



Food and Drink

Homemade meals can be made to satisfy a variety of tastes. Adanwomase also has several chop bars serving local food and cold beverages. Snacks are readily available in the town.

Accommodation

Visitors are welcome to stay in the homes of selected Adanwomase community members. Several hotels and guesthouses are available in Kumasi.

Visitor's Comments

" My family had a great time. Thank you very much for the low-pressure afternoon full of the history and hospitality of the Ghanaian people."

" Great tour, I loved walking through the whole Kente making process and having a chance to try each step. It gives visitors a great appreciation for how complicated the process is, and the results are beautiful."

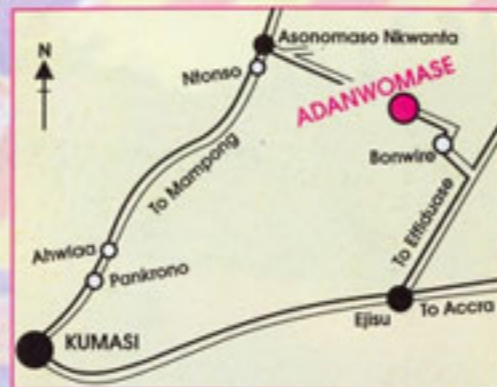
" The tour was great. It was very much appreciated that no one asked for money or our address."

" Thank you for sharing your beautiful village with us. We loved our overnight stay here."

" The entire village has been so warm and welcoming. Thank you."

"Your explanation and translation was superb. Thanks."

HOW TO GET THERE



Public Transportation From Kumasi: Board an Adanwomase tro-tro at the G line of Kumasi's Kejetia Station. The last stop is directly in front of the Adanwomase Visitor Centre.

Public Transportation From Accra: Stop at Ejisu and hire a taxi to take you directly to Adanwomase.

Private Transportation From Kumasi: Drive 19 km north on the Mampong Road. Turn right at Asonomaso Nkwanta and travel 5.5 km (*stay right*) to Adanwomase.

Private Transportation From Accra: Turn right at Ejisu, and drive 6 km to Bomfa Junction. Turn left and drive 3 km. Turn right at Bonwire, then take the first left. Follow signboards to Adanwomase .

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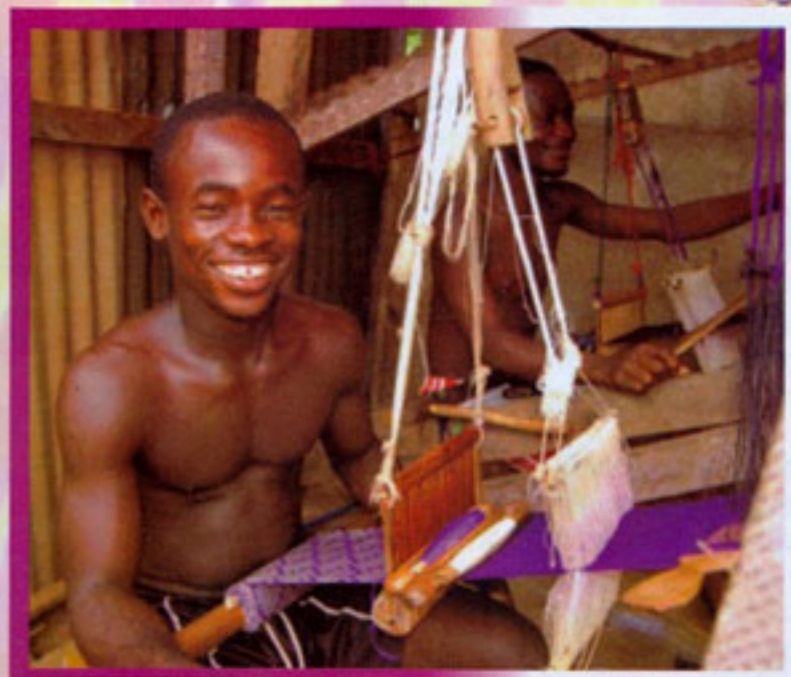
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and Friendly Cultural Tourism

Ashanti Region, Ghana

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Strip-weaving has existed in West Africa since the 11th century. In the 17th century the Asantehene, the king of the Ashanti people, sent men from four towns including Adanwomase to Bontuku in present-day Ivory Coast to study the art form. When they returned, the apprentices added their own designs to create the cloth that today is known worldwide as Ashanti Kente. Since that time Adanwomase has consistently been the royal weaving village for the Asantehene and the Ashanti kingdom. Adanwomase is the first royal Kente-weaving enclave in the Ashanti Region.

Kente production is complex, and the product is a beautiful cloth widely considered to be a powerful cultural symbol and source of pride, both for Ghanaians and the African Diaspora. The cloth is worn and used by royals, in worship, and for birth, marriage, and death ceremonies. Kente continues to chronicle local history and knowledge. Designs have specific names and meanings that reflect cultural values and historical events.

To this day, Adanwomase carries on the centuries-old Kente-weaving tradition. The Adanwomase Tourism Management Team is a community-based volunteer organization responsible for promoting friendly, hassle-free tourism in Adanwomase. All profits earned through tourism benefit the entire community.



Traditional houses



Handmade Kente Cloth and tools



Cultural relics

WHAT YOU WILL SEE

WHAT YOU CAN DO

PURCHASE KENTE STRIPS, CLOTHS, AND PRODUCTS

All Kente products for sale are hand-woven in Adanwomase using traditional tools and methods.

KENTE TOUR

A trained tour guide will teach you the history, meanings, and production steps of Ashanti Kente Cloth, offering you a chance to try your hand at thread spinning, warping, and weaving.

TOWN TOUR

Learn Adanwomase's history and culture by visiting the chief's palace, the traditional healer's shrine, Adanwomase's first house, cocoa farms, a forest shrine, and much more.



CULINARY TOUR

Visit farms, see how palm wine is tapped, and learn how to prepare (and eat) traditional dishes with an expert cook.

KENTE CLOTH WORKSHOP

Learn how to weave Kente Cloth from master weavers for one to two hours.

CULTURAL DRUMMING, DANCING, AND STORYTELLING

Witness a drumming and dancing troop from Adanwomase. Also, an elder will entertain you with cultural storytelling in English.

LIVE WITH A FAMILY

Learn about everyday life in a traditional Kente Cloth-weaving town. Sleep in a traditional household and perform daily activities with your host family.

