gold producer globally and is Africa's leading gold producer. The country's gold output was 4.8 million ounces in 2025.

Ghana is also the world's second-largest cocoa producer. Contribution is approximately 20-25% of the global supply.

Ghana was the sixth-largest producer of manganese in the world as of 2021. The production volume of the metal reached 5.1 million metric tonnes in 2024 and projected to reach 8 million tonnes in 2025.



Cocoa
Second largest producer of cocoa



Gold
Largest producer in Africa
Sixth-largest producer globally



Manganese
Fourth-largest producer ore



Ghana is rich in limestone, bauxite and diamond

People and Leadership Legacy

Ghana's people are its greatest treasure. Diverse yet united by a deep sense of community, peace, and resilience. The country has produced world-renowned personalities, including Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Africa's foremost Pan-Africanist and Ghana's first President; and Kofi Annan, former United Nations Secretary-General and Nobel Peace Laureate.

This legacy continues with Professor Francis K. A. Allotey, the internationally acclaimed mathematician whose Allotey Formalism advanced modern science in Africa; and Esther Afua Ocloo, pioneering entrepreneur and founder of Women's World Banking, whose work transformed economic opportunities for women.

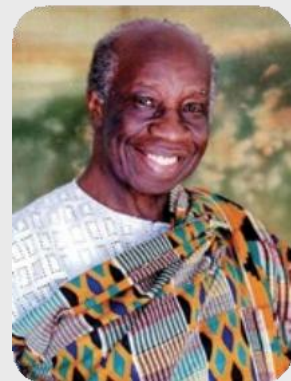
Their achievements embody Ghana's commitment to leadership, peace, innovation and intellectual excellence.



Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah
Pan-Africanist Ghana's first president



Kofi Annan
UN Secretary-General (1997 - 2006)
Nobel Peace Laureate



Professor Francis K. A. Allotey
A celebrated mathematician and physicist.



Esther Afua Ocloo
Founding member of Women's World Banking, a global microfinance organization supporting women entrepreneurs.

Geography and Landmarks

From southern rainforests to northern savannahs, Ghana's beauty is unmatched. The spectacular Volta Lake, the largest man-made lake in the world, stands as a symbol of innovation and hydroelectric achievement. Ghana's 500-kilometer coastline offers beautiful beaches and historical forts and castles, reminders of its centuries-long interaction.



Volta Lake
A cornerstone of Ghana's hydropower supply, inland transportation, fisheries, and industrial development, enabling regional electricity integration and economic growth.

Tourism and Cultural Heritage

Ghana is a beacon of tourism and heritage in Africa. Attractions include the Cape Coast and Elmina Castles, UNESCO World Heritage sites that echo the story of the trans-Atlantic slave trade; Kakum National Park with its famed canopy walkway; Mole National Park; and the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum. Festivals like Homowo, Damba, Kundum, Aboakyir, Odwira, and many others celebrate Ghana's rich traditions and communal spirit.



Cape Coast Castle
UNESCO World Heritage Site, stands as a solemn reminder of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the resilience of the African spirit.



Elmina Castle
UNESCO World Heritage Sites: symbols of Ghana's heritage and humanity's shared history.



Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum
Dedicated to Ghana's first President and African liberation hero. The monument is both his final resting place and a celebration of freedom, unity and visionary leadership.



Lake Bosomtwe
Ghana's only natural inland lake in the Ashanti Region. It is a sacred meteorite crater lake and popular tourist destination surrounded by lush mountains.



Festivals and Cultural Heritage in Ghana

Education and Science

Ghana is home to renowned universities, including the University of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ashesi University, Central University and the University of Cape Coast. The Country continues to produce scholars and scientists contributing globally on fields like medicine, engineering, law and space science.



University of Ghana
Founded in 1948, is the nation's oldest and largest university, renowned for excellence in the humanities, social sciences and health sciences.



Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Founded in 1951, is a leader in science, engineering and tech education in Africa.



University for Development and Studies



University of Energy and Natural Resources



University of Cape Coast



University of Education, Winneba

Aspirations of the People

Ghanaians are forward-looking and ambitious, driven by a commitment to peace, progress, and innovation. The nation aspires to build a sustainable economy powered by education, technology and environmental stewardship, remaining, as always, the Gateway to Africa and a beacon of hope for the continent.