

Central African Republic

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to the Central African Republic (CAR) due to Embassy Bangui's limited capacity to provide support to U.S. citizens, crime, civil unrest, 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

[236] 21 61 0200; US Embassy in Bangui, Avenue David Dacko, PO Box 924, Bangui, Central African Republic;

<https://cf.usembassy.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

236

Local Emergency Phone

police: +236 2161 3072, medical assistance: 114, firefighters: 118

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Central African Republic: 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; hot, dry winters; mild to hot, wet summers

Currency (Code)

Cooperation Financiere en Afrique Central francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

French, Sangho, tribal languages

Major Religions

Christian, Muslim, folk religion

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

Boali Falls; Manovo-Gounda Saint Floris National Park; Bangui; Boganda Museum; Dzanga-Sangha National Park; Chinko Nature Reserve; Bouar Megaliths; Andre Felix National Park

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, rugby, boxing

Cultural Practices

Shaking hands is customary in the Central African Republic. Locals eat using their hands, so travelers are advised to eat with their hands out of respect. It is important to eat with the right hand, because the left is often considered unclean.

Tipping Guidelines

Tips of about 10% are customary for wait staff at restaurants. Small tips for hotel service staff are appreciated.

Souvenirs

Ebony wood carvings, native drums, handwoven baskets/mats, gold and gemstone jewelry, butterfly artwork

Traditional Cuisine

Makara — bread made from cassava flour

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