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About the Author

Philip Briggs is a travel writer and tour guide who specializes in East and Southern Africa. He was born in Britain and raised in South Africa; he has written many travel guides and other books on the African continent. He also has written for many naturalist magazines.

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Situated on the thin strip of land that separates the shallow Benya Lagoon from the Atlantic, Elmina is a fascinating and strikingly attractive small town, at least the equal of nearby Cape Coast in terms of historical sightseeing, though often overlooked by tourists in favor of its larger neighbor. The town started life as a fishing and salt-producing village roughly 700 years ago and, despite having served as first the Portuguese and later the Dutch headquarters in West Africa, an overgrown fishing village is basically what Elmina remains today, the rich harvest of the surrounding ocean supplemented by the production of salt from the brackish lagoon. Back in its economic heyday, however, Elmina lay at the heart of the West African gold trade.

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