Dear traveller,

Not long now until your Africa adventure begins! The group are currently in Ghana and looking forward to meeting you.

* **Trip Joining Point:**

Big Milly's Backyard - Accra

Address: Kokrobite, Accra North

Telephone: +233 249 999 330

Website: <https://www.bigmilly.com/>

Email: bigmilly2000@hotmail.com

Room Type, Price, Description:

Single with fan, US$15.00, Per Room

Single en-suite with aircon., US$35.00, Per Room

Dorm, US$10.00, Per Person

(All prices listed are approximate and subject to limited availability).

The trip starts from Big Milly's Backyard at approximately 8am on the morning of Day 1 of your trip (29th Jan). So, ideally you should meet there the night before (28th Jan), the crew will be ready meet you at 6pm.

Big Milly's Backyard is situated on the beach in Kokrobite fishing village about 15 miles west of Accra and a one hour's drive from Kotoka International Airport.

As a reminder, your tour leader is Chris Blake, and your driver is Steve Newsway.

Chris’s WhatsApp number is +44 798 390 2315. Do please drop him a WhatsApp message so he has your number and can finalise your meeting arrangements and add you to the Trans Africa group’s Whatsapp group. Remember to tell him who you are! 😊

Our UK 24 hour emergency number if you can’t reach him is +44 203 633 3041.

**Benin e-visas**

We may ask you to apply for this before you start the trip. If so, we will email you specific instructions on how to apply and fill out the online forms. If not, then Chris will walk everyone through it in Accra.

**Luggage**

Please remember that although the truck is roomy with lots of storage areas, there is a limit to space for your personal luggage and we will be full with stocks to take us through West Africa as well as all the kitchen equipment, spare parts & tools etc.  So, 80 litre (100ltr max) backpacks and holdalls are the best form of carrying your luggage which will be stored in lockers on the outside of the truck, along with a small day pack (40ltr max) that you can store on the overhead rack inside the truck. Backpacks and holdalls that have a rigid frame as well as suitcases are impractical on the truck and should not be brought. If you bring excess luggage above the recommended amount then you will need to post it home from Accra.

**Personal spending money**

As a UK company, much of our spending money suggestions are quoted in Pounds sterling however, we do suggest that you bring mainly US Dollars and Euros as outside The Gambia and Southern to Eastern Africa, the Pound generally attracts a less than favourable rate or is not possible to exchange at all.

It is advisable to anticipate needing more spending money and we always advise to have a contingency fund. Also, remember that our personal spending money suggestions do not include paying for Optional Excursions or visas, therefore these should be accounted for separately.

**Document copies**

Please don’t forget to bring with you on the expedition, the document copies listed in our previous update (pre-trip-ta-jan-24-a4 documents-money-insurance-travel-advice). This will save you a lot of hassle finding printing and copying facilities en route!

This should be the final update from us, so the last thing to say is have an incredible trip across Africa!

We look forward to seeing your photos and hearing stories from the trip.

Best wishes, Oasis Overland