Entry rules Ghana 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.

assengers 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.

Coronavirus tests before departure

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. You should not use the NHS testing service to get a test in order to facilitate your travel to another country
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 UK 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

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. Children under the age of 5 are exempt. Children aged 5 to 12 will be tested free of charge. 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

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 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 while you wait. Be prepared for additional time to move through and exit the airport.

Quarantine requirements

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 for home isolation subject to strict monitoring to ensure compliance to the protocols. Quarantine and / or medical costs can be expensive so it is important that all passengers arrive with adequate access to financial resources. In these circumstances a PCR test is normally carried out on day three. That test result will normally be ready within 48 hours. 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. See the FCDO's guidance on foreign travel insurance.

Transiting Ghana

Transit passengers, except where they will remain in the airport throughout or those who were diverted to Accra for an emergency, will also be subject to mandatory COVID-19 testing as outlined above.

Visas

Ghana hasn't granted any visa exemptions or extensions for visitors during the pandemic so all British 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. Ghana's UK visa service is operating. Visit the Ghana High Commission website to stay up to date and to make an online application.

Dual nationality

Ghana recognises dual nationality. To avoid visa fees, Ghanaian-British 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.

Yellow fever certificate requirements

You will be expected to present a yellow fever certificate on arrival in and departure from Ghana.