### Central African Republic

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**

The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to NOT TRAVEL to this country due to crime, civil unrest, and kidnapping. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

[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 that will be required. A visa is not required, but airline may require visa.

**US Embassy/Consulate**

[236] 21 61 0200; US Embassy in Bangui, Avenue David Dacko, P.O. Box 924, Bangui, Central African Republic

**Vaccinations**

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

[http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

**Climate**

Tropical; hot, dry winters; mild to hot, wet summers

**Currency (Code)**

Coopération Financière en Afrique Centrale francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)

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

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

![Type C and Type E plugs](image)

**Major Languages**

French, Sangho, tribal languages

**Religions**

Christian 89.5%, Muslim 8.5%, folk 1%, unaffiliated 1%

**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**

Locals eat using their hands, so travelers are advised to eat with their hands out of respect. It is important to eat with the right hand, because the left is often considered unclean.

**Telephone Code**

236

**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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