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## **Guinea-Bissau**

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Guinea-Bissau due to crime and civil unrest. Exercise increased caution due to COVID-19. 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 US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

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/

Telephone Code 245

**Local Emergency** 

**Phone** 

Local numbers only

**Vaccinations** An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for all

travelers. See WHO recommendations.

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

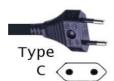
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**Currency (Code)** Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (XOF)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug** 

Type(s)

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



Major Languages Crioulo (lingua franca), Portuguese; largely used as a second or third language),

Pular (a Fula language), Mandingo

**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.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int

<u>US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens.</u> <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</u>

To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:

American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and

American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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