# Cote d'Ivoire

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**  
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER travel to Cote d'Ivoire due to crime. Exercise caution due to civil unrest and terrorism. 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**  
[225] 22 49 40 00; US Embassy in Abidjan, B.P. 730 Abidjan Cidex 03, Côte d’Ivoire; https://ci.usembassy.gov/; AbjAmCit@state.gov

**Telephone Code**  
225

**Local Emergency Phone**  
Ambulance: 185; Fire: 180; Police: 111

**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 along coast, semiarid in far north; 3 seasons - warm and dry (November to March), hot and dry (March to May), hot and wet (June to October)

**Currency (Code)**  
Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**  
220 V / 50Hz / plug type(s): C, E

**Major Languages**  
French, 60 native dialects of which Dioula is the most widely spoken

**Religions**  
Muslim 42.9%, Catholic 17.2%, Evangelical 11.8%, Methodist 1.7%, other Christian 3.2%, animist 3.6%; none 19.1%

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

**Potable Water**  
Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit

Road Driving Side

Suggested Right

Tourist destinations

Grand-Bassam; Abidjan (includes St. Paul’s Cathedral, Plateau Salam Mosque); Mont Sangbe National Park; Taï National Park; Jacqueville

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby

Cultural Practices

It is common to start and end social engagements by shaking the hand of all parties in attendance.

Tipping Guidelines

It is usually acceptable to tip at a flat rate of 500-2,000 francs at restaurants. 1,500 francs is normal for tipping hotel staff, and taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.

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


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)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers: from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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