

# Guinea-Bissau

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Reconsider Travel to Guinea-Bissau due to civil unrest. Exercise increased caution due to crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<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

US Embassy suspended operations on 14 June 1998; the US Ambassador to Senegal is accredited to Guinea-Bissau; +(221) 33-879-4000; EMER: +(221) 33-879-4444; US Embassy Dakar, Route des Almadies – BP 49, Dakar, Senegal; dakarACS@state.gov;

<https://gw.usmission.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

245

### Local Emergency Phone

Police - 117; Ambulance - 119; Fire – 118

### Vaccinations

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

<http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Tropical; generally hot and humid; monsoonal-type rainy season (June to November) with southwesterly winds; dry season (December to May) with northeasterly harmattan winds

### Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (XOF)

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

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



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### Major Languages

Crioulo (lingua franca), Portuguese; largely used as a second or third language), Pular (a Fula language), Mandingo

### Major Religions

Muslim 45.1%, Christian 22.1%, animist 14.9%

### 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

Orango Island; Bubaque Island; Cathedral de Nossa da Candelaria

### Major Sports

Soccer

### Cultural Practices

It is customary to give or receive gifts and business cards with the right hand.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tip 10-15% of the bill at upscale restaurants. Round up the fare for taxi drivers. Guides and tour drivers expect around 10% or more if trips are multiday. Tip hotel cleaning staff at your discretion.

### Souvenirs

Carved tribal masks and wooden statues, beaded jewelry or precious metals items, handmade cloth, beauty products, pottery, baskets

### Traditional Cuisine

Jollof rice — rice cooked in palm oil and served with tomato paste and onions; sometimes with added fish or meat

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