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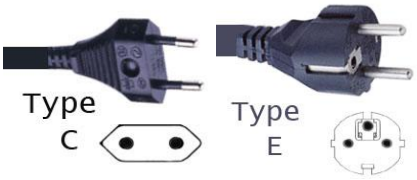
Republic of the Congo

US State Dept Travel Advisory	**The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to the Republic of the Congo due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution due to crime and civil unrest. 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
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	[242] 06 612-2000 (dial "0" to reach the switchboard operator); US Embassy in Brazzaville, 70-83 Section D, MAYA-MAYA Boulevard, Brazzaville, Congo
Telephone Code	242
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
Climate	Tropical; rainy season (March to June); dry season (June to October); persistent high temperatures and humidity; particularly enervating climate astride the Equator
Currency (Code)	Cooperation Financiere en Afrique Central francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E



Major Languages	French, French Lingala, Monokutuba, many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo is the most widespread)
Religions	Roman Catholic 33.1%, Awakening Churches/Christian Revival 22.3%, Protestant 19.9%, Salutiste 2.2%, Muslim 1.6%, Kimbanguist 1.5%, other 8.1%, none 11.3%
Time Difference	UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

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Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Brazzaville (includes St. Anne Basilica, National Museum of Congo); Lesio-Louna-Lefini Gorilla Reserve; Gorges of Diosso
Major Sports	Soccer, rugby, basketball
Cultural Practices	Beginning conversations by inquiring about health and family indicates respect, and precedes many conversations.
Tipping Guidelines	Tip 10% in restaurants. Guides and resort staff usually expect tips, but taxi drivers do not need 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

US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html

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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