



PRESENTS

ODWIRA UNLIMITED 2019

Unlimited possibilities to think, feel, touch and see the hues
of rich traditions, heritage and endless entertainment.



INTRODUCING ODWIRA UNLIMITED 2019

From the depths of time comes another celebration of the Odwira Festival. Handed down by the Ancestors of the Oman, with each passing year, Odwira unveils and sheds new light on the colourful, vibrant and diverse cultural history of the Okuapemman, hitherto shrouded in myth and legend. For many generations, the Odwira Festival has created a common bond, bringing together people from all walks of life to celebrate themes of victory, gratitude and harvest, in unity.

In 2019, the Odwira Festival once again welcomes Okuapemman, the people of Ghana, Africans from across the Diaspora as well as friends the world over, to an experience of its deep cultural traditions and enduring heritage.

Dubbed Odwira Unlimited, this year's Festival is set to combine the bright cultural drumbeat at the heart of the Odwira, with fun, modern attractions that will drive you to live your roots.

Your experience of a uniquely blended and unforgettable celebration begins now!

Welcome to
#OdwiraUnlimited2019



OUR STORY, OUR HERITAGE

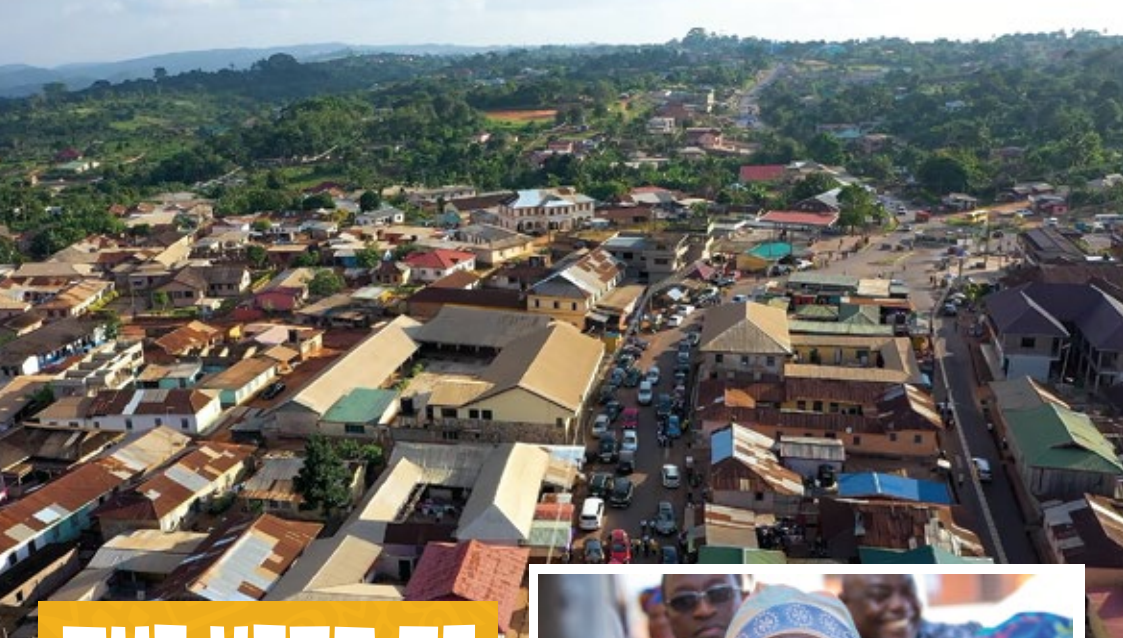
The Festival was initiated by the 19th Okuapehene of Akropong, Nana Addo Dankwa I who ruled from 1811 to 1835. First celebrated in October 1826, it has continued to be celebrated every year in respect and appreciation to the Ancestors. Its significance is linked to the victory of the people of Okuapemman over the then-powerful Ashanti army during the historic battle of Katamansu near Dodowa in 1826.

Odwira is a time of spiritual cleansing, when the peoples Okuapeman, and all who celebrate, present themselves anew and pray for protection. Traditionally, the timing of the festival also coincides with the harvest season when there is abundant food; during which time the people give thanks to the Ancestors. Being a Yam Festival, gratitude for the harvest is especially expressed in the “feeding the ancestors”.

During the Festival, bowls of mashed yam (some mixed with palm oil and others left white) which have been specially prepared by the Okuapehene and other stool occupants are carried in procession from the Ahemfi to feed the ancestors at Nsorem. A little-known fact is, the Odwira Festival is also celebrated by the Ga peoples of Jamestown in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana as a result of their long association with the Akans through intermarriages.

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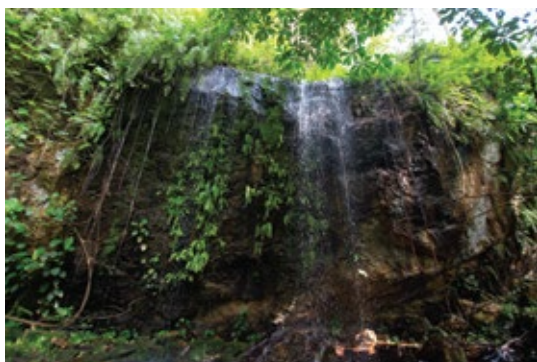
THE YEAR OF RETURN

COMING HOME TO OKUAPEMMAN!

This year's celebration of the Odwira Festival coincides with the "Year of Return, Ghana 2019" celebrations, which mark 400 years since the first enslaved Africans arrived in Jamestown Virginia.

The Year of Return is therefore the perfect time to experience Odwira Festival in all its unique cultural splendor; to come home for an unlimited cultural experience with the people of Okuapemman.

As such, we welcome home our brothers and sisters, once thought to be lost to the tide and beyond recall, yet now returned to us. Indeed, our rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Ancestors is increased by your home-coming to Okuapemman.



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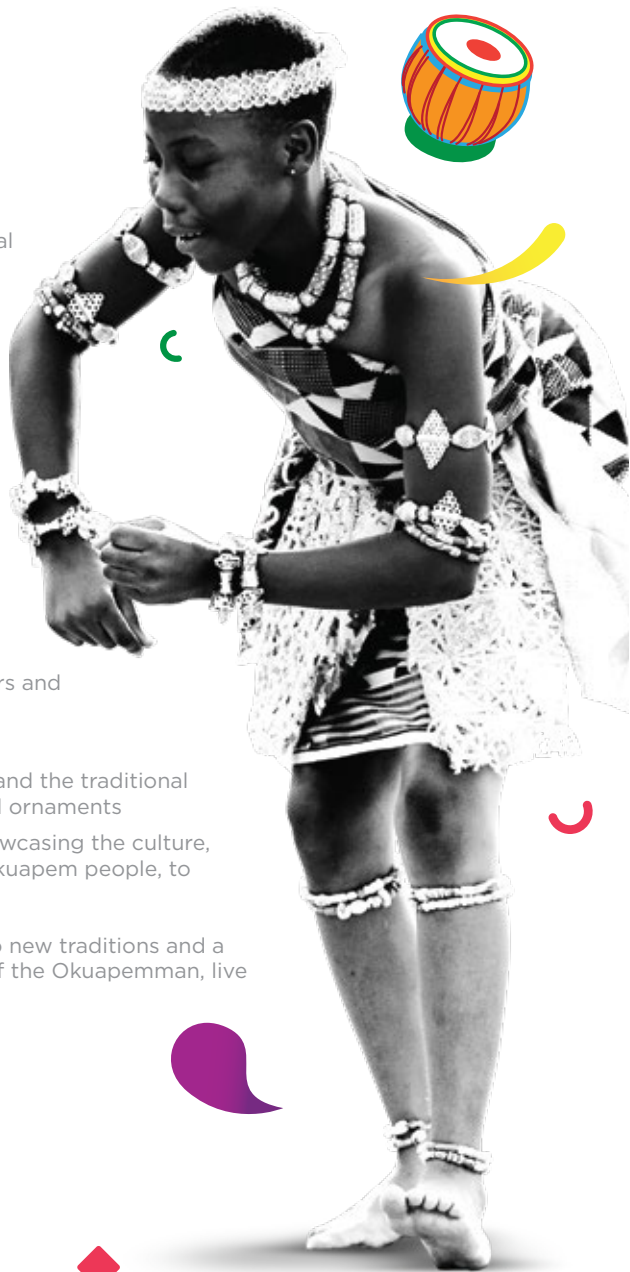



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EXPERIENCE, MAXIMUM FUN

The Akuapem region is well known for its high mountains, towering hills, lush valleys, many thundering waterfalls descending into refreshing pools as well as its cool weather. Explore these attractions and more this Odwira season where by combining sports, entertainment and the experience of local arts and culture, the Festival promises to have something for everyone.





Here's what else to can expect from
#OdwiraUnlimited2019:

- The opportunity to visit renowned local attractions like the Aburi Gardens, Boti Falls, Bosomase Falls, Amenepa Falls and the Akrofi Christila Theological Centre
- Historical sites of significance like the Abontsi slave market, Okomfo Anokye's home, the Akonedi Shrine, the Tetteh Quarshie Cocoa farm, as well as the Chief's Palace will be open to visitors
- Participate in hiking, expeditions, mountain climbing, marathon, outdoor games and workshops
- Experience local entertainment and modern twists to traditional art through Drumming and Dancing, Cultural Durbars and displays of Traditional Ghanaian Music
- A delectable variety of local dishes
- Shopping for local couture like Kente and the traditional smocks as well as sculptures, beads and ornaments
- A Museum display and exhibitions showcasing the culture, history, fashion, arts and crafts of the Akuapem people, to inspire and enrich your experience

For a change of scenery, introduction to new traditions and a warm welcome to the ancestral home of the Okuapemman, live your roots at #OdwiraUnlimited2019

AN ODWIRA ADVENTURE

As part this year's activities there will be exciting physical activities that allow patrons to explore and experience the hidden secrets of the Okuapemman landscape and ecosystem.

Challenge yourself, overcome your fears by participating in activities such as the Marathon, Hiking and an Expedition, you will be proud you did it.

Participate now!

Send an email to sports@odwiraFestival.com to register.

These, among other adventures, await all who visit #OdwiraUnlimited2019







CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY



Supporting each other in a community makes it grow stronger. In light of this, the Akuapem Education Trust has been launched to support smart but underprivileged students complete their higher education in quest to building capacity for the peoples of Akuapem Ridge, towards increased development and wellbeing.

The proceeds from Festival donations will go to the Trust and the organising Foundation to support the Akuapem community development projects and maintain educational facilities and infrastructure on the Akuapem Ridge.

Make a donation by contacting AET:

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THE ODWIRA LINEUP

Date	Activity
Pre-Odwira 7th August - 17th September	Adaebutuw (ban on noise making and funerals in Akropong)
19th August – 6th September	Inter – schools game competition Educational Workshops
Day 1 Saturday - 14th September 2019	Marathon
Day 2 Sunday - 15th September 2019	Exhibition launch
Day 3 Monday - 16th September 2019	Path clearing by the traditional leaders Exhibition Attraction Tour
Day 4 Tuesday - 17th September 2019	Outdooring of New Yam (early morning) Bringing in the Odwira to the Palace Lifting ban on drumming Exhibition Attraction Tour
Day 5 Wednesday - 18th September 2019	Remembering the Departed Exhibition Attraction Tour Night Curfew (22:30 - 04:00 next morning)
Thursday - 19th September 2019 Day 6	Ritual of Purification Introduction of new Chiefs Feeding the Ancestors Feast at every house Exhibition Attraction Tour Night Curfew (22:30 - 04:00 next morning)

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<p>Day 7</p> <p>Friday - 20th September 2019</p>	<p>Feeding of Ancestors at Nsoreem by Asonahene</p> <p>Grand durbar of chiefs</p> <p>Exhibition</p> <p>Attraction Tour</p> <p>Marketplace</p> <p>Food & Drinks court</p> <p>Kids fun fair</p> <p>'Odwira Unlimited' concert</p> <p>Dance performances (Cultural and Contemporary)</p> <p>Outdoor games</p> <p>Regional game competition</p> <p>State dinner (Fundraising gala & Fashion show)</p>
<p>Day 8</p> <p>Saturday - 21st September 2019</p>	<p>Flash mob</p> <p>Exhibition</p> <p>Attraction Tour</p> <p>Marketplace</p> <p>Food & Drinks court</p> <p>Kids fun fair</p> <p>'Live your roots' concert</p> <p>By the fire side - story telling</p> <p>Street Jam & Gymnastic displays</p> <p>Theatre & play</p> <p>Outdoor games</p>
<p>Day 9</p> <p>Sunday - 22nd September 2019</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Service</p> <p>Exhibition</p> <p>Attraction Tour</p> <p>Marketplace</p> <p>Food & Drinks court</p> <p>Afternoon street jam</p> <p>Boxing</p> <p>Kids fun fair</p> <p>Cultural dance performances</p> <p>Raffle draw</p> <p>End of festival</p>

27th September - Fida Foffie
Blessings from sub-chiefs to Queen mother
and royal family.



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FOR VOLUNTEERING

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**Registration for the Odwira Marathon, Hiking
and Expedition is now open. Send an email to**

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to find out more.



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14 - 22 SEPTEMBER, 2019





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