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

Major Languages
French, Sangho

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))](http://www.aataidp.com)

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

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