

Learning to fly with



West Africa's Premiere Light Aviation Centre at Kpong Airfield, Ghana

Based in the Eastern Region of Ghana, a little over an hour from the capital, WAASPS offers training in Ultralight aircraft that are built and maintained in Ghana by its own professionally-trained team. Representing, in West Africa, the manufacturers of well-known aircraft such as the X-Air range, the Zenith range of CH601, 650, 701, 750 and 801 aircraft, as well as the world-leading manufacturer of aircraft engines – Rotax - WAASPS works to international standards in the field of light aviation.

To join us at Kpong Airfield (pronounced 'Pong'), you will take a 15-min drive by motorway from the capital city of Accra to Tema; approximately a further 45-min drive and you will see signs to the Airfield on your right. There you will be welcomed by the WAASPS Team into a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Team members are trained to receive you and your family and friends, accommodating your needs and advising you as you embark on your journey to learn to fly in this stunning and interesting location.

The first step on your journey will be to book your 15-minute Trial Flight. This you can do by calling our Booking and Enquiries Line on +233 (0)28 5075254, or by e-mailing ep@waasps.com if you are outside Ghana and unable to access an international line.

If you are a novice in (light or Ultralight) aviation, this Trial Flight will enable you to experience light aircraft first-hand. If you are already a Private Pilot Licence holder, you will experience the environment of both Ultralight aircraft used in our training programme, and the physical and climatic environment specific to our beautiful area.

Following his/her Trial Flight, the novice (or 'ab-initio') student pilot will make his/her decision to register with WAASPS to learn to fly, completing the Student Pilot Application Form and providing the information requested therein, paying also the required Registration Fee. For such a beginner, a budget of approximately between €5,000 and €6,000 would cover most of the estimated expenses of the course, assuming average competency and training hours required.

The time taken to reach the required level of competence will depend entirely on the individual student, and this estimate in no way indicates the likely number of hours required by any individual student, serving only as information in one example of training required.

The qualification for which Ab-Initio student pilots are training is the Private Ultralight Pilot (PUP) Licence. The requirements are as follows:

➤ For the Ab-Initio trainee

- 30 hours' minimum flight training, to include a minimum of 10 hours' solo flight
- Possession prior to first Solo flight of an Aviation Medical Certificate (Class 2), issued by a recognised Aviation Medical Doctor

- Successful result in sitting the PUP Theory Examination prior to first Solo flight
 - Achievement of required Performance Criteria included in the approved training programme, culminating in the General Flight Test (GFT)
- For the PPL holder converting to a Ghana PUP
- 5 hours' minimum flight training (budget €2,000)
 - Possession prior to first Solo flight of an Aviation Medical Certificate (Class 2), issued by a recognised Aviation Medical Doctor
 - Successful result in sitting the PUP Theory Examination prior to first Solo flight
 - Achievement of required Performance Criteria included in the approved training programme

The programme followed by trainee pilots is available on a part-time basis, with training currently taking place 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 9am to 5pm. Bookings for training sessions are made in advance via the Booking and Enquiries Line, as above. Duration of session is dictated by the needs of individual students at the different stages in his/her training. For the trainee who would like to book several lessons in any 2- or 3-day period, there is the option of booking into one of the delightful small hotels located as little as 1km from Kpong Airfield.

Going a little further north – around 15/20 mins drive away - you reach Atimpoku Bridge that spans the Volta River and is located between Kpong Dam and the famous Akosombo Dam. Without crossing the bridge (spectacular to see from both the ground and the air), you will find hotels on the lakeside that range from properties of international standard with pools, to informal lakeside pontoons offering food, cool drinks and a warm welcome... This 'roadside range' of varied facilities (inc camping run by a charming German/Ghanaian couple) continues for another 10 to 15 km until you climb by road to reach the Volta Hotel, whose restaurant with balcony (prices still very, very reasonable) has a breathtaking view of the Akosombo Dam from tree/hilltop height!

So, look forward to seeing you here

***Call us to book on our Booking and Enquiries Line
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