

Suriname

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Suriname.

<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

(597) 556-700; EMER: (597) 710-1112; US Embassy Paramaribo, Kristalstaat 165, Paramaribo, Suriname; caparamar@state.gov;

<https://sr.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

597

Local Emergency Phone

Local numbers only

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Suriname: 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. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/>

Climate

Tropical; moderated by trade winds

Currency (Code)

Surinamese dollars (SRD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

127 V, 220 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B, C, F



Type A



Type B



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

Dutch, English (widely spoken), Sranang Tongo

Major Religions

Protestant (includes Evangelical, Moravian, Reformed, Lutheran), Hindu, Roman Catholic, Muslim, other Christian, Winti, Jehovah's Witness

Time Difference

UTC-3 (2 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

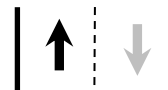
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Presidential Palace; Galibi Nature Reserve; Central Suriname Nature Reserve; Commewijne River; Brownsberg Nature Park

Major Sports

Soccer, cricket, basketball, table tennis, volleyball

Cultural Practices

Surinamese people are generally warm and friendly, and it is customary to greet others with a handshake.

Tipping Guidelines

Customers are expected to leave a 10% tip at restaurants, if a service charge has not already been added. Rounding up cab fare is appropriate.

Souvenirs

Woven baskets and wicker items, batik cloth, tribal woodcarvings, pottery, gold and silver jewelry, hand-rolled cigars, cotton hammocks, bamboo items

Traditional Cuisine

Pom — a casserole made with chicken pieces, chicken sausages, tomatoes, onions, celery, garlic, hot peppers, salt, pepper, sugar, nutmeg, orange and lemon juice, and pomtajer (a root vegetable)

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