# Cameroon

## US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Cameroon due to COVID-19 and crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in 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

[237] 22220 1500; US Embassy in Yaoundé, Avenue Rosa Parks, Yaoundé, Cameroon

## Telephone Code

237

## Local Emergency Phone

Local numbers only

## 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

Varies with terrain, from tropical along coast to semiarid and hot in north

## Currency (Code)

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

## Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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

![Type C Plug](image1.png)  ![Type E Plug](image2.png)

## Major Languages

24 major African language groups, English, French

## Religions

Roman Catholic 38.3%, Protestant 25.5%, other Christian 6.9%, Muslim 24.4%, animist 2.2%, other 0.5%, none 2.2%

## Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

## Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

## International Driving Permit

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<td><strong>Tourist destinations</strong></td>
<td>Yaounde; Limbe; Douala; Waza National Park; Bamenda; Foumban Palace; Lake Nyos</td>
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<td><strong>Major sporting events</strong></td>
<td>Soccer, tennis, boxing, basketball, cycling</td>
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<td><strong>Cultural Practices</strong></td>
<td>Government officials are regularly referred to as &quot;excellency&quot; instead of by surname.</td>
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<td><strong>Tipping Guidelines</strong></td>
<td>Tipping $2-5 (USD) per service rendered is considered acceptable for porters and waiters; $8-15 (USD) per person per day is considered normal for guides and safari drivers.</td>
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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](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))
- **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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