

# GHANAIAN



## FAST FACTS

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**Capital:** Accra

**Currency:** Ghanaian cedi

**Motto:** "Freedom & Justice"

**Anthem:** 'God Bless Our Homeland Ghana'

**Official languages:** English (there are over 50 indigenous languages including Akan, Ewe, Ga, Dagaare and Dagbani)

**Area:** 92,099 sq miles

**Demonym(s):** Ghanaian

## FLAG STORY



- Red** represents the blood that was shed towards independence
- Gold** represents the mineral wealth
- Green** symbolises the rich agriculture
- Black Star** is the symbol of African emancipation

## FAMOUS FIGURES



**Kwame Nkrumah**  
First prime minister of Ghana



**Akosua Busia**  
Actress, film director, author and songwriter

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ The word Ghana means "Warrior King" and was the title accorded to the kings of the medieval West African Ghana Empire.
- ★ Kente cloth dates back to 12th century Africa in the country of Ghana. The cloth was worn by Kings, Queens and important figures of state during ceremonial events and special occasions.



- ★ The first names of children of Akan tribes – like the Fante and Ashanti tribes – are based on the day of the week on which they were born. A male Tuesday born is Kwabena while the female is Abena.
- ★ Afro-jazz was invented by Kofi Ghanaba from Ghana. Highlife and hiplife were also invented in the country.

## LET'S TALK FOOD!

**Fufu** is Ghana's national dish. It's a starchy side dish and an important accompaniment to various stews and sauce-based dishes.

## HOW DO YOU SAY HELLO?

Chale is the most popular Ghanaian icebreaker. You would greet and address a friend as 'Chale!'



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