

# Congo, Republic of the

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in the Republic of the Congo due to crime.

<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 U.S. 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

[242] 06 612-2000 (dial 0 to reach the switchboard operator); US Embassy in Brazzaville, 70-83 Section D, MAYA-MAYA Boulevard, Brazzaville, Congo; BrazzavilleACS@state.gov; <https://cg.usembassy.gov/>

### Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

### Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

### Telephone Code

242

### Local Emergency Phone

117 Police 118 Fire

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for the Republic of the Congo: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, 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

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 types(s): C, E



Type C



Type E

### Major Languages

French, French Lingala, Monokutuba, many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo is the most widespread)

### Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Awakening Churches/Christian Revival, Protestant

### Time Difference

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

### Potable Water

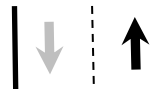
Opt for bottled water

### 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.

### Souvenirs

Handmade beaded bracelets and precious metal jewelry, handwoven cloth, ebony tribal wood carvings, pottery and ceramic sculptures, woven baskets

### Traditional Cuisine

Poulet à la moambe — a savory chicken dish made by combining chicken, spices, and palm butter to create a stew-like consistency

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