

short term

MISSION TRIPS



GHANA — COST: \$3,895/PER PERSON (14 DAYS)

Rich with African heritage, Ghana is home to some of the friendliest people on the planet. One would never know that these precious people once bore the brutality of colonization and endured the enslaving of their own. The people of Ghana have overcome historical hurdles such as the slave trade and colonization to become a thriving, independent country. With its welcoming beaches, vibrant cities, and easy transport, it's no wonder Ghana is sometimes labelled 'Africa for beginners'. Despite progress made since the 90s in reducing the poverty rate, 10% of Ghanaians are still desperately poor. Although a large percentage of Ghana's 30 million people are nominally Christian, prosperity gospel teachers have also gained influence, and numerous cults have arisen with distinct appeal and just enough truth to create confusion and syncretism. The opportunities to make a real and tangible impact are endless.



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2025-26 GHANA MISSION TRIP DATES

Trip includes Elmina Castle Tour and Accra City Tour (plus 3-day —2-night stay in London)

June 13—26, 2025 June 27—July 10, 2025 July 11—24, 2025 July 25—August 7, 2025 August 8—21, 2025 August 22—Sept. 4, 2025 September 5—18, 2025 September 19—October 2, 2025 October 3—16, 2025	October 17—30, 2025 October 31—November 13, 2025 January 23—February 5, 2026 February 6—19, 2026 February 20—March 5, 2026 March 6—19, 2026 March 20—April 2, 2026 April 3—16, 2026 April 17—30, 2026	May 1—14, 2026 May 15—28, 2026 May 29—June 11, 2026 June 12—25, 2026 June 26—July 9, 2026 July 10—23, 2026 July 24—August 6, 2026 August 7—20, 2026 August 21—Sept. 3, 2026
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GHANA MISSION TRIP ITINERARY

Friday	DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Departure to London, United Kingdom
Saturday	DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive at London Heathrow International Airport Connecting flight British Airways from Heathrow International Airport to Accra, Kotoka International Airport. Mission team will be picked up from the Accra, Kotoka Int'l Airport and shuttled to the Baptist Guest House.
Sunday	DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Elmina Castle Tour – After breakfast, the mission team will depart at 8.00AM to visit the Elmina Castle. Upon arrival the team will learn about the tragic history of the site. Elmina Castle is one of roughly 40 ‘slave castles’ along West Africa’s Gold Coast and was the final stop for some enslaved Africans on the middle passage” trading route to the Americas. Afterwards mission team will be shuttled to the “Elmina Beach Resort” where they will enjoy an overnight stay.
Monday	DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast we will travel from Cape Coast to Techiman where accommodations are made at the Nbangba Hotel.
Tuesday	DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Projects – TBD
Wednesday	DAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Projects – TBD

Thursday	DAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Projects – TBD
Friday	DAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Projects – TBD
Saturday	DAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission trip excursion (Brong-Ahafo Region).
Sunday	DAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team members will attend Sunday morning worship services.
Monday	DAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast the mission team will travel back to ACCRA for an overnight stay at the Baptist Guest House.
Tuesday	DAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accra City Tour - After breakfast, the mission team will embark on a sightseeing city tour of Accra. The team will visit the W.E.B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture, Independence Black Star Square and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park. <p>The team will end its tour at the Arts Centre (Centre for National Culture) where they will have an opportunity to use their bargaining skills to shop from an open-air market for artefacts from Ghana and West Africa. Carvings, baskets, drums, bags, beads, fabrics, sandals, sculptures, stools, rugs and occasionally antiques. It's a wonderful place to unearth some incredible finds and unique gifts. There's also prints and paintings at reasonable prices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight to London Heathrow International Airport – Mission team will arrive at the Kotoka International Airport (Accra) at 6:00PM to catch a late evening flight to London.
Wednesday	DAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mission team will arrive at London Heathrow International Airport early morning before 7:00AM. Mission team will be picked up and shuttled to hotel for the (2) night stay. FREE DAY: TOUR LONDON
Thursday	DAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FREE DAY: TOUR LONDON
Friday	DAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afternoon departure from Heathrow Int'l Airport to US.

GHANA MISSION TRIP COST: \$3,895.00

Included in trip cost:

- ✓ Round Trip Airfare
- ✓ Lodging
- ✓ Homemade, culturally immersive and American meals
- ✓ In-country ground transportation
- ✓ Adventure day activities
- ✓ Ministry training
- ✓ Health and accident insurance
- ✓ Online fundraising page for individuals
- ✓ Extensive trip information
- ✓ Tour leader accompanying the group from the U.S.

Expenditures not included:

- ✓ Passport and Visa
- ✓ Immunizations and Vaccinations

FIELD SERVICE PROJECTS

Church Ministry	Worship alongside a local church and participate by providing music, sermons, short-exhortations, teaching, testimonies, or help lead Sunday School or VBS.
Medical Ministry	Provide medical services and support to the community and healthcare system as well as nutrition awareness and general counseling on health issues.
School Ministry	Lead devotions, tutor students, observe classes, help teachers with arts and crafts, games, storytelling, singing or participate in recess.
Service-Oriented Projects	Work alongside a local builder on various projects from painting, roofing, cement work, tiling, landscaping or whatever projects are needed in the community.
Sports Ministry	Use sports or group games for building relationships and sharing the gospel.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE			
TRIP DATE	APPLICATION & \$250 DEPOSIT DUE	50% PAYMENT DUE	BALANCE DUE
June 13—24, 2025	November 15, 2024	January 17, 2025	April 11, 2025
June 27—July 8, 2025	November 29, 2024	January 31, 2025	April 25, 2025
July 11—22, 2025	December 13, 2024	February 14, 2025	May 9, 2025
July 25—August 5, 2025	December 27, 2024	February 28, 2025	May 23, 2025
August 8—19, 2025	January 10, 2025	March 14, 2025	June 6, 2025
August 22—September 2, 2025	January 24, 2025	March 28, 2025	June 20, 2025
September 5—16, 2025	February 7, 2025	April 11, 2025	July 4, 2025
September 19—30, 2025	February 21, 2025	April 25, 2025	July 18, 2025
October 3—14, 2025	March 7, 2025	May 9, 2025	August 1, 2025
October 17—28, 2025	March 21, 2025	May 23, 2025	August 15, 2025
October 31—November 11, 2025	April 4, 2025	June 6, 2025	August 29, 2025
January 23—February 3, 2026	June 19, 2025	August 22, 2025	November 21, 2025
February 6—17, 2026	July 4, 2025	September 5, 2025	December 5, 2025
February 20—March 3, 2026	July 18, 2025	September 19, 2025	December 19, 2025
March 6—17, 2026	August 1, 2025	October 3, 2025	January 2, 2026
March 20—31, 2026	August 15, 2025	October 17, 2025	January 16, 2026
April 3—14, 2026	September 5, 2025	November 7, 2025	January 30, 2026
April 17—28, 2026	September 19, 2025	November 21, 2025	February 13, 2026
May 1—14, 2026	October 3, 2025	December 5, 2025	February 27, 2026
May 15—28, 2026	October 17, 2025	December 19, 2025	March 13, 2026
May 29—June 9, 2026	October 31, 2025	January 2, 2026	March 27, 2026
June 12—23, 2026	November 14, 2025	January 16, 2026	April 10, 2026
June 26—July 7, 2026	November 28, 2025	January 30, 2026	April 24, 2026
July 10—21, 2026	December 12, 2025	February 13, 2026	May 8, 2026
July 24—August 4, 2026	December 26, 2025	February 27, 2026	May 22, 2026
August 7—18, 2026	January 9, 2026	March 13, 2026	June 5, 2026
August 21—Sept. 1, 2026	January 23, 2026	March 27, 2026	June 19, 2026

ACCOMODATIONS

Team members will be staying at the guesthouse or hotel depending on the size of the group. In most cases, you will share the room with at least one roommate of the same gender, but have your own bed; no sleeping bags, pillows or sheets are necessary. Private rooms are also available depending on availability. However, married couples usually get priority for single rooms.

Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided and will consist of local cuisine and a few American style dishes. During our consulting process, we will be able to identify team members who have allergies or dietary restrictions. Our meal program can accommodate vegetarian needs; however, we are not able to provide for other dietary restrictions. We recommend that team members with dietary limitations, bring any additional foods they would like, to supplement their daily meals. Bottled water is readily available at the guesthouse, all worksites and service locations. Food and drinks outside of mealtimes are the volunteer's responsibility.

REGISTRATION PRIORITY

TEL International is only able to reserve spaces for individuals who submit their application and trip deposit (\$250). There is a maximum number of spaces available per trip, and all trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis based on completion of the registration process.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Trip payments can be made by CREDIT CARD or CHECK. A 3.5% credit card transaction fee is applied.

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

If deposit has been received and processed, but a flight has not been booked nor other expenses directly related to the trip have been incurred, trip participant will receive a full refund.

If deposit has been received and processed, and a flight has been booked and confirmed by the airline or other costs related to the individual's participation on the team have been incurred; trip participant will receive amount of deposit less cost of non-refundable flight, incurred expenses, and \$75 in administrative fees. If deposit or full payment has been received and processed and if cancellation takes place less than 45-days prior to departure date. No refund. 50% of non-flight portion of deposit, may be applied to a future mission trip to be taken in the current or future calendar year.

In the event a mission trip is canceled due to the minimum team size requirement not being met, terrorism, civil unrest, natural disasters, widespread illness, pandemic or other extraordinary events, all funds paid will be credited toward a future mission trip, to be used within 24 months of its issuance.

TRANSFER POLICY

Should any trip participant cancel and withdraw from a trip by his/her own choice less than 45-days prior to departure, the Missions Trip Coordinator must be notified in writing by mail or email. All funds paid are non-refundable. However, credits will be made for future trips within 24 months.

- 1). A \$75 processing fee will be deducted prior to the credits being made and any/all expenses that were incurred by TEL International that cannot be refunded or transferred by the vendor/partner.
- 2). When TEL International is able to accommodate the new trip date, funds available for transfer from the original trip date to an available future trip date will be held to the following guidelines: a). If the transfer is made 3 months before the original trip date AND the future trip date is within 12 months of the original trip date, there will be no loss of registration fee; and b). If the transfer is made within 3 months of the original trip date OR the future trip date is after 12 months of the original trip date, the registration fee will be forfeited, and a new registration fee will be required.

WHY NON-REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS?

When your group partners with TEL International on a mission trip, our staff team invests real time and energy preparing for your mission trip and supporting your team. Non-refundable amounts not only allow us to cover all organizational costs associated with your trip, but also to cover upfront expenses already committed to the community and on-field partners prior to your team's arrival. Below are a few ways we support you and the team to make mission trips a meaningful experience for all:

We take the time to plan all the logistics, including housing setup, meal planning, safety protocols, team training and debrief materials; and recruiting and training field staff to lead and run each trip.

Our staff and local Community Partners work well in advance of each team's arrival, setting up work projects and areas of service within the local community. Last-minute withdrawals from a trip within 45 days of the trip start date have a direct impact on our ability to maintain commitments to Community Partners, community members, local churches, schools, service organizations, and ministries, while not leaving enough time to adequately fill spaces vacated by team members.



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ If citizenship is not U.S.A what is your visa status? _____

Job Description/Profession: _____

MARITAL STATUS: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widow

If married, spouse's name: _____

Does your spouse support your participation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Person to contact in case of emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

CHURCH BACKGROUND

Home Church: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Physical Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long have you regularly attended this church? _____

Are you a member of this church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail completed application to: rharris@telinternational.org

Mail completed application to: TEL International · 610 Uptown, Suite 2000, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

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EDUCATION

Are you presently attending school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

High School Graduate ☐ Yes ☐ No

College Graduate ☐ Yes ☐ No

Post College studies ☐ Yes ☐ No

TRIP INFORMATION

I am applying for the following short-term mission trip (check box):

<input type="checkbox"/> Belize	<input type="checkbox"/> Haiti	<input type="checkbox"/> Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/> Uganda
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamaica	<input type="checkbox"/> South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom
<input type="checkbox"/> Ghana	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenya	<input type="checkbox"/> Tanzania	<input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe

SERVICE PROJECTS AND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Circle any of the following service projects or ministry assignments that interest you:

Church Ministry	Worship alongside a local church and participate by providing music, sermons, short-exhortations, teaching, testimonies, or help lead Sunday School or VBS.
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PERSONAL REFERENCES (church staff member (preferably a pastor); a teacher, employer, co-worker, or friend).

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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