

# Burkina Faso

## Travel Facts

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Burkina Faso due to terrorism, crime, and kidnapping.

<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

[226] 25-49-53-00; US Embassy in Ouagadougou, Secteur 15, Ouaga 2000, Avenue Sembène Ousmane, Rue 15.873, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; <https://bf.usembassy.gov/>; [ouagaACS@state.gov](mailto:ouagaACS@state.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

226

### Local Emergency Phone

Police 17, Ambulance 112

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Burkina Faso: 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

Tropical; warm, dry winters; hot, wet summers

### Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



Type C



Type E

### Major Languages

French, native African languages belonging to Sudanic family spoken by 90% of population

### Major Religions

Muslim, Roman Catholic, Protestant, traditional/animist

### Time Difference

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



### Potable Water

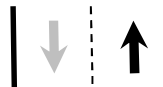
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Cour Royale; Sindou Peaks; Réserve de Nazinga; Niansogoni Village; Ouagadougou (includes Grande Mosquée, Grand Marché, Moro-Naba Palace); Dômes de Fadedougou; ruins of Loropeni

### Major Sports

Soccer, cycling, rugby, basketball

### Cultural Practices

No verbal transaction between two people takes place unless greetings have been exchanged, including the shaking of hands.

### Tipping Guidelines

A 10-15% service charge is usually included in the bill for restaurants. However, it is customary to tip taxi drivers and hotel staff.

### Souvenirs

Woven baskets and rugs, leather goods, hand-carved chess sets and wooden statues, bronze models, tribal masks and jewelry

### Traditional Cuisine

Riz gras — white rice, tomato paste, and vegetables such as eggplant, carrots, onions, chili peppers, and garlic boiled together into a thick rice stew and served with raw onions

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