



ODWIRA 2021

ONENESS

THROUGH OUR HERITAGE

JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS
11TH-17TH OCTOBER, 2021

A GREAT CONNECTION WITH A PEOPLE, CULTURE AND TRADITION
LEADING TO AN EXPERIENCE OF ONENESS WITH OUR HERITAGE

    Akuapem Odwira Festival



WELCOME TO
ODWIRA
2021

A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a white and black vertically striped traditional garment, is shown from the waist up. He is looking towards the right with a slight smile and his hands are gesturing as if he is speaking or performing. The background is a vibrant, abstract splash of colors including blue, green, yellow, and purple.

INTRODUCTION

A successful period calls for a celebration. A celebration to show appreciation for the protection we've enjoyed throughout the years and spiritual purification for the years ahead.

A heritage passed down since the victory against the Asantes in 1835. The people of Akropong-Akuapem, Aburi, Larteh and Mamfe come together to embrace and celebrate their heritage bringing from far and near people from all walks of life to join them during this august occasion.

The festival, once again opened its doors to people of the land and well-wishers from Ghana as well as Africans across the diaspora and the global community at large to immerse themselves in the way of life of people in the FanteAkwa district of the Eastern Region of Ghana.

This year, oneness through our heritage takes us on a journey to experience all the deep culture, traditions and customs that have come to forge a rich heritage and shows how all these elements share a ONE unique aim in the community.

Your journey to be amazed at a celebration that connects you to an amazing culture starts here.

This is Odwira Festival 2021. Oneness Through Our heritage.

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. It's significance is linked to the victory of the people of Okuapeman 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 people of 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 '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 and 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 people 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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TRADITIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - 11th October, 2021

Path Clearing by the traditional Leaders

| TIME | ACTIVITY | VENUE |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 10:00 - 15:00 | JHS Coding Classes | AET Office or Okoman Radio |

TUESDAY - 12th October, 2021

Outdooring of New Yam

Bringing Odwira to the palace

Lifting ban on drumming

| TIME | ACTIVITY | VENUE |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 10:00 - 15:00 | JHS Coding Classes | AET Office or Okoman Radio |

WEDNESDAY - 13th October, 2021

Remembering the departed

Night Curfew (between 22:30 - 04:00)

| TIME | ACTIVITY | VENUE |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 8:00 - 15:00 | Breast Cancer Screening | Palace Forecourt |

THURSDAY - 14th October, 2021

Ritual of Purification

Introduction of New Chiefs

Feeding the ancestors feast at every house

| TIME | ACTIVITY | VENUE |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6:00 - 09:00 | Health Walk | Palace Forecourt to Mamfe Roundabout |
| 8:00 - 15:00 | General Health Screening | Palace Forecourt |
| 9:00 - 18:00 | Inter School Arts Exhibition | Palace |
| 9:00 - 11:30 | Soccer Tournament (Day 1) | PCE Field |
| 2:30 - 17:00 | Soccer Tournament | PCE Field |
| 18:00 - 21:00 | Jazz Night | Flip Bar |

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FRIDAY - 15th October, 2021

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| 8:00 - 10:00 | Greening the ridge | Grace Presby Church |
| 8:00 - 15:00 | Eye Screening | Palace Forecourt |
| 8:00 - 17:00 | Beach Soccer | Asenema Waterfalls |
| 9:00 - 11:30 | Oseadeeyo Soccer Tournament | PCE Field |
| 11:00 - 14:00 | Inter School Quiz Competition | Palace Forecourt |
| 14:00 - 18:00 | Mr & Miss Okuapeman | Flip Bar |
| 14:30 - 17:00 | Oseadeeyo Soccer Tournament (Awards) | PCE Field |
| 20:00 - 00:00 | Flip Bar Live Band | Flip Bar |
| 20:00 - 00:00 | Live Band with Bubble Entertainment | Palace Forecourt |

SATURDAY - 16th October, 2021

| TIME | ACTIVITY | VENUE |
|---------------|---|----------------------|
| 9:00 - 11:00 | 3 Aside Basketball Competition | PUC Basketball court |
| 12:00 - 13:30 | Weight Lifting | Palace Forecourt |
| 15:00 - 18:00 | Frontomfrom Dance | Palace Forecourt |
| 20:00 - 23:00 | Artsite night with Bubble entertainment | Palace Forecourt |
| 11:00 - 18:00 | Flip YFM Beats and Bars | Flip Bar |
| 20:00 - 00:00 | Flip Bar Live Band | Flip Bar |

SUNDAY - 17th October, 2021

| TIME | ACTIVITY | VENUE |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 - 10:00 | Thanksgiving Service | Christ Church |
| 8:00 - 17:00 | Beach Soccer | Asenema Waterfalls |
| 8:00 - 20:00 | Flipbar Omotuo Special | Flipbar |
| 10:00 - 22:00 | Okoman Sunday Funday | Okoman Radio |
| 14:00 - 22:00 | Flipbar Pool party | Flipbar |
| 18:00 - 22:00 | Nkabom street jam | Palace Forecourt |
| 20:00 - 23:00 | Boxing | Palace Forecourt |

THRILL OF A LIFETIME

There's no better way to connect with one's heritage than to participate in the various activities lined up to prepare you physically, mentally and spiritually to uphold the values of the people of Okuapeman.

Take the initiative as you explore and experience the people, landscape and culture. Go on a journey beyond your wildest adventure. Join us today.

A host of adventures are waiting to be unraveled at the

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