

Chad

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Chad due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, and kidnapping. 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

[235] 2251-5017; US Embassy N'Djamena, B.P. 413, N'Djamena, Chad; <https://td.usembassy.gov/>; NdjamenaACS@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

235

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 997; Fire: 998; Police: 999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Chad: 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. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical in south, desert in north

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, E, F



Type C



Type E



Type F

Major Languages

French, Arabic, Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects

Major Religions

Muslim, Protestant, Roman Catholic, animist, other Christian

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

Chad National Museum; Zakouma National Park; Lakes of Ounianga; Ennedi Massif

Major Sports

Soccer, boxing, wrestling

Cultural Practices

People in Chad are a relaxed and friendly people, but respect for traditional beliefs and customs is expected. Dress is informal, but conservative in respect of Muslim laws. There is strict segregation of women in the Muslim areas. It is customary to shake hands.

Tipping Guidelines

Service charges are not usually included in restaurants and tips of 10% for waiters are acceptable. Taxi fares should be rounded up if the service is good.

Souvenirs

Camel-hair carpets, leather goods, native beaded and silver jewelry, tribal masks and knives, decorated calabash gourds, pottery, embroidered cotton cloth

Traditional Cuisine

Daraba — a stew made with chopped okra, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, stock cubes, and smooth peanut butter; usually served with rice, boiled cassava, or boiled plantains

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