

Sierra Leone

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Sierra Leone due to crime, civil unrest, and limited circulation of poliovirus.

<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

+(232) (99)105-000; EMER: +(232)(99) 905-029; U S Embassy Freetown, Southridge, Hill Station, Freetown, Sierra Leone; consularfreetown@state.gov; <https://sl.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

232

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 999; Fire: 019; Police: 999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Sierra Leone: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; hot, humid; summer rainy season (May to December); winter dry season (December to April)

Currency (Code)

Leones (SLL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): D, G



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

English, Mende, Temne, Krio

Major Religions

Muslim, Christian

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

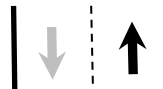
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Mount Bintumani; Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary; Martello Tower; National Railway Museum; Tokeh Beach; Turtle Islands; Lakka Beach

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, cricket, boxing, baseball

Cultural Practices

Greetings are very important in Sierra Leonean culture, and elders are especially respected. It is common to be entertained in a hotel or restaurant, particularly for business visitors. Small tokens of appreciation are always welcome.

Tipping Guidelines

Tips at restaurants are typically not expected, but appreciated. Tipping at hotels is somewhat expected, but at your discretion.

Souvenirs

Tribal art and ceremonial masks, woven baskets, pottery, handmade precious metal and stone jewelry, tailored clothing, bush-medicine items

Traditional Cuisine

Cassava leaf stew — a stew made with finely shredded Cassava leaves added to a palaver sauce made using red palm oil mixed with ingredients such as onions, pepper, fish, meat, and vegetables

