

# 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