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Sierra Leone

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 each entry stamp/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
+(232) (99)105-000; EMER: +(232)(99) 905-029; US Embassy Freetown, Southridge, Hill Station, Freetown, Sierra Leone

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

http://www.who.int

Climate
Tropical; hot, humid; summer rainy season (May to December); winter dry season (December to April)

Currency (Code)
Leones (SLL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): D, G

Major Languages
English (regular use limited to literate minority), Mende (principal vernacular in the south), Temne (principal vernacular in the north), Krio (English-based Creole, spoken by the descendants of freed Jamaican slaves who were settled in the Freetown area, a lingua franca and a first language for 10% of the population but understood by 95%)

Religions
Muslim 78.6%, Christian 20.8%, other 0.3%, unspecified 0.2%

Time Difference
UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water
Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit
Suggested

Road Driving Side
Right

Cultural Practices
Hissing is the accepted way of gaining someone’s attention in public.
Telephone Code 232
Local Emergency Phone Numbers
Ambulance: 999; Fire: 019; Police: 999

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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