ACCRA

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WELCOME TO ACCRA

You're in for hot, hot sun, Afrobeats all day, charcoal-grilled tilapia, trotro conductors hollering out their destinations in the hope you'll hop in, the sweet aroma of peeled oranges after dusk, and plenty of passers-by calling out, "Good morning! Welcome."



CODECAMP

Musuku, Accra



We'd love to show you around our school in Accra.

PLACES

Jamestown

You'll hear some stories chatting to people in this place. It's a place with old colonial buildings, lots of fishing boats, festivals like the Chale Wote Street Art Festival, and a big boxing tradition, it’s produced many of Ghana's greatest fighters. Don't expect polished, there's a lot of poverty and you might witness some crazy goings-on.

For a breather and a breath of sea air head down to Osikan. I recommend the grilled Tilapia, or the kebab. Ask the kebab guy which is the best meat today (beef or goat or chicken gizzard).



PLACES

Bojo Beach

One of Accra's quieter stretches of coastline. Take a stroll down the beach and you might happen across a friendly fisherman mending his nets. They build their homes out of reclaimed timber and thatch them with palm fronds.



PLACES

Aburi

Not too far out of town, but a bit cooler up here. Make your way through the thick forest (keep to the paths or mind your step for the occasional snake). Deep in the forest you'll sometimes happen across a cocoa farm.



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ALL VISITORS

Waakye

Jollof

Banku

Tilapia

Kelewele

Fufu

FOOD

Waakye



Rice and beans cooked together.

Usually served with spaghetti, egg, fish, meat, shito, and more.

It sounds simple.

It is not.

A great waakye spot has loyal customers like a religion.

FOOD

Jollof Rice



Rice cooked in tomato, onions and spices.

Every family has its own recipe.

You'll find it everywhere from roadside food stalls to weddings.

If you're in the mood for an argument, ask who makes the best jollof.

FOOD

Banku & Tilapia

A ball of fermented corn and cassava dough with grilled tilapia.

Tear off a piece of banku, dip it in the sauce and eat with your fingers.

Messy. Delicious.



FOOD

Kelewele



Ripe plantain cut into chunks, coated in spices and fried.

Sweet, spicy, and addictive.

Buy it from a street vendor and eat it while it's still hot.

FOOD

Fufu

If you're wondering whether you've been adopted and you find yourself sitting in someone's home eating fufu, this is a sign. You might be served 12x more than you can eat, but eat it anyway, you'll be good for a week. And don't chew! Tear off a piece, dip it in the soup, and swallow whole.

Fufu is cassava and plantain pounded into a smooth dough, served in a rich soup with meat or fish. The most comforting of comfort foods.



MARKETS

Makola Market

This is one of West Africa's busiest markets. There's colour everywhere, not just in the clothes, but in the fabrics, fruit, vegetables and household goods piled high. Shop or just people-watch. Some of the roads here are walk-only so it’s a nice break from the traffic.

Accra is overall a very safe city, but this is one place I'd say keep an eye on your belongings.



A FEW TIPS

Yango, Uber, Bolt, sometimes the drivers don’t show up. Bolt is a bit better. But taxis are everywhere. And once you get to know the lay of the land, grab a trotro (minibus). Or get about quicker on a motorbike taxi.

Get an MTN SIM, their coverage is way better than the others. The max data package is the best value.

You can't use your card in many places, but you can use MoMo (MTN Mobile Money) everywhere, or cash. Don’t forget your PIN, it’s a hassle to change it.

Many of the roadside food stalls are great, and cheap.

Change your watch to 'Ghana Time'.

