

Akwaaba from Ghana

The South African team, Specialised Exhibitions, were excited to travel to Ghana to meet up with the UK team, Afroset Montgomery. Never in our wildest dreams did we expect the world to turn into chaos within less than a week.

On Sunday 7 March we departed from SA to Ghana. The flight was very interesting ... no cutlery was given with your meal 😊 You had to wing it! The first two days were great in Accra, we had meetings, looked at the venue, had a drink at the Labadi Beach Hotel and had a great team dinner in the heart of Accra.

The next three days were much tougher. The SA team organised a road trip to visit the Mines. We needed to travel to the Mines so we could gauge how our visitors would travel to the show. We spent about 6 hours each day driving in the car from one Mine to the next. We all went through phases of feeling car sick or needing some pain killers. By this stage COVID-19 was a major concern worldwide and we were being declined by the Mines.

Mines we reached:

Ahafo Gold Mine	Surface	Northwest of Accra
Akyem	Underground	Northwest of Accra
Bogoso/Prestea Gold Mine(Buesichem South and east)	Surface	West of Accra
Tarkwa	Surface	South- Central Ghana
Wassa Mine (Hwini-Butre and Benson)	Underground	West of Accra

It was a fantastic experience to learn about the Ghana culture and drive through the rural areas. The Ghanaians are incredible people and we felt very welcomed by them. Both the SA and UK team managed to travel home just in time before many Countries closed their borders, due to COVID-19.

It is a trip to remember!

