

Côte d'Ivoire

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution when traveling to Côte d'Ivoire due to crime, health, civil unrest, and terrorism. Some areas have increased risk. DO NOT TRAVEL to Northern and Northeastern border regions due to terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.
US Embassy/Consulate	[225] 22 49 40 00; US Embassy in Abidjan, B.P. 730 Abidjan Cidex 03, Côte d'Ivoire; https://ci.usembassy.gov/ ; AbjAmCit@state.gov
LGBTQIA+ Travelers	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) travelers can face unique challenges when traveling abroad. Laws and attitudes in some countries may affect safety and ease of travel. Legal protections vary from country to country. Many countries do not legally recognize same-sex marriage. Approximately seventy countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html
Telephone Code	225
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 185; Fire: 180; Police: 111
Vaccinations	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Côte d'Ivoire: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. See WHO recommendations.
	http://www.who.int/
Climate	Tropical along coast, semiarid in far north; 3 seasons - warm and dry (November to March), hot and dry (March to May), hot and wet (June to October)
Currency (Code)	Communauté Financière Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E
	 Type C  Type E
Major Languages	French, 60 native dialects of which Dioula is the most widely spoken
Major Religions	Muslim 42.9%, Catholic 17.2%, Evangelical 11.8%, Methodist 1.7%, other Christian 3.2%, animist 3.6%; none 19.1%
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	Grand-Bassam; Abidjan (includes St. Paul's Cathedral, Plateau Salam Mosque); Mont Sangbe National Park; Taï National Park; Jacqueville
Major Sports	Soccer, rugby
Cultural Practices	It is common to start and end social engagements by shaking the hand of all parties in attendance.
Tipping Guidelines	It is usually acceptable to tip at a flat rate of 500-2,000 francs at restaurants. 1,500 francs is normal for tipping hotel staff, and taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.
Souvenirs	Wood carvings and musical instruments, tribal masks and ivory carved items; bronze, silver, and gold bracelets and seed or bead jewelry; woven baskets, pottery
Traditional Cuisine	Fufu — cassava and unripe plantains mashed together in water with a wooden pole; once the mixture is smooth it gets shaped into small balls that are placed in a stew or soup with meat