

**MOLE NATIONAL PARK  
WEEKEND TRIP**

As a volunteer in Ghana you spend many of your days giving your time to help those in need at your placement. Living in the Volunteer House offers for wonderful experiences together, but travelling to Mole is just another opportunity to expand your knowledge of this African country. The lifestyle of a Ghanaian is hard work and dedication! The first day of this adventure is spent in Mole National Park.

The safari is nothing short of a volunteer's most memorable time in Ghana. It offers a sensation of thrill and adventure as you encounter the wildlife of Africa in its natural habitat. As a tourist you are able to become part of the setting there in the jungle and walk with the antelope, wild boar, hundreds of species of birds, monkeys, pythons, and elephants! Enjoy a village day experience after a morning safari on day 2 before finishing the trip with visits to a waterfall and monkey sanctuary.

The trips are open to all PMGY volunteers. We expect to have at least 6 people per trip to participate in this adventure to the northern region, so you are able to truly experience an enriching time together. A member of the PMGY team will accompany the group throughout the entire trip and an English-speaking guide will be available at all sites. Transport will be by a private taxi or trotro depending on the size of volunteer group. This will allow us to minimize travel time and offer as much comfort and convenience as possible.

We will be running the trip on the following dates

**11th January 2024 - 13th January 2024**

**8th February 2024 - 10th February 2024**

**7th March 2024 - 9th March 2024**

**10th April 2024 - 13th April 2024**

**9th May 2024 - 11th May 2024**

**6th June 2024 - 8th June 2024**

**11th July 2024 - 13th July 2024**

**8th August 2024 - 10th August 2024**

**5th September 2024 - 7th September 2024**

**10th October 2024 - 12th October 2024**

**7th November 2024 - 9th November 2024**

**5th December 2024 - 7th December 2024**

\* Additional departure dates can be added if there are at least 6 participants looking to take part.

Each experience is set to start on a Thursday so that those leaving to go home can still enjoy the travels on their last weekend (if no one is travelling home we will run trips Friday – Sunday). The cost of the trip is 2000 Cedi per person. This will be collected from volunteers by the local team the evening of orientation after they can assist you in currency exchange.

The following are included in the fee:

- Private transport
- Accommodation (same sex)
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Entrance fees
- English-speaking guide

The weekend trip itineraries for Ghana and any subsequent payments are arranged directly with the local team in Kumasi. Trips are run based on interest levels from volunteers, and this can therefore mean there are sometimes differences compared to the trip dates listed. We do not require any prior commitment or payments until you have started on the program. You can discuss the various opportunities directly with the team once you have arrived in Ghana and once you have met other volunteers on the program.

## ITINERARY DAY 1 - MOLE NATIONAL PARK

We will be up early today to head to Mole. The journey to the north will take around 5 hours. Upon arrival, you will check into the hotel located in the centre of the national park. Currently, it is the only standing hotel to be surrounded by the natural habitat of the wildlife in the national park. After getting settled the group will have lunch.

We will then will climb atop the jeep for a 2 hour safari. Keep your eyes peeled for all the wildlife and creatures that reside in Mole National Park! After finishing the jeep-top safari you will go back to the hotel for dinner and to relax for the evening.



## DAY 2 - WALKING SAFARI & VILLAGE DAY

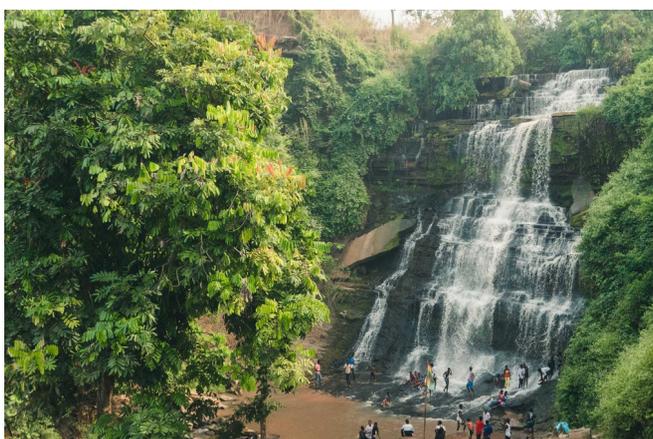
Another early morning start is in store as we head out on another 2 hour safari on foot. You will walk through the jungle to encounter first-hand the route taken by many species of antelope. Moreover, you will get to see the monkeys swinging through the trees and the elephants bathing one another in the natural waters of the land.

Following the walking safari the group will go to have breakfast and have some time to relax at the hotel. In the afternoon, we will head out on a canoe safari at the eco village. Here, we will learn about the Shea butter manufacturing process and have a tour of the village. Enjoy learning about rural Ghana and the traditions that exist within village life. We will return for dinner at the hotel and have the evening to play cards and relax.



### DAY 3 - WATERFALLS & MONKEY SANCTUARY

The group will go to have breakfast and depart from the hotel to continue on the journey. The first stop for the group will be Kintampo Waterfalls; here you can enjoy a refreshing swim under the crashing waters. Lastly, the group will take a walk on the wild side as we head to Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary! We will finish the day with the travel back to the Volunteer House in Kumasi.



### ACCOMMODATION

The group will stay at a hotel located in the Mole region for two nights. The accommodation can be dormitory or shared rooms with fans and with private western toilet and bath. The rooms are basic, but very clean and comfortable.

### MEALS

The group will be provided 3 meals a day; meals will be continental items such as cheeseburgers, chips, and pasta. Water will be provided at each meal time.

### TRANSPORT

A private taxi or trotro is provided. One of PMGY's local coordinators will accompany you throughout the weekend trip and you will have English-speaking trip guides to take you around to the sites.