



## GHANA: RADIO WORK EXPERIENCE

**AKWAABA** - which means "welcome" - is never more meaningful than in Ghana. The Ghanaian people are among the friendliest in Africa. So ... **AKWAABA** to this beautiful country!

A unique opportunity to be part of an exciting radio team in the heart of Accra. You'll observe experts in the field of Radio/Journalism and learn how they work in Ghana.



### WHAT DO YOU GET?

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you **feel safe and never alone!**
- An in-depth Induction makes you **feel local straight away!**
- A unique insight into another culture – **see it from the inside** in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



### ► SUMMARY FACTFILE

<b>Start Dates</b>	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
<b>Duration</b>	Minimum stay on this project is 4 weeks. You can participate for up to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
<b>Requirements</b>	No qualifications needed, but previous experience will enable you to do more in-depth and complex activities. Minimum age 17
<b>Price</b>	From £1,395 / US\$2,095 for 4 weeks, ranging to £1,995 / US\$2,995 for 12 weeks. <a href="#">Full Price List</a>
<b>What's included</b>	► Accommodation ► Food ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support.
<b>What's not included</b>	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to airport.
<b>Who can do this Project?</b>	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Be prepared for a lot of work, the station is very fast-paced by African standards. Because the radio station has a small team with such a large reputation, you'll find yourself working many hours in a dynamic environment during your placement.

For people who have a passion for radio this is definitely the placement to give you great experience.

The station works on news and entertainment. If you have past radio experience, then it is likely you will have plenty of freedom to express ideas and create your own work assignments. You could find yourself involved with preparing news stories and researching and editing features.

In production and broadcasting there is also the opportunity to do initial reporting, writing, voice-overs, and depending on your past experience and how you demonstrate yourself, you could also be broadcasting the final story.

After detailed discussion with you to ascertain what you're looking for, we try to tailor your Work Experience placement to suit your specific requirements, to ensure you gain the maximum benefit and experience from the placement

### The Radio Programme

You will work with a leading radio station in Accra, the capital city of Ghana. The company intends to embark on an expansion programs. The company vision is to be part of the leading multimedia organisation on the continent offering old and new generation media services. The radio station was established in April 1996. The company operates on VHF radio frequency using a 1kw transmitter with coverage of 50km radius. Through the experience of its Board Members, creativity of staff and adaptability to changes and others; the company has pioneered a number of significant developments in the industry. The radio station has excellent DJs and Radio Presenters with the likes of Bush K, Michelle and a host of other prominent personalities, the station boasts of being the soul of the capital.

### Work Content

You might find yourself involved in all aspects of a functioning radio station, including program editing, news gathering and generally whatever else is required at the time you're there, including administration. You might find yourself reporting on all sorts of subjects ranging from social, environmental, educational. Depending on your level and how you progress at the station, you might also join other staff to cover programs. The station will try and give you best the opportunity to get a feel of the different departments, for example, the Newsroom, editorial and the general office. The most important thing to stress is the more enthusiasm and commitment you put in, the more you will get out of the placement! A typical line up would be:

- **Top stories:** top stories from across the country.
- **Morning show:** information, news and reviews from newspapers and local weather
- **Topic of the day:** local discussions and phone ins.
- **Sessions:** blends of local music

Your work may be involving you working with the breakfast show crew. This means you will need to be at work as early as 6 am, or even the late night talk show. All this will depend on your level of experience and knowledge.

Your work duties and responsibilities will depend on the type of placement you'll be doing and your personal preferences. You will liaise with your supervisor at the firm regarding your on-going work duties.

On your arrival to the radio station they will negotiate with you a timetable (please remember that you're now in Ghana. Don't expect time to be structured the same way as in the UK, it can be extremely frustrating but I'm sure



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you'll grow to love it). Although you will be expected to work five days a week mainly Monday – Friday, please prepare yourself for working a variety of hours, including Saturday and Sunday. You will usually be expected to start work at around 8 am and finish around 7:30 although this may vary depending on what you may do.

### LOCATION:

Accra, on the coast of the Gulf of Guinea, is both big-city hectic and African laid-back. Accra may not be one of the prettiest cities by Western standards, but there is something else this African city has that makes up for lack of planning and fancy buildings. It is a wonderful city to experience. It is full of character, has a warm feel, is extremely friendly and feels very safe. It also has some great beaches!

Spend a few hours in the breezy capital of Accra and you'll swear the wind and waves off the Gulf of Guinea have infused the land and people with equatorial warmth. It is a city that is young, wild and full of soul and here you'll sample the true African spirit. During the day, the streets are full of market stalls and vendors where you can browse and buy mouth-watering foods, colourful Kente Cloth, beads, or baskets. Don't forget to practice your haggling.

During the night the city comes alive with the traditional Ghanaian 'spot' bars and the sound of live drumming music in the warm night air. Village-specific festivals and events occur throughout the year.



### ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You are likely to stay in a comfortable family run guest house. This means that you will get to eat, sleep, work, socialise and generally live like a Ghanaian. Local family stays enable you to fully experience the local culture from the inside.

Many of our volunteers remain friends with their host families long after they leave Ghana and in some cases they return to the country later especially to visit their family. Sometimes members of their Ghanaian family have even gone to visit them in their home country.

They will look after you superbly and often our volunteers comment how they feel more like being part of the family than a guest! By far the vast majority will do their best to make you feel happy and part of their family.

The houses are fairly basic but will have all the basic facilities like kitchens and bathroom, telephone, television, radio and running water.

**Food:** Food will be prepared for you and will consist of local cuisine - again this is to enable you to fully experience living as local Ghanaians do.

### VISAS:

Visas are required and must be purchased before departure. We'll liaise with you about your visa requirements, if any, and make the Visa process very easy.

### FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.



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## INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Ghanaian Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Accra and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

## COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

## HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.



## COUNTRY PROFILE:

The atmosphere in Ghana is extraordinary; with its run-down shacks, half completed buildings and people trying to sell you anything and everything. From the moment you step off the plane you realise that you have arrived in a very different place and you're about to have a completely new cultural experience!

The country has an air of excitement as people strive for achievement and improved quality of life. It is a country that is full of hope and optimism. Ghanaians are proud of their culture and love welcoming people from outside to integrate and mix in with their local customs and way of living.

The air has an amazing aroma; a mixture of charcoal and local dishes cooking over an open pot. The sounds of the energetic tribal language being spoken around you will assure you.... you have landed in Africa!

Ghana is a country of cheerful anticipation. You will find that you are welcome anywhere and everywhere. The people are extremely friendly and hospitable and Ghanaians are proud of their culture and love welcoming people from outside to integrate and mix in with their local customs and way of living.

Ghana is an exciting modern African culture – open, musical and diverse. Although the country is poor, recently it has attracted new money and Ghanaians are returning from abroad and bringing new investment and ideas with them. Ghana is a stable country and truly delightful to work in and visit. It is now one of the most dynamic countries in West Africa. It was the first country in Africa to gain independence from the British Empire on the 6th of March, 1957, and today Ghana retains a remarkable sense of independence. The country is bursting with customs and tradition and has a long, rich history of crafts-people.



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Ghana is very much isolated from what goes in the Western world. When walking around the streets of Accra (the capital city) you won't find any Beckham shirts, McDonald's or other touristy gimmicks; just real people living real Ghanaian lives. Ghana is warm, friendly and feels remarkably safe. You sense that you really are in Africa. Much of the attraction of Ghana results from its legacy as the centre of the gold, ivory, and slave trade during the 17th and 18th centuries, when the mighty Ashanti Empire held sway here. However, Ghana also possesses one of the best game reserves in West Africa, a multitude of good beaches, and plenty of hospitality.

For people who are looking to escape from the comforts and routines of our world and to enter a country that has a proud African culture and heritage, then Akwaaba [welcome] to Ghana.

There really is no 'best' time to visit Ghana, as the temperature is always Africa-hot and if rainfall doesn't soak you, then the humid air will. In the south there are two rainy seasons, from April to June and September to November. Temperatures range between 21 and 32 degrees C, highest in March and lowest in August. Whatever the season, the weather gets more arid the farther inland you go.



## THINGS TO DO IN: GHANA

- **The Makola Market** is a large and famous busy open-air market attended by traders from surrounding villages. Run by women traders, Makola is a place where you can buy anything you need - manufactured and imported foods, fresh produce, tools, medicines, shoes, and pots and pans.
- **The Osu Night Market** is illuminated by hundreds of lanterns and candles and is a great place to experience authentic Ghanaian Cuisine. Local dishes like banku and kenkey are cooked freshly and served with assorted grilled fish and prawns, all prepared while you wait.
- **Accra's National Theatre** where you can watch a musical show, play or dance performance, for a real Ghanaian experience!
- **Ghanaian Festivals** are annual events in each region. Enjoy drumming, dancing and feasting with the locals! Each region has its own affirmation of tribal values, the remembrance of ancestors and past leaders, and the purification of the state in preparation for another year.
- **Safaris Galore!** Owabi Wildlife Sanctuary, Bia National Park, Bui National Park, Mole Game Reserve and Kakum Nature Reserve are all good options for hiking and exploring the savannah and rainforest. The Shai Hills Game Reserve can be explored on horseback.
- **Mole National Park** is a must see! Explore the largest and one of the best-equipped nature reserves. Visitors can explore either on foot or 4-wheel drive vehicle, but must always be accompanied by a guide. Camp and discover the area at will.
- **Beaches** are always a popular attraction. Labadi Pleasure beach, Kokrobite beach, Coco Beach Resort, Dixcove, Busua and Ada offer tropical palms, spectacular Atlantic breakers and swimming.
- **Lake Volta** Enjoy a round trip on the car ferry to Kete-Krachi to visit the largest manmade lake on earth; alternatively, take the three-day trip to the northern capital of New Tamale at the head of the lake. There are great facilities for water-sports.
- **Lake Bosomtwi** Is great for diving, swimming and mountaineering. Take a multi-day canoe trip through the mangrove jungle of the Ankobra River.
- **Aduklu Mountain** is a great place to visit for those who enjoy hiking. Tours are available through the Ministry of Tourism, and Afadjato Mountain in the Volta region attracts climbers of all ages. Mount Afadjato and Togbo Falls at Liati Wote are excellent for hiking.



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## VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

*'So far have been really impressed with everything, the people are really friendly and have been very well looked after by my host family and everybody else.*

*I get on really well with the other volunteers and we all meet up regularly so always have plenty to do. We went to Cape Coast and Kakum the other week, which was brilliant.'*

**Paul Jones**

## HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

**We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!**

You may also be interested in other courses with Travellers, or do other projects in Ghana – please visit our [website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

## Make a Difference – Get Involved!



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