

# Gabon

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Gabon due to crime, civil unrest, and health. 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 US 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](mailto:ACSLibreville@state.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

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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