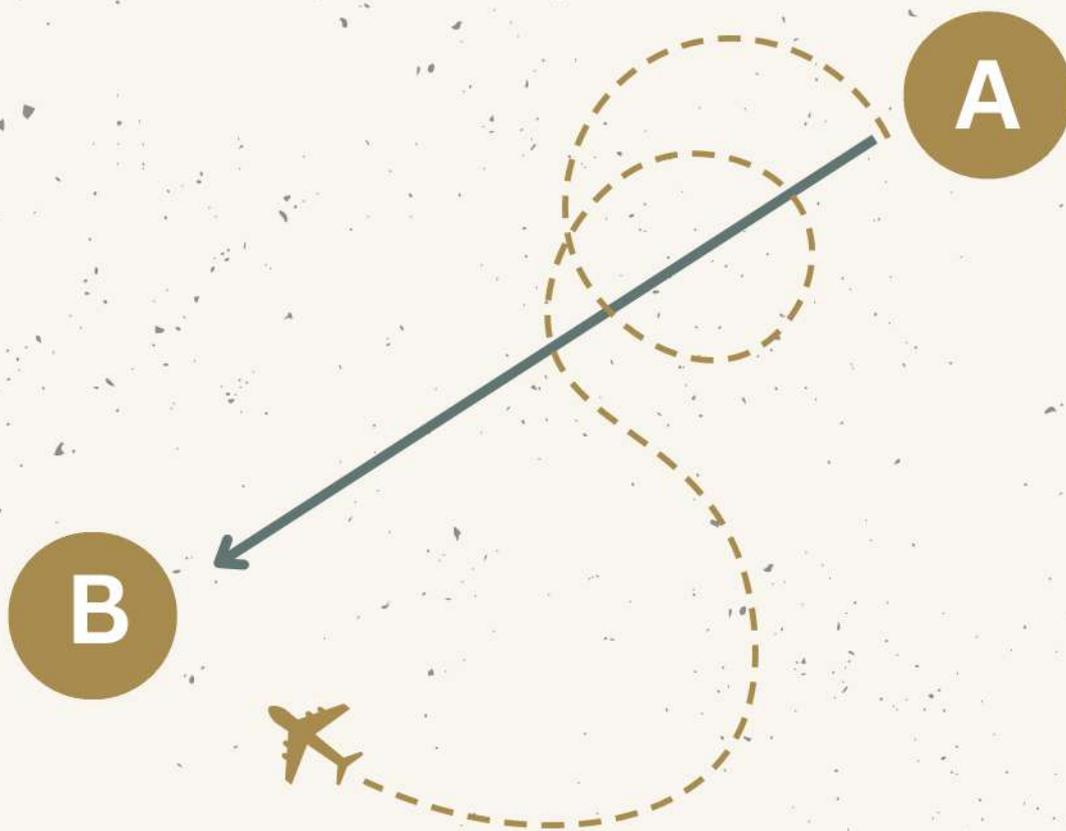




# GUIDE TO GHANA, THE VISA PROCESS.



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VISA APPLICATION PROCESS FROM  
THE UNITED STATES.

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Welcome to your comprehensive roadmap for securing a Ghana visa. A journey that, while requiring attention to detail, becomes remarkably straight forward when you know exactly what to expect. Whether you are replanning your first adventure to Ghana or prefer the satisfaction of managing your own travel documentation, this guide will walk you through every step with clarity and confidence. And should you ever wish to sidestep this process entirely, our concierge team at Kotoka VIP stands ready to handle it seamlessly on your behalf.

# Understanding Your Visa Requirements.

As of January 2026, US citizens require a visa to enter Ghana. While we hope this process becomes more streamlined in the future, understanding the current requirements ensures a smooth application experience.

Think of this as your investment in an unforgettable journey with each step bringing you closer to the vibrant culture, warm hospitality, and rich experiences that await you in Ghana.

## Essential Documents You will Need.

Before beginning your application, gather these foundational items:

### Valid US Passport

Your passport must have at least six months of validity remaining beyond your intended departure date to Ghana.

### Passport-Size Photographs

Two recent photos meeting international standards. (available at Walgreens, CVS, or your local post office for approximately \$15-\$20)

### Digital Copy of Passport Photo

Request this when having your photos taken because you will upload it during the online application.

### Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

Required for entry into Ghana.

### Invitation Letter or Hotel Confirmation

Proof of accommodation or sponsorship from a tour company, host, or confirmed hotel booking.

### Valid Ghanaian ID of Host

If staying with family, friends, or traveling with a tour company, you will need a copy of their Ghanaian passport or national ID.

### Travel Itinerary

Flight reservations or tour confirmation. (final tickets not required at application stage)

### Financial Documentation

Proof of funds to support your stay.

### Quick Timeline

**Ideal:** Submit 4-6 weeks before departure

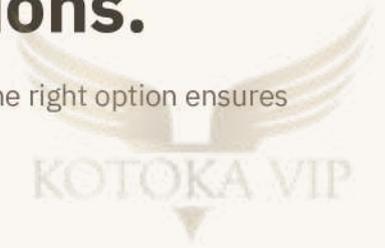
**Minimum:** 3 weeks with expedited service

**Processing:** 7 days (expedited) or 15 days (standard)

At Kotoka VIP, we understand that assembling these documents can feel overwhelming, this is precisely why our concierge service exists, transforming what could be hours of preparation into effortless execution. Using the VOA approach. Get your VOA documentation to travel in 3-4 working days.

# Visa Types and Processing Options.

Ghana offers several visa categories tailored to different travel needs. Selecting the right option ensures your application proceeds without delays.



## Visa Categories

### Single Entry Visa

Perfect for first time visitors planning one trip to Ghana. This visa allows one entry during its validity period and suits most tourism purposes.

### Multiple Entry Visa

Ideal if you are planning to visit neighboring countries and return to Ghana, or if you anticipate multiple trips within the visa's validity period.

### Transit Visa

Designed for travelers passing through Ghana en route to another destination, available in both single and multiple entry options.

For tourism purposes, you will select "Temporary Visitor for Tourism" as your visa purpose.

## Service Levels and Fees

Understanding the fee structure helps you budget appropriately and choose the service level that matches your timeline.

### Standard Processing

#### 15 business days

- Single Entry Visa: \$60
- Transit Visa (Single): \$60
- Transit Visa (Multiple): \$100
- Multiple Entry Visa: \$100

### Expedited Processing

#### 7 business days

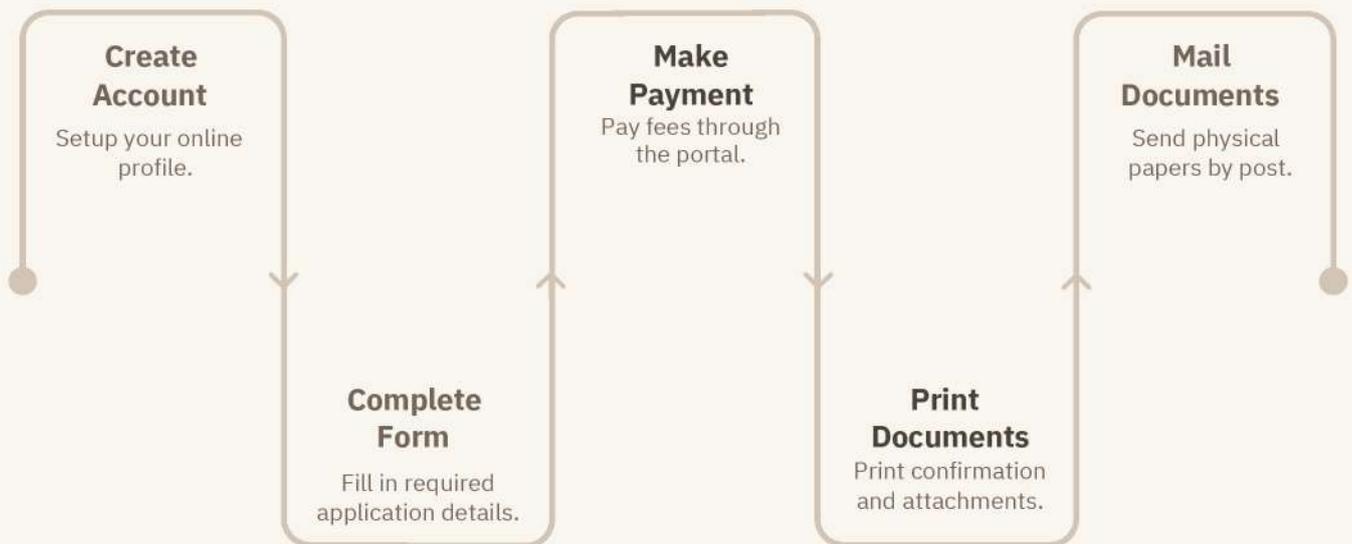
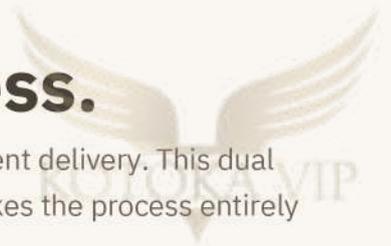
- Single Entry Visa: \$100
- Transit Visa (Single): \$100
- Transit Visa (Multiple): \$200
- Multiple Entry Visa: \$200

- ☐ **Return Postage Fee:** \$29.85 (prepaid online, covers secure return of your passport via USPS or FedEx)

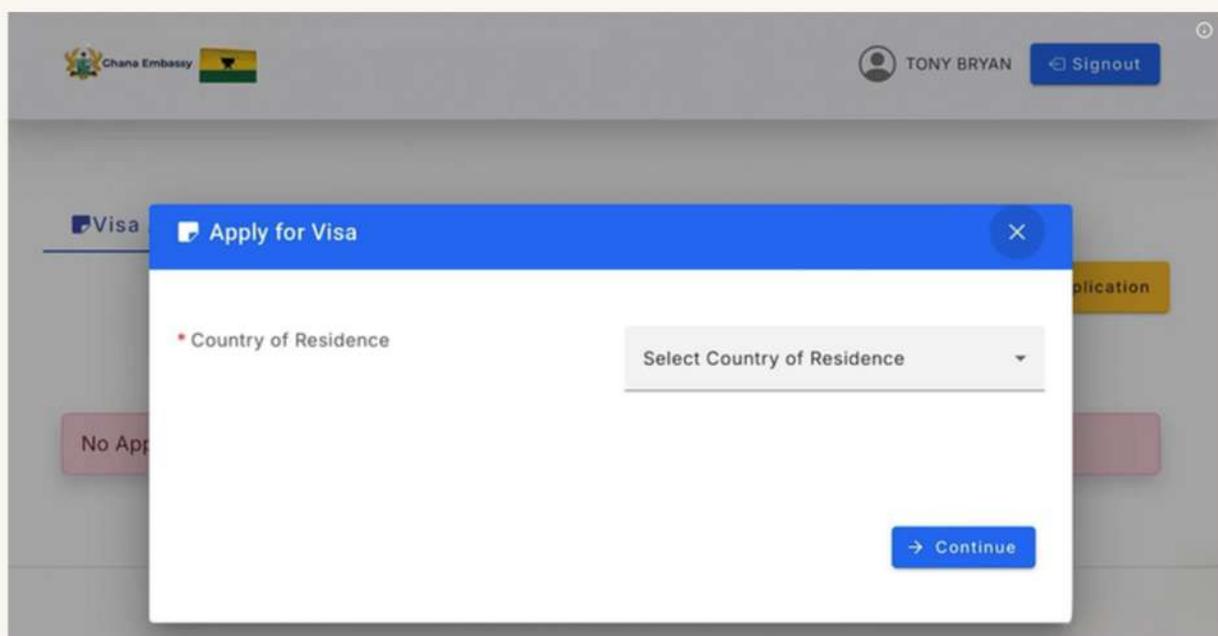
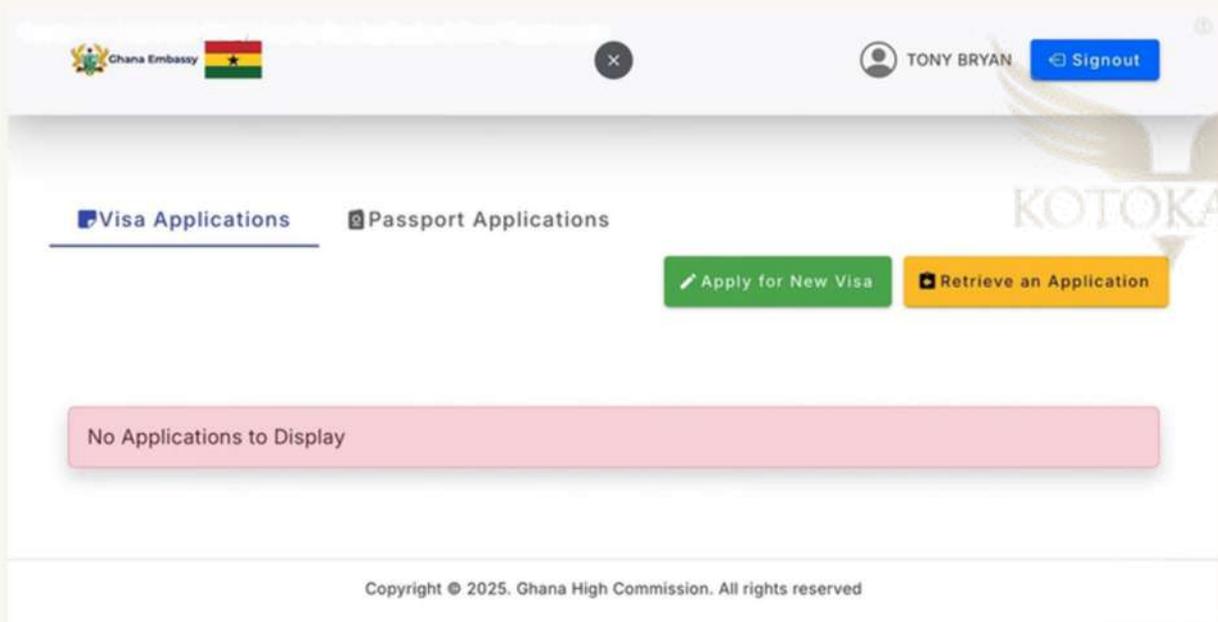
For peace of mind, we advise expedited processing. Standard processing requires cautious timing if your departure date is near, but seven business days provide a healthy cushion in case any clarifications are required.

# Step by Step Application Process.

The Ghana visa application combines online form submission with postal document delivery. This dual approach may seem complex initially but breaking it into manageable stages makes the process entirely navigable.



Each stage builds upon the previous one, creating a clear pathway from initial registration to final submission.



## Stage One: Creating Your Online Account

Begin at the official Ghana Embassy website: [washington.mfa.gov.gh](http://washington.mfa.gov.gh)

1. Navigate to the visa application section and select "Apply for New Visa"
2. Create your account with a secure password following the displayed requirements.
3. Verify your email address through the confirmation link sent to your inbox.

This account becomes your personal dashboard for tracking your application status. A small detail that transforms uncertainty into clarity throughout the process.

# Stage Two: Completing the Online Application Form



Once logged in, you will progress through six carefully structured steps.

We recommend setting aside 30-45 uninterrupted minutes to complete this portion, ensuring accuracy at every stage.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Ghana Embassy of Washington logo and contact information: "Washington", "Consular Contact: 202-686-4520", and "Mail: visa@ghanaembassydc.org, passport@ghanaembassydc.org". The user is logged in as "TONY BRYAN" with "Dashboard" and "Signout" buttons.

A warning message states: "> ALL INCOMPLETE/MISSING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT BACK TO APPLICANT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE."

The main content area contains a list of expandable sections:

- Please read the entitlements to a Ghanaian Visa carefully
- Requirement Information and Checklist
- Prohibited Immigrants
- Inoculations
- Fees
- Payment Methods
- Refund Policy
- Photograph
- Processing Period
- Applicants who are exempt from entry visa to Ghana
- Gratis Visas
- Validity of Applications

Below the list is a checkbox:  I have read and understood the terms and conditions.

A blue button at the bottom right says "Proceed With Visa Application".

The dashboard shows the Ghana Embassy logo and the user's name "TONY BRYAN" with a "Signout" button.

There are two tabs: "Visa Applications" (active) and "Passport Applications".

Two buttons are visible: "Apply for New Visa" (green) and "Retrieve an Application" (orange).

A pink message box states: "No Applications to Display".

At the bottom, the copyright notice reads: "Copyright © 2025. Ghana High Commission. All rights reserved".

# Application Form: Steps 1-3



## Step 1:

### Visa Type and Personal Information

#### Visa Selection

- Country of Residence: United States
- VisaType: Tourism
- Category: Temporary Visitor for Tourism
- Passport Type: Ordinary
- Current Nationality: American
- Nationality at Birth: American
- Visa Validity: Single Entry (or your preferred option)
- Processing Office: Washington DC
- Service Type: Expedited (highly recommended)
- Mode of Submission: Postal Services

Apply for Visa

\* Country of Residence

Select Country of Residence

→ Continue

Visa Application

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\* 1. Visa Type

Select Visa Type

Please provide documentary evidence with application



2. Travel Details / Particulars

Temporary visitor for tourism

The following supporting documents will be required to be uploaded with application.

- Travel Itinerary
- Invitation letter/ Confirmed Hotel Booking
- Signed letter of consent for applicants under 18 years (signed by both parents)
- Valid Ghana identification of Host in Ghana (Preferably Valid passport or Ghana Card) alternatively Confirmed Hotel Booking can be used

3. Passport type

Select Passport type

- Select Passport type ✓
- Ordinary
- Refugee

Please provide documentary evidence with application

4. Country of Residence

5. Current Nationality

Application Details

4. Country of Residence

United States

5. Current Nationality

Select Current Nationality

6. Nationality at Birth

Select Nationality at Birth

7. Other Nationality

Select Other Nationality

8. Visa Validity

Single Entry Visa

9. Processing Office

Select Processing Office

10. Service Type

Select Service Type

11. Mode of Submission

Select Mode of Submission

## Personal Details



- Title: Select appropriately (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., etc.)
- First Name and Middle Name: Enter exactly as shown on your passport.
- Last Name: Enter exactly as shown on your passport.
- Gender: As indicated on your passport.
- Marital Status: Current status.
- Profession/Occupation: Your current occupation (e.g., Account Manager, Teacher, Engineer)
- Date of Birth: Use DD/MM/YYYY format (Ghana follows British date conventions)
- Place of Birth: City and fully spelled state name (e.g., Dallas, Texas not Dallas, TX)

### Personal Information

\* 12. Title  
Mr

\* 13. First & Middle Names (As indicated in your Passport)  
TONY

\* 14. Surname / Lastname (As indicated in your Passport)  
Surname / Lastname (As indicated in your Pas

15. Previous / Maiden Name (s)  
Previous / Maiden Name (s)

16. Other Name  
Other Name

\* 17. Gender  
 Male  Female

\* 18. Marital Status  
 single  married  widowed  divorced

\* 19. Profession / Occupation  
Select Profession / Occupation

\* 20. Date of Birth  
Date of Birth

\* 21. Place of Birth  
Place of Birth



## Contact Information

- Email Address: Use a reliable email you check regularly.
- Phone Number: Include country code. (+1 for United States)
- Mode of Communication: Select both email and text for optimal updates.

The screenshot shows a form with the following fields and values:

- 22. Mode of Communication:** A dropdown menu with "Email and Text" selected.
- 23. Email:** A text input field containing "None@none.com".
- 24. Confirm Email:** A text input field containing "None@none.com".
- 25. Mobile Number (With Country Code):** A dropdown menu with "01" selected, followed by a text input field containing "7656836676".
- 26. Confirm Mobile Number:** A dropdown menu with "01" selected, followed by a text input field containing "7656836676".

Below the mobile number fields, there are two callout boxes with the following text: "e.g. 01 202-6864520 should be entered as 2026864520".

## Travel Details

- Duration of Stay: Enter the total number of days you will be in Ghana.
- Date of Departure: The date you'll be leaving the United States (use DD/MM/YYYY format)
- Mode of Journey: By Air.
- Do You Have a Return Ticket?: Select "No" (even if you've booked flights this is standard practice)
- Date of Last Visit: Leave blank if this is your first visit to Ghana.
- Financial Mode: Cash
- Financial Means at Applicant's Disposal: Enter 1000 (representing \$1,000 USD no dollar sign or comma needed)

The screenshot shows a form with the following fields and values:

- 27. Duration of Stay:** A text input field containing "2", a dropdown menu with "Weeks" selected, and the text "14 Days".
- 28. Date of Departure from Country of Residence:** A text input field containing "20-Aug-2025" and a calendar icon.
- 29. Mode of Journey:** Three radio buttons: "By Air" (selected), "By Land", and "By Sea".

A blue callout box contains the following text: "Processing period is 5 working days after receipt of hard copies of documents. Earliest proposed completion date will be 28-Jul-2025. Completion date may change following receipt and verification of hard copies at the Mission."

30. Do You have Return Ticket?  
 Yes  No

31. Date of Last Visit to Ghana  
 Date of Last V

32. Financial Mode  
 Cash  Card  
 Cash&Card

33. Financial Means at Applicant's Disposal in \$  
 Financial Means at Applicant's Dispo:

Ticket Number\*  
 Ticket Number

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## Passport Information

- Passport Number: As shown on your passport.
- Place of Issue: United States.
- Date of Issue: When your passport was issued (DD/MM/YYYY format)
- Expiration Date: When your passport expires (DD/MM/YYYY format)

Passport Details

Passport Number  
76E7T6RT6876

Place of Issue  
Place of Issue

Date of Issue  
Date of Issue

Expiry Date  
Expiry Date

## Standard Declaration Questions

You will encounter several yes/no questions regarding your travel history and background. For most first time leisure travelers, these answers will be "No":

- Have you ever been refused a visa to Ghana?
- Do you have a criminal record in Ghana or any other country?
- Do you suffer from a mental disorder?
- Do you suffer from any communicable disease?
- Have you ever visited Ghana before?
- Have you ever been deported from Ghana?

Answer truthfully and completely.

Once you have reviewed your responses, save and proceed to Step 2.

## Travel History / Criminal Convictions



- \* 1. Have you ever been refused a visa to Ghana?

Yes

No
- \* 2. Have you ever been refused entry into Ghana?

Yes

No
- \* 3. Do you have a criminal record in Ghana or any other country?

Yes

No
- \* 4. Do you suffer from a mental disorder?

Yes

No

- \* 5. Do you suffer from any communicable disease?

Yes

No
- \* 6. Have you ever visited Ghana before?

Yes

No
- \* 7. Have you ever been deported to/ from Ghana?

Yes

No

# Step 2:



## Residential Information

### Your Address Details

- Applicant Name: Your full name as entered previously.
- Residential Address: Your complete street address in the United States.
- City/Town: Your city.
- State: Your state.
- ZIP Code: Your postal code.
- Phone Number: Your primary contact number.
- Evening Phone: Optional, you may leave blank.
- Mobile Phone: Your mobile number.
- Email Address: Your email address.

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**Business / Work / School Address in Country**  Tick only if : 'Unemployed' or / and 'Not in School'

\* Name of Business / Work / School **Business/work/school/address!**

Name of Business / Work / School Address Line

\* Town **DO NOT FILL THESE FIELDS.**

Town County

\* Post Code / Zip Code **Simply click not applicable and move on**

Post Code / Zip Code United States

\* Telephone Telephone Email

01 Telephone Email

e.g. 01 202-6864520 should be entered as 2026864520

We're Online

Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4 Step 5 Step 6

**Contact Information**

\* Applicant Name

TONY B

\* Address Line1/ Street Name And Building or Apartment Number

1414 HIG

Address Line2



* Post Code / Zip Code 76063		* Country United States	
* Code 01	* Day Telephone 765	Code 01	Evening Telephone Evening Telephone
e.g. 01 202-6864520 should be entered as 2026864520		e.g. 01 202-6864520 should be entered as 2026864520	
* Code 01	* Mobile 7656836676	* Email None@none.com	
e.g. 01 202-6864520 should be entered as 2026864520			
Preferred Mode of Contact			
<input type="radio"/> Telephone <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mobile			

## Mailing Address

If your mailing address differs from your residential address, enter it here. Otherwise, select "Same as Residential Address" to streamline this section. A small efficiency that reflects the thoughtful design we appreciate at Kotoka VIP.

Save and continue to Step 3.

### Mailing Address

Select if the Address is Same as Residential Address

Recipient Name

\* Address Line 1

# Step 3:



## Reference and Host Information in Ghana.

This section often causes the most confusion, yet it is simply about establishing your connection to Ghana and confirming your accommodation arrangements.

### Reference in Ghana (Reference 1)

This information comes from your host, tour company, or the person/organization that provided your invitation letter:

- Name of Reference: The individual's full name (e.g., the tour company representative or your Ghanaian host)
- Building Number/Street Name: Complete street address in Ghana.
- Town/City: The town or city where your host is located.
- GPS Digital Address: This unique Ghana Post GPS address code (e.g., GA-123-4567) will be provided by your host or tour company. Do not attempt to guess or generate this yourself.
- Contact Phone Number: Your host's Ghanaian phone number.
- Email Address: Your host's email address.



**Important Note:** You do not need to complete "Reference 2" one reference is sufficient for tourism applications.

Step 1 Step 2 **Step 3** Step 4 Step 5 Step 6

**Name and Physical Address of Reference1 / Hotel in Ghana**

\* Name of Reference  
Name of Reference  
**Name of Reference is required.**

\* Building No. / Name & Street Name  
Building No. / Name & Street Name

\* Locality / Town & City  
Locality / Town & City

\* GPS / Digital Address  
GPS / Digital Address\*

**Name and Physical Address of Reference 2 / Hotel in Ghana**

Name of Reference: [Name of Reference]

Building No. / Name & Street Name: [Building No. / Name & Street Name]

Locality / Town & City: [Locality / Town & City]

GPS / Digital Address: [GPS / Digital Address]

Telephone: [Code - 23:][Telephone]

Mobile: [Code - 23:][Mobile]



### Post in Ghana (Host Organization/Individual)

If you are traveling with a tour company, enter the organization's details here. If visiting family or friends, enter their information:

- Organization/Host Name: Company name (e.g., "The .... Group") or individual's name
- Building Number/Street Name: Host organization's address.
- Town/City: Location in Ghana.
- GPS Digital Address: Same GPS code provided by your host (this digital addressing system is Ghana's modern location identification method)
- Phone Number: Organization or host phone number.
- Email Address: Contact email.

The GPS digital address represents Ghana's innovative approach to location identification. Think of it as their version of a ZIP code, but far more precise. Your tour company or host will provide this readily; it's a standard piece of information they share with all international visitors.

Save and proceed to Step 4.

**Host in Ghana**

Organisation: [THE ADINKRA GROUP]

\* First Name: [First Name]

\* Last Name: [Last Name]

\* Address: [Address]

\* City: [City]



\* Country

GHANA

\* Host GPS / Digital Address

GA3767580

Enter a valid Host GPS / Digital Address.

\* Phone Number

Code - 23:

765653656767

Invalid Mobile Number(9 digits)

E.g. 233 277 121212 - Please enter the number as "277121212" without any spaces

\* Mobile Number

Code - 23:

Mobile Number

E.g. 233 277 121212 - Please enter the number as "277121212" without any spaces

\* Email

JONE|

# Application Form : Steps 4-6

## Step 4:

### Sponsor and Employment Information



#### Sponsor of Trip

For most independent travelers, you will be your own sponsor. Select "Self" and your information will auto-populate, saving you valuable time.

#### Employment Information

- Name and Address of Employer: Enter if traveling for business purposes; select "Not Applicable" for tourism
- Application Completed by Another Person: Select "Not Applicable" (if you are completing your own application)

At this stage, before proceeding further, note your **Application Reference Number** displayed prominently on your screen. This alphanumeric code serves multiple critical purposes:

1. Tracking your application status online.
2. Identifying your documents when mailing your passport.
3. Reference for any inquiries with the embassy.

Take a screenshot or write this number down immediately, losing it creates unnecessary complications that our concierge service helps clients avoid entirely.

Save and continue to Step 5.

Name & Address of Employer in Ghana		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
<input type="text" value="Name of Employer"/>	<input type="text" value="Address Line 1"/>	
<input type="text" value="Address Line 2"/>	<input type="text" value="City"/>	
<input type="text" value="Region"/>	<input type="text" value="GPS / Digital Address"/>	

**Application Completed by Another Person**  Not Applicable

For Persons completing this form on behalf of Applicants who cannot read or write English

The above declaration has been read and interpreted by me in  Language to the

applicant and he/she approves of it.

\* Full Name

\* Address

4520  
:org , passport@ghanaembassydc.org

 TONY BRYAN

[Dashboard](#) [Signout](#)

Copy Find Selection Look Up Translate Search Web Share... New Quick Note

Reference Number: GVWE2025070003262

## Step 5: Document Uploads

You will upload digital copies of required documents here. Ensure each file is clear, well-lit, and meets the specified format requirements (typically JPEG or PDF).

### Required Uploads (marked with red asterisks):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>01</p> <p><b>Recent Passport-Size Photograph</b></p> <p>Upload the digital copy obtained when having your physical passport photos taken.</p>                                     | <p>02</p> <p><b>Passport Data Page</b></p> <p>A clear photograph or scan of your passport's information page showing your photo, passport number, issue date, expiration date, and country of origin.</p> |
| <p>03</p> <p><b>Valid Ghanaian Identification of Host</b></p> <p>Upload a clear copy of your host's or tour company representative's Ghanaian passport data page or national ID.</p> | <p>04</p> <p><b>Travel Itinerary</b></p> <p>Your flight reservation or tour booking confirmation (final tickets are not required but reservation showing your intended travel dates suffices)</p>         |
| <p>05</p> <p><b>Invitation Letter or Confirmed Hotel Booking</b></p> <p>Upload the official invitation letter from your tour company, host, or hotel confirmation.</p>               | <p>06</p> <p><b>Applicant Signature</b></p> <p>Sign your name clearly on a blank white piece of paper, photograph it against a plain background, and upload the image.</p>                                |

**Optional Uploads:** Do not upload documents for fields without red asterisks—they're not required and adding unnecessary files can delay processing.

**Creating Your Digital Signature:** Simply write your signature in black or blue ink on clean white paper, photograph it with your phone ensuring good lighting and no shadows, and upload. This straightforward approach works perfectly. No need for sophisticated scanning equipment.



Once all required documents are uploaded, save and proceed to Step 6.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
<p>• must not have anything covering your face.</p> <p><b>Note: Application may be rejected if photo requirements are not met.</b></p>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>• Recent passport-size photograph (Taken within six months of date of application). Copy to be also uploaded with application</p>	Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Passport data page	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Valid Ghana identification of Host (Preferably Valid passport) alternatively Confirmed Hotel Booking can be used	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Travel Itinerary	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Invitation letter/ Confirmed Hotel Booking	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid Fully Vaccinated Covid-19 Certificate	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Permit (Applicable to non-nationals or holders of foreign passports)	Pdf/Jpeg	<a href="#">Attach file</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Pre-paid self-addressed envelope with track and trace				
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Valid Passport				
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Application form signed by				

1.

Resident Permit (Applicable to non-nationals or holders of foreign passports) Pdf/Jpeg [Attach file](#)

\* Pre-paid self-addressed envelope with track and trace

\* Valid Passport

\* Application form signed by applicant

\* Appropriate fees

[Save & Go to Step 6](#)

## Step 6: Review and Submit

This final step presents your complete application for thorough review. Examine every detail meticulously:

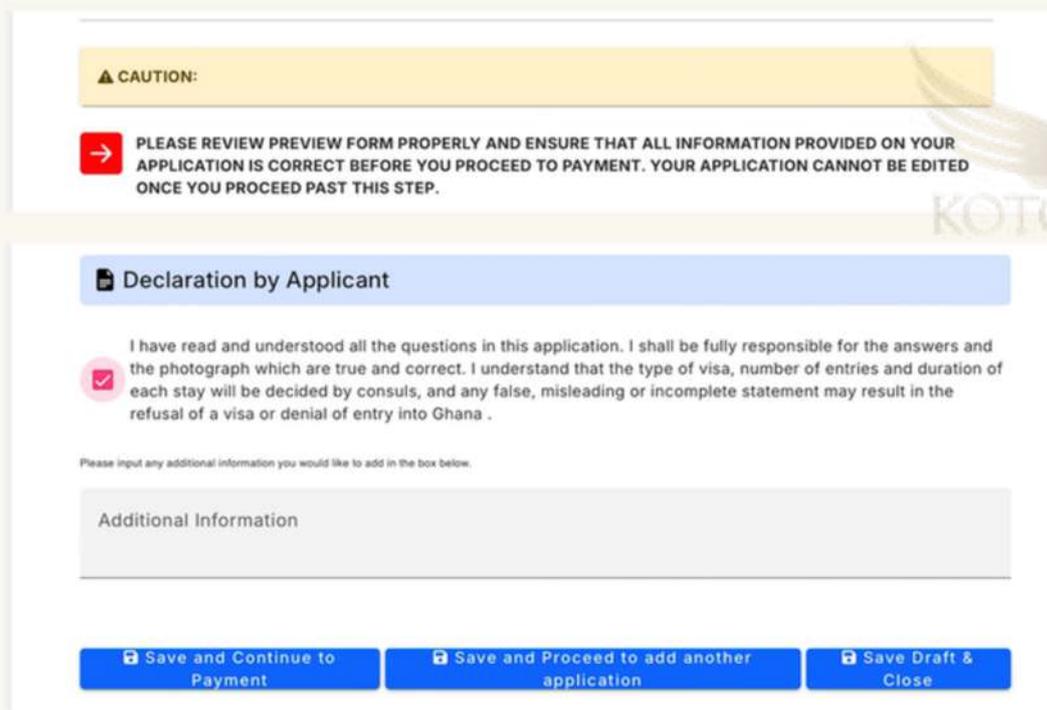
- Personal information matches your passport exactly.
- Dates follow DD/MM/YYYY format consistently.
- Contact information is current and accurate.
- Host information including GPS digital address is complete.
- All required documents are uploaded.

**Critical Warning:** Once you proceed past this review stage and submit payment, you cannot edit your application. Any errors require starting over entirely. A frustrating setback when your departure date looms.

Take your time here. Pour a cup of coffee, settle into a comfortable chair, and review each section as though you're examining a cherished travel itinerary. This patience now prevents complications later.

When you're completely satisfied:

1. Check the box confirming "I have reviewed and understand that information cannot be changed after submission"
2. Select "Save and Continue to Payment"



**CAUTION:**

PLEASE REVIEW PREVIEW FORM PROPERLY AND ENSURE THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED ON YOUR APPLICATION IS CORRECT BEFORE YOU PROCEED TO PAYMENT. YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE EDITED ONCE YOU PROCEED PAST THIS STEP.

### Declaration by Applicant

I have read and understood all the questions in this application. I shall be fully responsible for the answers and the photograph which are true and correct. I understand that the type of visa, number of entries and duration of each stay will be decided by consuls, and any false, misleading or incomplete statement may result in the refusal of a visa or denial of entry into Ghana .

Please input any additional information you would like to add in the box below.

Additional Information

Save and Continue to Payment     Save and Proceed to add another application     Save Draft & Close

# Payment and Document Preparation

## Stage Three: Payment Processing

You will now complete two separate online payments:

### Payment 1: Visa Application Fee

Single Entry Expedited: \$100 Select "Credit Card" as your payment method Enter your card details securely Complete the payment transaction

**Download and print your payment receipt immediately.** This receipt must be included in your mailed documents.

### Payment 2: Return Postage Fee (\$29.85)

This prepayment covers the embassy's cost to return your passport with the visa affixed inside:

After completing visa payment, you will see a button marked "Pay for Return Postage"

Complete this second payment of \$29.85

Select either USPS or FedEx (the price remains the same; both are equally reliable) Enter your complete return address accurately **Download and print this receipt as well.** it also goes in your mailed envelope.

These prepaid shipping arrangements eliminate the confusion of self-addressed stamped envelopes, transforming what was once cumbersome into elegant simplicity.

Visa Fee: \$ 100.00 plus Postal Charge: \$ 0.00 = \$ 100.00

Payment Option\*  
Online Payment

Payment method\*  
Select Payment Option

Back Proceed

## Stage Four: Printing Your Application Documents

After completing both payments, access the "Print Forms for Mailing" section:

1. Download your completed visa application form (this will include a unique barcode)
2. Print the application. This is the signed copy you will mail with your passport.
3. Print both payment receipts (visa fee and return postage)
4. Review the printed application one final time for any display errors.

### The Barcode System

Your printed application includes a barcode unique to your submission. This small detail plays a significant role:

- **For solo travelers:** Cut out the barcode and tape it securely to the outside of your mailing envelope
- **For group applications:** Cut out each person's individual barcode and tape it to their separate interior envelope (more on this below)

This barcode enables the embassy to process your application efficiently. Think of it as your personal tracking identifier throughout the journey.



# Assembling and Mailing Your Application



## Stage Five: Assembling Your Physical Documents

Now you will prepare the physical documents for postal submission. Organization here reflects the attention to detail that characterizes premium travel experiences.

### Documents to Include in Your Envelope

Gather these items in the following order (placing them in this sequence helps embassy staff process efficiently):

#### 1 Printed Application Form

Signed and dated, with barcode attached if you are a solo applicant.

#### 2 Original Passport

Your actual physical passport (not a copy)

#### 3 Two Passport-Size Photographs

Physical prints from Walgreens, CVS, or your photo service.

#### 4 Visa Fee Payment Receipt

Printed proof of your \$100 expedited payment.

#### 5 Return Postage Payment Receipt

Printed proof of your \$29.85 shipping prepayment.

#### 6 Invitation Letter (if applicable)

Original or printed copy from your tour company or host.

### What NOT to Include:

COVID-19 vaccination cards (no longer required as of 2026)

Copies of documents you've already uploaded online

Return envelopes or stamps (you've prepaid this electronically)

# Packaging for Group Applications



If submitting applications for multiple travelers (family members, travel companions), follow this organized approach:

**Outer Envelope:** One large envelope containing all applications

**Inner Organization:** Each traveler gets their own smaller envelope inside the main envelope, containing:

- Their printed application with barcode taped to the individual envelope
- Their original passport
- Their two physical passport photos
- Their individual payment receipts

This separation ensures each application processes independently, preventing delays caused by mismatched documents. A level of organization that would make any concierge proud.

## Addressing Your Envelope

Send your complete application package to:

**Embassy of the Republic of Ghana  
Consular Section - Visa Applications  
3512 International Drive NW  
Washington, DC 20008**

Use a sturdy envelope, preferably a padded mailer to protect your passport during transit. Write clearly and include your return address.

## Mailing Your Application

Visit your local post office or shipping center and send via:

- **USPS Priority Mail** with tracking (approximately \$10-15, 2-3 day delivery)
- **FedEx or UPS** with tracking (approximately \$15-25, 1-2 day delivery)

**Critical:** Obtain a tracking number and save it. This allows you to confirm your documents arrived safely at the embassy. A small investment in peace of mind that transforms anxiety into assurance.

At Kotoka VIP, we manage this entire shipping process on behalf of our clients, using secure courier services and real time tracking that provides updates at every milestone.

# Tracking and Receiving Your Visa



## Tracking Your Application Status

Once the embassy receives your documents, you can monitor progress using your application reference number:

1. Log into your account at **washington.mfa.gov.gh**
2. Navigate to "Check Application Status"
3. Enter your reference number
4. View current processing stage

Typical timelines:

- **Expedited Service:** 7 business days from receipt
- **Standard Service:** 15 business days from receipt

Remember that "business days" exclude weekends and both US and Ghanaian public holidays. Factor this into your planning, especially if applying during holiday seasons.

## Receiving Your Passport with Visa

When processing completes, the embassy ships your passport back using the prepaid label you purchased:

- **Delivery Method:** USPS or FedEx (based on your selection)
- **Delivery Time:** 2-5 business days after visa approval
- **Tracking:** Monitor via the tracking information provided by the embassy

Upon receiving your passport, immediately verify:

- Your visa is properly affixed inside
- Personal details on the visa are correct
- Visa validity dates align with your travel plans
- Passport shows no damage from processing

If you notice any discrepancies, contact the embassy immediately for corrections are far simpler before your departure date arrives.

# Important Reminders and Pro Tips



## Timeline Planning

**Ideal Application Timeline:** Submit your visa application 4-6 weeks before your departure date. This provides:

- 7 days for expedited processing
- 5 days for postal transit each way (to embassy and back)
- Buffer for unexpected delays or clarifications needed

**Minimum Timeline:** With expedited service, you could theoretically complete the process in 3 weeks, but we recommend against cutting it this close. Travel should begin with tranquility, not last-minute anxiety.

## Common Pitfalls to Avoid

### Date Format Errors

Always use DD/MM/YYYY (British format), not MM/DD/YYYY

### Missing Signatures

Both your application and separate signature upload must be signed.

### Forgotten Reference Number

Screenshot or write this down immediately upon receiving it.

### Incomplete GPS Digital Address

Never guess instead obtain this from your host or tour company.

### Incorrect Passport Spelling

Enter names exactly as they appear on your passport, including middle names.

### Inadequate Processing Time

Do not underestimate postal transit time in both directions.

# The Kotoka VIP The Alternative

While this guide empowers you to navigate the visa process independently, we recognize that your time carries immeasurable value.

Perhaps you are managing a demanding career, coordinating family schedules, or simply prefer to dedicate your energy to planning the experiences you will enjoy in Ghana rather than navigating bureaucratic requirements.

This is where Kotoka VIP's concierge service transforms the journey entirely. Imagine:

## Your Role Becomes Simple

Provide us your passport and travel dates, then return to planning the extraordinary moments that await you.



### No Form Completion

We handle every field, every upload, every submission



### No Postal Coordination

We manage secure document collection and delivery



### No Status Monitoring

We track your application and notify you at each milestone



### No Timeline Anxiety

Our expertise ensures optimal processing with built-in contingencies

## Get Your Visa On Arrival Documentation In 3-4 Working days.

For information about our comprehensive visa concierge services, visit our website or contact our team directly. We are here to ensure your journey begins not with paperwork, but with anticipation.

## Your Journey Begins Here

Securing your Ghana visa represents more than bureaucratic necessity. It's the formal gateway to an experience that will enrich your perspective, create lasting memories, and connect you with one of West Africa's most welcoming nations.

Whether you choose the satisfaction of managing this process yourself or the ease of our concierge service, you are now equipped with complete knowledge of what lies ahead. Each step you have learned here brings you closer to stepping off that plane into Ghana's warm embrace, ready for the adventures you've been planning.

**Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you to Ghana.**

*This guide is current as of January 2026. Visa requirements and procedures may change. For the most current information, always verify details with the official Ghana Embassy website at [washington.mfa.gov.gh](http://washington.mfa.gov.gh) or consult with Kotoka VIP the airport concierge specialists.*

# Professional Checklist



Before sealing your envelope, verify:

- Printed visa application form (signed)
- Original passport (not expiring within 6 months of return date)
- Two physical passport-size photographs.
- Visa fee payment receipt.
- Return postage payment receipt.
- Invitation letter or hotel confirmation.
- Barcode properly attached.
- Envelope addressed correctly.
- Return address clearly written.
- Tracking shipping method selected.

This checklist transforms complexity into simplicity.  
One item at a time, you progress toward your Ghanaian adventure.