

Guinea-Bissau

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to this country due to COVID-19. Reconsider travel to Guinea-Bissau due to crime and civil unrest. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. 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 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

US Embassy suspended operations on 14 June 1998; the US Ambassador to Senegal is accredited to Guinea-Bissau; +(221) 33-879-4000; EMER: +(221) 33-879-4444; US Embassy Dakar, Route des Almadies – BP 49, Dakar, Senegal

Vaccinations

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

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; generally hot and humid; monsoonal-type rainy season (June to November) with southwesterly winds; dry season (December to May) with northeasterly harmattan winds

Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (XOF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Major Languages

Crioulo (lingua franca), Portuguese; largely used as a second or third language), Pular (a Fula language), Mandingo

Religions

Muslim 45.1%, Christian 22.1%, animist 14.9%, none 2%, unspecified 15.9%

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

Tourist destinations	Orango Island; Bubaque Island; Cathedral de Nossa da Candelaria
Cultural Practices	It is customary to give or receive gifts and business cards with the right hand.
Tipping Guidelines	Tip 10-15% of the bill at upscale restaurants. Round up the fare for taxi drivers. Guides and tour drivers expect around 10% or more if trips are multiday. Tip hotel cleaning staff at your discretion.
Telephone Code	245
Local Emergency Phone	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)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](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 \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

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

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