

**KickStart Ghana educational development trip -
Example itinerary**

KickStart Ghana is a UK and Ghanaian registered charity/NGO. Our vision is one where the people of Ghana can fulfil their potential and have every opportunity to succeed. Our mission is to enhance the sporting and educational opportunities available to the people of Ghana.

We do this by investing in sport and education through grants, financial assistance for individuals and recruiting skilled international and local volunteers to work on our projects and learn from each other. We're passionate about the positive effects that sport and education can have on individuals and communities.

Purpose

The purpose of this trip is as follows:

- For the student to have a better understanding of the role that small NGOs, such as KickStart Ghana can play in development.
- For them to understand the role of volunteerism and social enterprises in development.
- Create plans for personal development and action at home.

Itinerary

Day 1

- Arrive in to Accra and spend the night in Agoo Hostel, one of the few internationally recognised hostels in Ghana.

Day 2

- A tour of Accra with Nima Tours, an enterprise run by a Ghanaian who has received coaching from another NGO, CREER Foundation. Aim to understand how tourism has helped him become self-employed.
- Spend the night in Agoo Hostel.

Day 3

- Head to Ho, where KickStart Ghana is based.
- Settle in to the KickStart Ghana house, meet other staff members and volunteers.
- Have an induction and complete the Ho orientation challenge.
- An overview of key parts of Ghanaian culture and history.

Day 4

- Overview of KickStart Ghana's work from UK and Ghanaian trustee including Q&A. An understanding how the charity works on a practical level.
- Tour of some of the completed KickStart Ghana projects in Ho. A chance to talk to partners that the charity has worked with over the years and understand their challenges and successes.

Day 5

- Tour of Ho market with Vivian, our Ghanaian cook.
- Help buy the food that will be eaten in the house for the following week.

Day 6-7 (weekend)

- A chance to explore Ghana by heading to the beach or slave castles on the coast.

Day 8

- Interview with Daniel Agbogah, KickStart Ghana Director and Eric Coco Maweunyegah, Volunteer Coordinator, about their roles with the charity and how they became involved.
- Meet with another local NGO.
- Discussion on the potential damage of stereotypes in international development.

Day 9

- Shadow KSG summer school volunteers and teachers. Q&A with group about their work and contribution to KickStart Ghana goals.
- Discussion on the value of overseas volunteering.

Day 10

- Interview Rachael, Records Manager, Divine, Projects Manager and Prince, Deputy Projects Manager, about their respective roles and why they volunteer for KickStart Ghana.
- Discussion on the skills and experience needed to start a career in international development.

Day 11

- A chance to explore The Volta Region meeting with community tourism projects such as Wli Falls, Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary and Mount Adaklu.
- Discussion on aid versus trade.

Day 12

- Group to summarise their learnings to their Ghanaian counterparts and discuss what they can do, post-trip, to continue learning and contribute to KickStart Ghana's cause.

Day 13

- Fly back to the UK