

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



Country:

Ghana (GH)

Sex & Dating

- Ghana is currently developing its gender equality policies
 - Traditional gender roles still very present
- Police rarely respond to sexual assault but it is punishable up to 25 yrs imprisonment

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
- Public Smoking (cigarettes) is illegal
- Possession of even small quantities of marijuana can be punishable by up to 5 years

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- The GH criminal code outlaws “unnatural carnal knowledge,” which is interpreted by local authorities as consensual same-sex sexual relations and is classified as a misdemeanor
- LGBTQ rights and freedom are not openly embraced.
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 32.1 million
- Currency: Cedi
- Official Language: English
 - There are more than 80 languages spoken
- Christianity comprises 50% of actively religious individuals. Christian influence is most dominant in the southern part of the country, while Islam is strongest in the extreme north and larger urban centers.

Resources

191 Police / **192** Fire / **193** Ambulance

+233 Country Code

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- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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