

USEFUL INFORMATION: GHANA

VISAS

EVERYONE except nationals of Ecowas Countries **NEEDS** a visa to enter Ghana, which until recently could only be obtained before arriving in Ghana. Now, however, nationals from certain countries can acquire a tourist visa upon arrival at the Kotoka Airport in Accra for 100 USD it is NOT a CONVENIENT OPTION. **Please apply for your visa before your departure for Accra!**



Detailed instructions as well as the application form can be found on:

- [http://www.ghanaimmigration.org/countries_not%20 visa.html](http://www.ghanaimmigration.org/countries_not%20visa.html)
- <http://www.touringghana.com/visas.asp>

If you require a visa and an invitation letter from the DISCOP Organisation, please log-on to discop.com and visit "Visa Support" under **My DISCOP**. Here you can print an official invitation letter for DISCOP ACCRA, which you should include in your visa application.

Should you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact to Katarzyna ZOSEL, Registration Coordinator (kasiazosel@basiclead.com).

GETTING THERE - AIR

Ghana's only international airport, Kotoko International Airport (KIA) in Accra, 5 km from the city centre, is served by number of major airlines and several small private regional carriers.



Airlines servicing Ghana include the following:

<http://www.ghanairports.com.gh/AirlineInformation.htm>

Special fare for DISCOP ACCRA attendees : event code **0984S** to apply at <http://globalmeetings.skyteam.com/>

HEALTH & VACCINATION

The **Yellow Fever** vaccination is required by all in Ghana. Also, as the risk to health will vary between individuals, please consult your General Practitioner who will assess your particular health risks before recommending vaccines and /or anti malarial tablets.

<http://www.touringghana.com/health.asp>



The vaccines usually advised are:

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| • hepatitis A | • poliomyelitis |
| • cholera | • tuberculosis |
| • typhoid | • hepatitis B |
| • diphtheria | • meningococcal meningitis |
| • tetanus | • rabies |

It is necessary to ensure that your healthcare coverage is extended for your stay in GHANA. Be advised that your health record booklet should be updated and is required for your entry to the country.

MONEY

The currency of Ghana is the Ghana Cedi (GHC) It is pegged to the euro, at 1 EUR = 1,98015 GHC.(1 USD = 1,42208 GHC).



Forexes and ATMs are scattered around the city. Credit cards, generally only Visa and MasterCard, are accepted by major hotels and travel agencies.

Visitors are advised not to carry large sums of cash on them.

TAXI

In the town of Accra taxis are the usual form of transport. Private or 'dropping' taxis don't have meters and rates are negotiable. The rate Kotoka Airport – City Center – La Palm Royal Beach Hotel varies between 15-25 GHS / around 20 EUR/. It is recommended to book the shuttle from the Airport directly through the hotel where you are staying.



ACCOMMODATION

DISCOP ACCRA will take place in the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra. The closest accommodations to the marketplace are :

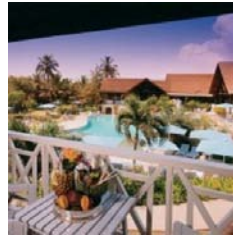
La Palm Royal Beach Hotel *****

DISCOP ACCRA venue
Contact: Tel +33 1 42 29 29 53
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Labadi Beach Hotel – Accra***

5 min drive from the DISCOP ACCRA venue
Contact: Tel +233 302 772501/ 6
labadi@legacyhotels.co.za
<http://labadi.legacyhotels.co.za/>



Penta Hotel** – Accra – Oxford Road OSU**

10-15 min drive from the DISCOP ACCRA venue
Contact: Tel +233 302 77 45 29 / 76 08 12
pentahotel@ymail.com



Penta Hotel** – Accra – Cantonments Road OSU**

10-15 min drive from the DISCOP ACCRA venue
Contact: Tel +233 302 77 45 29 / 76 08 12

Frankie's Hotel** – Accra – Oxford Road OSU**

10-15 min drive from the DISCOP ACCRA venue
Contact: Tel: +233-302-773 567
frankies@frankiesghana.com



His Majesty Hotel

His Majesty Hotel – Accra**
5 min by foot from the DISCOP ACCRA venue
Contact: Tel: +233 302 772 225
hmapartments@yahoo.org
www.hismajestyhotel.org

CLIMATE

Ghana has a tropical equatorial climate. The weather in Accra is very pleasant in February, with temperatures during the dry season varying around 26°C (72° Fahrenheit) during the day.



LANGUAGE

The official language of Ghana is English. The official languages of the market will be French and English.



TIME

Ghana is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT/ UTC).



PRACTICALITIES

The electricity supply is 220/240 volts/50 Hz. Electric sockets are three-pin square (British-type). Visitors are advised to ensure that their electric appliances such as shavers and battery chargers for video cameras operating on different voltage have built-in adapters.



