

Togo

Continent: Africa

Languages Spoken: French, Ewe, Kabiye, Dagomba, Hausa

Population: 8,000,000

Currency: West African CFA franc (XOF)

Area: 56,785

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Koutammakou Landscape', 'writeup': 'A UNESCO World Heritage site known for its traditional Batammariba mud tower-houses and cultural significance.'}
- {'name': 'Fazao-Malfakassa National Park', 'writeup': 'The largest national park in Togo, home to diverse wildlife and natural landscapes.'}
- {'name': 'Lomé Grand Market', 'writeup': 'A bustling market in the capital city offering a vibrant display of local crafts, food, and culture.'}

Head of State / Government:

President Faure Gnassingbé

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Evala Wrestling Festival', 'writeup': 'A traditional wrestling event among the Kabye people symbolizing strength and initiation rites.'}
- {'name': 'Agbogboza Festival', 'writeup': 'A cultural festival celebrated by the Ewe people featuring music, dance, and rituals honoring ancestors.'}

Food & Cuisine:

Togolese cuisine features staples like maize, cassava, and yams, often served with spicy sauces and stews made from local vegetables, fish, and meat.

Brief History:

Togo was a German colony until World War I, then administered by France and Britain. It gained independence from France in 1960 and has since experienced political stability under the Gnassingbé family.

Important People:

- Sylvanus Olympio - First President of Togo
- Faure Gnassingbé - Current President
- Gnassingbé Eyadéma - Long-serving former President

Current Conflicts:

Togo experiences occasional political tensions and protests related to governance and electoral processes but no active armed conflicts.

Youtube Links:

- Discover Togo: West Africa's Hidden Gem

- Togo Travel Guide - Top Things to Do in Togo
- Culture and Traditions of Togo
- Togo's History and Independence
- Togolese Cuisine: Traditional Foods of Togo