GHANA

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Located in West Africa between the Ivory Coast and Togo, Ghana or the Republic of Ghana has its northern border to Burkina Faso and a southern border to the Gulf of Guinea. The country's landscape features plains and low plateaus covered by rainforests in the west and Lake Volta in the east. The capital city is Accra which sits in the south of the country. The population consists of Akans, Mole-Dagbon, Ewe, & Ga-Adangbes, and the official languages are Akan and English. Ghanaians are mainly Christians, but there are also minorities belonging to other religions. The monetary unit is called Ghanaian cedi. The country code is +233, and the official domain is ".gh."

"Freedom And Justice" is the Ghanaian official motto written on the Black Star Gate monument, erected by the country's founder and the national hero Kwame Nkrumah. He was the first prime minister of Ghana who led the country to independence from Britain on the 6th of March 1957, celebrated as the national day of independence. Red, yellow, green, and black is the national colors that create the flag of Ghana. The flag features red, yellow, and green horizontal bands from top to bottom with a 5-point black star in the middle.

The bald eagle is the national animal and national bird of the country, which also appears in the national emblem with black stars, another country symbol. Hibiscus Flowers are the national flowers along with Big Trees which are the national trees, important country symbols. Ackee is the national fruit endemic to the region. Fufu is the national dish that is a dough-like food made from fresh or fermented cassava. On the other hand, Akpeteshie is the national drink, a spirit produced by distilling palm wine or sugar cane. As mentioned before, Black Star Square in Accra is the national monument, along with the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum And Memorial Park, which houses the tomb of the national hero Kwame Nkrumah.

Gyil, a type of xylophone, is considered the national instrument. The national dance is called Adowa Dance, a popular traditional dance in Ghana performed at cultural ceremonies like festivals, funerals, engagements, and celebrations. It is an exceptionally energetic and fun dance that allows people to communicate their emotions and feelings through their hands and feet. The dance is mainly performed with the national dress Ghanaian Smock with its beautiful colors. On the other hand, the locally famous poet Atukwei John Okai is the national poet of Ghana.

The national airline is called Ghana Airways.

Nana Akufo-Addo is the current President of Ghana.

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