**FILLING IN THE GHANAIAN VISA APPLICATION FORM**

*The following information has been compiled from past experience, from direct contact with various Embassies and Consulates, and from information via our previous Trans Africa trips, so we’re confident everything below is correct. Please be aware though that Oasis Overland supply the information below in good faith but cannot be held responsible when visa regulations change and information supplied becomes out of date.*

**APPLYING FOR THE VISA IN THE UK:**To apply for the visa you will need to fill in and submit an online application form along with your supporting documents. If you choose the Ghana visa Standard Service you will then need to post your passport with hardcopies of your supporting documents and once your visa has been processed, your passport will be posted back to you. If you choose their Priority or Express Service you will take them to the embassy in person by making an appointment time online and collect them when your visa application has been processed.

If you are short on time or are worried about your application you could also use a visa service to apply and they may also be able to sit your appointment. They will charge for this service. If you are wishing to use a visa service in the UK, past travellers have used Travcour: <https://www.travcour-vls.com/>. In past years we have had several travellers who were unable to get hold of anyone in the consulate to update them about the status of their visa application and process times have taken more than 15 days. If you are concerned about time and living here in the UK, please use Travcour. If you don’t wish to use them, you can pay for the Priority Service (£180) which will issue your visa in 24 hours (from your appointment date and applies to working days only, not weekends) or the 72 hour Express Service (£140). As mentioned above, you will have to take your passport and documents to the Embassy and return to collect them.

During the online process you will need to submit your completed application form, a colour passport sized photo (please note the requirements in the online Visa Application notes), your supporting documents and letters provided by us and your visa fee.

The website for those in the UK is [Ghana High Commission](https://ghanahighcommissionuk.com/london-offices) . From this page click ‘Passport & Visa Application’ in the top menu and then set up an online account on the following page.

**Below are answers to the questions that you will be asked on your application forms:**

Click ‘Individual Visa Application'

**Visa Type:** Tourism Visa

**Visa Validity:** You have 3 choices for visa applications:

From the date that your visa is issued in your passport, this is the date your visa will start, so if you apply for a Single Entry Visa for 3 months, you have 3 months to enter Ghana from the date of issue. If you apply for a Multiple Entry Visa for 6 months, you have 6 months to enter Ghana from the date of issue, (if not applying in the UK, please check this information with your Ghana embassy or consulate).

As you will not be in Ghana until mid July, allowing for delays, you cannot apply for a 3 Month Single Entry Visa until **AFTER the 13th April** and so it’s likely you will not receive your visa in time before you fly to South Africa.  We therefore recommend that you apply for a 6 month visa (Multiple Entry 6 month visa), as this can be applied for now and will give you plenty of time. If you wish to apply for a 1 year visa, you can also do so now.

If you decide to apply for the 3 month visa, you will need to time it carefully and use the Priority Service otherwise you may not receive your passport back in time, which could mean you miss the start of the trip and would have to make your own way to join the trip at a later date.

**Service type:** Standard, Express or Priority

**Mode of submission:** If you are choosing Standard service type, click Postal.

If you are choosing Express or Priority service type, click Counter

**Occupation/Profession:** Please do not put Military, Journalist or Photographer or related roles.

**Duration of stay:** 30 days

**Date of departure from country**

 **of residence:** Enter the date you fly out to join the expedition

**Mode of journey:** By Land

**Do you have a return ticket:** No

**Date of last entry to Ghana:** Leave blank, unless you have been before

**Financial Mode** Cash & Card

**Financial means at your disposal:** £3000 *(this is a relatively random amount that should be fine for the application purposes)*

**Travel History/Criminal Convictions:** Click “no” for all

**Contact Information:** Fill in residential/home mailing address

**Business/Work/School:** Not Applicable

**Name of reference Ghana:** 1/ Big Milly’s Backyard, Kokrobite, Accra North.

GPS/Digital Address: GS-0860-5835

Tel: (233) 249999330. Email: bigmilly2000@hotmail.com

2/ Stumble Inn, Mbofra Akyinim, Elmina.

GPS/Digital Address: CK-0091-5491

Tel: (233) 541462733. Email: info@stumbleinnghana.com

**Name & Address of Employer** Not Applicable

**Host in Ghana:** Organisation:Big Milly’s Backyard

First name: Wendy Last name: Lubin

Host address: Kokrobite, Accra North, City: Accra, Country: Ghana

GPS/Digital Address: 5.495851431334277, -0.3656362202361385

Tel: (233) 262999337 Email: bigmilly2000@hotmail.com

**Sponsor of trip:** Tick the box ‘Tick if sponsor is the same as applicant’

**Requirements Checklist:** Tick all those with a red asterisk

You will then proceed to payment and uploading your documents.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO UPLOAD**

* Valid Ghana ID of Host or Confirmed Hotel Booking (as provided by Oasis – please enter your name exactly as given on your passport in the 1 (ONE) location where it says ‘**ENTER NAME**’)
* Invitation letter / Confirmed Hotel Booking (upload the same document as previous item)
* Travel Itinerary (as provided by Oasis – please enter your name exactly as given on your passport in all 5 (FIVE) locations where it says ‘**ENTER NAME**’)
* Applicant signature (as a JPEG – you can take a photo with your phone of your signature written on blank paper and use that.)
* Recent passport-size photo (read the guidelines for how this should look)
* Passport data page

*Please remember that the information provided here and in the attachments is in* ***aid*** *of your visa application and things will change by the time we get there.*

If you have chosen the Standard service, post hard copies, along with your passport and a printed copy of the signed application form. Remember to also include a self addressed and stamped Special Delivery envelope with a tracking number so that your passport can be returned to you by post.

If you have chosen the Priority or Express Service, you will take your documents, passport and a printed copy of the signed application form to the Ghana High Commission and you will be given a time to collect your passport.

**APPLYING IN OTHER COUNTRIES:**

Please have a look online at the visa requirements for your country. Be careful to ensure that the validity of the visa is long enough, and it will not have expired if you enter Ghana by 15th July. 1 year and 3 year visas may be available for a higher fee.

America: <https://www.ghanaembassydc.org/>

Australia: <https://ghanahighcommission-australia.com/>

***Please note*** *– on our last departure, several Australian travellers had problems with their Ghana visas. This applied to people who applied directly to the embassy and did not use a visa agency. The expiry dates on their visas were incorrect and several expired long before our scheduled arrival in Ghana. We recommend you either use a visa agency or double check the expiry date on the visa when you get it. It must not expire before 15th July (which if you are getting a 3 month visa means it must not be issued before 16th April)*

Belgium: <https://www.ghanaembassy.be/>

Switzerland: <http://www.ghanaembassy.ch/>

Denmark: <http://www.ghanaembassy.dk/>

New Zealand: [www.ghanaconsulate.org.nz](http://www.ghanaconsulate.org.nz)

Canada: <http://ghc-ca.com/>

Ireland: <https://ghanahighcommissionuk.com/dublin-offices>

Germany and Poland: <http://www.ghanaemberlin.de/>

Japan: <http://www.ghanaembassy.or.jp/>

China: <http://ghanaembassychina.org/embassy/embassy.php>

India: <http://www.ghana-mission.co.in/index.php>

Czech Republic: <http://www.ghanaembassy.cz/>