

Ghana is and has always been a special Africa - a different Africa with a wide range of attractions and facilities. It dazzles you with its historic past, and charms you with that natural beauty which envelopes you wherever you go.

Indeed for the traveller, Ghana is that latter-day unknown, unexplored and certainly unexploited destination which abounds in an unbelievable array of excitingly striking attractions, succinctly distinctive and peculiar to each of the ten regions in Ghana. There are miles and miles of sun drenched and unspoilt beaches to discover as well as national parks which boast of unique flora and fauna.

From the late '80s to early '90s, tourism in Ghana has become a fast-growing activity for Ghanaians. This is to the credit of the Government for introducing the Economic Recovery Programme in 1983 and subsequently undertaking efforts to stabilise the country's economy. Consequently international tourist arrivals increased considerably from 85,332 in 1985 with corresponding receipts of US\$20 million to 372,000 visitors and US\$342 million receipts in 1999.

Ghana, with the objective of transforming the tourism industry into a formidable one, has made tremendous efforts in establishing reception facilities of international quality, adding value to numerous tourist products and systematically creating new ones.

These measures have resulted in a phenomenal growth in industry by the mid '90s, with the sector registering an annual growth rate of 12 per cent. The impact of both local and international levels has been very remarkable both in economic terms and culturally with our rich cultural traditions reverberating through all corners of the world.

With the introduction of our 15-year National Tourism Development Plan to develop the industry's potential based on the country's vast tourism resources, it is firmly projected that by the year 2010, tourism will become a dynamic socio-economic index in the transformation of the Ghanaian economy.

In view of the projected number of arrivals in the plan, there is enormous scope for the

adventurous investor to make large investments in the star-rated category of hotels, and to engage in the development of some of the attractions and sites of interest.

Tourism Incentives

Concessionary rate of 100% duty on imports other than food, beverages, building materials and vehicles required for projects in all segments of the tourism industry:

- Accelerated depreciation allowances on building, equipment, plant and furnishing (ranging from 20-50% per annum)
 - Tax allowances, ranging from 25% depending on location
 - Corporate tax 25%; Protection against nationalisation of local and foreign enterprises
 - Bilateral as well as multi-lateral investment protection and guarantee agreements with governments and multi-lateral agencies to cover foreign investment
 - Granting of immigration quotas and residence permits for directors and expatriate personnel whose skills are in short supply
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Selected Hotels in Ghana

African Royal Beach Hotel (Formerly Dutch Hotel) - Tel: +233 21 711111- 8

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www.africanroyalbeachhotel.com

Golden Tulip Hotel

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Fax: +233 21 775361
www.goldentulipaccra.com

The African Regent Hotel

- Tel: +233 21 765180

Fax: +233 21 766 500

www.african-regent-hotel.com

La Palm Royal Beach Hotel

- Tel: +23321 771700

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Golden Beach Hotels (Gh) Ltd

- Tel: 23321 781621

Fax: 233 21 768947

www.gbghana.net

Labadi Beach Hotel

- Tel: 233 21 772501

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