

Entry rules in response to Coronavirus

Entry to Ghana

Kotoka International Airport is open. Commercial flights are operating to and from Ghana. Check with your travel company for the latest information. Land and sea borders remain closed. COVID-19 protocols at the airport may be subject to change as the new screening process evolves. See the guidance from the [Ghana Civil Aviation Authority](#).

All persons 18 years and over arriving into Ghana are required to provide evidence of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The Ghana Health Service defines a fully vaccinated person as someone who has taken the full dose of vaccines approved and registered by the Food and Drugs Authority of Ghana. This is one dose of Johnson and Johnson, or two doses of AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna or Sputnik V.

All travellers aged 18 years and above arriving in Ghana will be required to provide evidence of full vaccination for a COVID-19 vaccine at the point of embarkation. Non-residents aged over 18 cannot travel to Ghana without being vaccinated. Foreign residents in Ghana who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated will be offered vaccination on arrival. If you decide not to accept this you will undergo mandatory quarantine for 7 days. Either Moderna or Pfizer BioNTech will be offered to pregnant women.

Passengers travelling to Ghana must additionally:

- undergo a COVID test 72hrs before departure
- complete additional health declaration forms
- undergo a further COVID test on arrival.

The only exemption to the need to provide a pre arrival test is if you are returning to Ghana within one week of leaving, though you also need to remember to comply with the testing requirements of the country you are visiting.

Coronavirus tests before departure to Ghana

On 21 April 2021, the Government of Ghana introduced the mandatory digitisation of all COVID-19 tests for international air travel, with the implementation of the Trusted Travel Scheme. Passengers travelling to Ghana are now required to:

1. Take a Polymerise Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID test with one of the listed providers within 72 hours of departure. There is a certified list of providers on <https://africacdc.org/trusted-travel/> but Port Health staff will check only the type of test taken on arrival.
2. Create an account at <https://trustedtravel.panabios.org/> with the same email address and mobile telephone number you give your PCR test provider. Log on and select check-in; select origination country and Ghana as your departure and destination countries; select lab tests (TT); select the matching lab test from the drop down options; click save; provide your flight and passport details as requested; click save to generate a Travel Code (TC); your TC code is then generated for you to copy or download
3. If your provider is unable to upload your test certificate on your behalf you should enter your TT or BIOMARS code from your PCR certificate, or upload the certificate yourself. You can do that by selecting at any other lab instead of lab tests (TT)
4. We also recommend travelling with hard copy proof of this negative Polymerise Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test result

Your PanaBios account details will also allow you to log on to the UNDP endorsed [Global Haven site](#) to validate your PCR test for travel in the same way.

Children under the age of 5 are exempt from needing a pre-departure test. For passengers who have transited other countries before arriving in Ghana, the first country of departure will be the reference point.

Additional forms and checks before arrival

Travellers are also required by the Government of Ghana to:

- Pay for the on arrival COVID-19 test. It is \$150 per passenger. ([ECOWAS](#) citizens pay \$50). Children under the age of 5 are exempt. Children aged 5 to 12 will be tested free of charge, but must still book a test. Details of test below;
- Next complete a health declaration form. You need the code generated by payment for the test to do that. You will also need to complete a separate health declaration form for any children aged 5 to 12. All passengers may also be asked to complete hard copy self-declaration forms on the flight, confirming they are fit to travel and providing details to facilitate contact tracing;
- Generate a Travel Certificate;
 - All of these steps are completed online [here](https://www.ghs-hdf.org/) [https://www.ghs-hdf.org/]

On Arrival

- Wear a face-mask at all times at the airport;
- Undergo a temperature check;
 - Take a mandatory COVID-19. The test is an antigen fluorescent immunoassay test and it will be conducted before baggage is collected at a cost of \$150 per passenger. Payment should be made [online](https://myfrontierhealthcare.com/) [https://myfrontierhealthcare.com/] prior to boarding. Children under the age of five are exempt. Children aged 5-12 will be tested on arrival free of charge.

During busy periods when there may be a large number of passengers disembarking at the same time the testing area may become busy. Test results are normally ready within one hour, depending how busy the airport is. The pre departure area where test results are collected can also get busy. You can check your results [online](https://www.ghs-hdf.org/) [https://www.ghs-hdf.org/] while you wait. Be prepared for additional time to move through and exit the airport.

Quarantine requirements for those testing positive on arrival

All arriving passengers should be prepared to comply with Ghana's COVID-19 Health Protocols.

Those that test positive for COVID-19 on arrival will be assessed by the Port Health Unit for either quarantine in a Government Health facility or isolation centre. This will be at a cost to passengers. Quarantine and / or medical costs can be expensive so it is important that all passengers arrive with adequate access to financial resources. The isolation will be for a period of 7 days. Passports of those who test positive are likely to be retained by Ghana Immigration Services for the duration of isolation. The quarantine process is managed by Ghana Health Service.

The Government of Ghana also advise that all arrivals should have valid insurance. It is more important than ever to get travel insurance and check it provides sufficient cover.

Visas

Ghana hasn't granted any visa exemptions or extensions for visitors during the pandemic so all Foreign nationals will need to visit the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) office in person to extend their visas. It isn't possible to call about an individual case or to book an appointment in advance. Office opening hours are 8 am to 5 pm. The GIS office is off Ako Adjei overpass on Independence Avenue in Accra.

Regular entry requirements

Visas

You need a visa to enter Ghana.

For UK Citizens and residents, please see link
<https://ghanahighcommissionuk.com/passports/VisaApplication.aspx>

For USA citizens and residents, please see link

<https://ghanaembassydc.org/visa/>

For Canada citizens and residents, please see link

<https://ottawa.mfa.gov.gh/>

Dual nationality

Ghana recognises dual nationality. To avoid visa fees, dual nationals should register with the Interior Ministry in Ghana and get a Dual Nationality card. Production of this card at point of entry into Ghana will indicate that a visa is not required.

Passport validity

Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Ghana.