### 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](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](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
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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


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

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

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