

Cote d'Ivoire

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution when traveling to Cote d'Ivoire due to crime, health, civil unrest, and terrorism. Some areas have increased risk. DO NOT TRAVEL to Northern and Northeastern border regions due to terrorism.

<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

[225] 22 49 40 00; US Embassy in Abidjan, B.P. 730 Abidjan Cidex 03, Côte d'Ivoire; <https://ci.usembassy.gov/>;

AbjAmCit@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

225

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 185; Fire: 180; Police: 111

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Cote d'Ivoire: 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.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Climate

Tropical along coast, semiarid in far north; 3 seasons - warm and dry (November to March), hot and dry (March to May), hot and wet (June to October)

Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

French, 60 native dialects of which Dioula is the most widely spoken

Major Religions

Muslim, Catholic, Evangelical

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

Grand-Bassam; Abidjan (includes St. Paul's Cathedral, Plateau Salam Mosque); Mont Sangbe National Park; Tai National Park; Jacqueville

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby

Cultural Practices

It is common to start and end social engagements by shaking the hand of all parties in attendance.

Tipping Guidelines

It is usually acceptable to tip at a flat rate of 500-2,000 francs at restaurants. 1,500 francs is normal for tipping hotel staff, and taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.

Souvenirs

Wood carvings and musical instruments, tribal masks and ivory carved items; bronze, silver, and gold bracelets and seed or bead jewelry; woven baskets, pottery

Traditional Cuisine

Fufu — cassava and unripe plantains mashed together in water with a wooden pole; once the mixture is smooth it gets shaped into small balls that are placed in a stew or soup with meat

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