### Republic of the Congo

**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.

**Vaccinations**

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers. See WHO recommendations.

**Climate**

Tropical; rainy season (March to June); dry season (June to October); persistent high temperatures and humidity; particularly enervating climate astride the Equator.

**Currency (Code)**

Cooperation Financiere en Afrique Central francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E

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<th>Major Languages</th>
<th>French, Lingala, Monokutuba, many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo is the most widespread)</th>
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<td>Religions</td>
<td>Roman Catholic 33.1%, Awakening Churches/Christian Revival 22.3%, Protestant 19.9%, Salutiste 2.2%, Muslim 1.6%, Kimbanguist 1.5%, other 8.1%, none 11.3%</td>
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Beginning conversations by inquiring about health and family indicates respect, and precedes many conversations.

**Cultural Practices**

Telephone Code 243

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)** 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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