

Congo, Republic of the

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in the Republic of the Congo due to crime.

<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

[242] 06 612-2000 (dial 0 to reach the switchboard operator); US Embassy in Brazzaville, 70-83 Section D, MAYA-MAYA Boulevard, Brazzaville, Congo; BrazzavilleACS@state.gov; <https://cg.usembassy.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

242

Local Emergency Phone

117 Police 118 Fire

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for the Republic of the Congo: 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; rainy season (March to June); dry season (June to October); persistent high temperatures and humidity; particularly enervating climate astride the Equator

Currency (Code)

Cooperation Financiere en Afrique Central francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

French, French Lingala, Monokutuba, many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo is the most widespread)

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Awakening Churches/Christian Revival, 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

Brazzaville (includes St. Anne Basilica, National Museum of Congo); Lesio-Louna-Lefini Gorilla Reserve; Gorges of Dioso

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, basketball

Cultural Practices

Beginning conversations by inquiring about health and family indicates respect and precedes many conversations.

Tipping Guidelines

Tip 10% in restaurants. Guides and resort staff usually expect tips, but taxi drivers do not need to be tipped.

Souvenirs

Handmade beaded bracelets and precious metal jewelry, handwoven cloth, ebony tribal wood carvings, pottery and ceramic sculptures, woven baskets

Traditional Cuisine

Poulet à la moambe — a savory chicken dish made by combining chicken, spices, and palm butter to create a stew-like consistency

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