



# Benin



US State Dept Travel Advisory	For the latest travel advisories for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's website, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
Passport/Visa Requirements	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
US Embassy/Consulate	[229] 21-30-06-50; US Embassy Cotonou, Marina Avenue, 01 BP 2012, Cotonou, Benin; <a href="https://bj.usembassy.gov/">https://bj.usembassy.gov/</a> ; <a href="mailto:ACSCotonou@state.gov">ACSCotonou@state.gov</a>
LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers	Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page: <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
Telephone Code	229
Local Emergency Phone	Fire and Rescue 118, Police 117
Vaccinations	For the latest information on required or recommended vaccines, please visit the CDC's website, available through the link below.  <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list</a>
Climate	Tropical; hot, humid in south; semiarid in north
Currency (Code)	Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)** 220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, B, G



Type A



Type B



Type G

**Major Languages** French, Fon, Yoruba

**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



**Souvenirs** Tribal masks, basketware, pottery, handwoven textiles, brassware

**Traditional Cuisine** Kuli-kuli — ground, smashed peanuts mixed with salt, pepper, and other spices shaped into balls or biscuits and deep-fried