

Nigeria

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider Travel to Nigeria due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, and armed gangs. 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

[234] (9) 461-4000; US Embassy Abuja, Plot 1075 Diplomatic Drive, Central District Area, Abuja, Nigeria; AbujaACS@state.gov;

<https://ng.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

234

Local Emergency Phone

199

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Nigeria: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, 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

Varies; equatorial in south, tropical in center, arid in north

Currency (Code)

Nairas (NGN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

English, Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages

Major Religions

Muslim, Roman Catholic, 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

Abudja (includes Millennium Park, Zuma Rock, Arts & Crafts Village); Nana Living History Museum; Ancient Nok Settlement; New Afrika Shrine; Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove

Major Sports

Soccer, boxing, rugby, track and field, basketball

Cultural Practices

Using the left hand for eating or greeting is considered unclean; use the right hand instead.

Tipping Guidelines

Service charges are added in many restaurants, but if not, a 10% tip is customary. Negotiate taxi fares before embarking on a journey. Tipping is not necessary.

Souvenirs

Tribal ceremonial masks, carved idols, and weapons; leather goods, cane furniture, brass and bronze carvings and jewelry, woven baskets, Aso oke fabric items

Traditional Cuisine

Jollof rice — rice cooked in a sauce made with tomatoes, tomato paste, onions, salt, pepper, coconut milk, spices such as nutmeg or partminger (basil leaf); meat, fish, vegetables, or even Roiboos tea can be added

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