

# Liberia

**Continent:** Africa

**Languages Spoken:** English

**Population:** 5,300,000

**Currency:** Liberian Dollar (LRD)

**Area:** 111,369

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Providence Island', 'writeup': 'Historic island where freed American slaves first landed in 1822, marking the foundation of Liberia.'}
- {'name': 'Sapo National Park', 'writeup': 'Liberia's largest protected rainforest, home to diverse wildlife including pygmy hippos and forest elephants.'}
- {'name': 'Liberia National Museum', 'writeup': 'Museum in Monrovia showcasing Liberia's cultural heritage and history.'}

## Head of State / Government:

President George Weah

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Liberian Independence Day', 'writeup': 'Celebrated on July 26th, marking Liberia's independence from the American Colonization Society in 1847.'}
- {'name': 'Poro and Sande Societies Festivals', 'writeup': 'Traditional secret society ceremonies important in Liberian cultural and social life.'}

## Food & Cuisine:

Liberian cuisine features rice as a staple, often served with soups and stews made from cassava, palm nuts, fish, and meat, reflecting indigenous and West African influences.

## Brief History:

Founded in the early 19th century by freed American slaves, Liberia declared independence in 1847 as Africa's first republic. It experienced civil wars from 1989 to 2003 but has since been rebuilding its political and economic systems.

## Important People:

- Joseph Jenkins Roberts - First President of Liberia
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf - Africa's first elected female head of state and former President of Liberia
- George Weah - Current President and former professional footballer

## Current Conflicts:

Liberia is currently stable with no major internal conflicts, focusing on post-war recovery and development.

## Youtube Links:

- Discover Liberia: History and Culture

- Liberia Travel Guide - Top Places to Visit
- The Story of Liberia's Independence
- Wildlife and Nature in Liberia's Sapo National Park
- Liberian Cuisine: Traditional Foods and Recipes