

Gabon

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Gabon. Some areas have increased risk.

<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

[241] 01-45-71-00; US Embassy in Libreville, Sablière B.P. 4000, Libreville, Gabon; <https://ga.usembassy.gov/>;

ACSLibreville@state.gov

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page.

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

Telephone Code

241

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 1300-1399; Fire: 18; Police: 1730

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Gabon: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; always hot, humid

Currency (Code)

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

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

French, Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

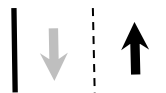
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Libreville; Loango National Park; Fernan Vaz Lagoon; Ivindo National Park (includes Kongou Falls)

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball

Cultural Practices

Personal space is not considered necessary in Gabon, where it is common for conversations to occur at very close distances.

Tipping Guidelines

Tips are not expected in hotels and restaurants, except at upscale locales frequented by foreigners. Tip drivers and guides 10%.

Souvenirs

Stone carvings, ceremonial masks, pottery, drums, precious and semi-precious gemstones; beaded or brass, copper, or silver pendant necklaces

Traditional Cuisine

Poulet Nyembwe — chicken in palm butter sauce

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