Benin

US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate
[229] 21-30-06-50; US Embassy in City, Marina Avenue, 01 BP 2012, Cotonou, Benin

Vaccinations
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations

http://www.who.int

Climate
Tropical; hot, humid in south; semiarid in north

Currency (Code)
Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E

Major Languages
French, Fon, Yoruba

Religions
Muslim 27.7%, Roman Catholic 25.5%, Protestant 13.5%, Vodoun 11.6%, other Christian 9.5%, other traditional religions 2.6%, other 2.6%, none 5.8

Time Difference
UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water
Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit
Suggested

Road Driving Side
Right

Cultural Practices
Many people in Benin eat using the fingers of the right hand; eating or
offering food to others with the left hand is considered rude.

**Telephone Code**
229

**Local Emergency Phone Numbers**
Local numbers only

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
- **To obtain an international driving permit (IDP)**. Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:
  - American Automobile Association (AAA) ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)) and
  - American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) ([www.aataidp.com](http://www.aataidp.com))

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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