Burundi

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Burundi due to crime, health, and political violence.

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







Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

[257] 22-207-000; US Embassy in Bujumbura, B.P. 1720, Avenue Des Etats-Unis, Bujumbura, Burundi; https://bi.usembassy.gov/; BujumburaC@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

257

Local Emergency Phone

Police 117, Ambulance 112

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Burundi: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

http://www.who.int/

Climate

Equatorial in nature, and is marked by high mean annual temperatures, small temperature ranges, and rainfall throughout the year.

Currency (Code)

Burundian francs (BIF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types: C, E





Type C

Major Languages

Kirundi, French, Swahili, English

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist Destinations

Bujumbura; Kigwena Natural Reserve; Gitega; Gishora; Mount Heha; Saga Beach; Chutes De La Kerera

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Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, track and field

Cultural Practices

Dress is taken seriously, and therefore jeans, t-shirts, and running shoes are considered very casual and are only acceptable for outdoor activities and on weekends.

Tipping Guidelines

A 10% tip at restaurants is customary. Porters should be tipped a few francs. Tipping taxi drivers is not expected, but if the ride was pleasant you should round up. Tipping bartenders is not common.

Souvenirs

Wicker baskets, pottery, jewelry, leather goods, other native handicrafts

Traditional Cuisine

Boko Boko — a porridge made from shredded meat, bulghur or cracked wheat, and spices; sometimes flavored with sugar, honey, milk, or lemon juice



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