

Guinea-Bissau

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Guinea-Bissau due to civil unrest. Exercise increased caution 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

US Embassy suspended operations on 14 June 1998; the US Ambassador to Senegal is accredited to Guinea-Bissau; +(221) 33-879-4000; EMER: +(221) 33-879-4444; US Embassy Dakar, Route des Almadies – BP 49, Dakar, Senegal; dakarACS@state.gov;

<https://gw.usmission.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

245

Local Emergency Phone

Police - 117; Ambulance - 119; Fire – 118

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Guinea-Bissau: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, COVID-19, pneumonia and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; generally hot and humid; monsoonal-type rainy season (June to November) with southwesterly winds; dry season (December to May) with northeasterly harmattan winds

Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (XOF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C



Type C

Major Languages

Crioulo (lingua franca), Portuguese; largely used as a second or third language), Pular (a Fula language), Mandingo

Major Religions

Muslim, Christian, animist

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

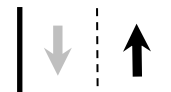
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Orango Island; Bubaque Island; Cathedral de Nossa da Candelaria

Major Sports

Soccer

Cultural Practices

It is customary to give or receive gifts and business cards with the right hand.

Tipping Guidelines

Tip 10-15% of the bill at upscale restaurants. Round up the fare for taxi drivers. Guides and tour drivers expect around 10% or more if trips are multiday. Tip hotel cleaning staff at your discretion.

Souvenirs

Carved tribal masks and wooden statues, beaded jewelry or precious metals items, handmade cloth, beauty products, pottery, baskets

Traditional Cuisine

Jollof rice — rice cooked in palm oil and served with tomato paste and onions; sometimes with added fish or meat

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