Burundi

Travel Facts

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Burundi due to crime, health, and political violence.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html







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, a vailable through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

[257] 22-207-000; US Embassy in Bujumbura, B.P. 1720, Avenue Des Etats-Unis, Bujumbura, Burundi; https://bi.usembassy.gov/; BujumburaC@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing a broad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

257

Local Emergency Phone

Police 117, Ambulance 112

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Burundi: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. http://www.who.int/

Climate

Equatorial in nature, and is marked by high mean annual temperatures, small temperature ranges, and rainfall throughout the year.

Currency (Code)

Burundian francs (BIF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types: C, E





Type C

Type E

Major Languages

Kirundi, French, Swahili, English

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours a head of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

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Tourist Destinations

Bujumbura; Kigwena Natural Reserve; Gitega; Gishora; Mount Heha; Saga Beach; Chutes De La Kerera

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, track and field

Cultural Practices

Dress is taken seriously, and therefore jeans, t-shirts, and running shoes are considered very casual and are only acceptable for outdoor activities and on weekends.

Tipping Guidelines

A 10% tip at restaurants is customary. Porters should be tipped a few francs. Tipping taxi drivers is not expected, but if the ride was pleasant you should round up. Tipping bartenders is not common.

Souvenirs

Wicker baskets, pottery, jewelry, leather goods, other native handicrafts

Traditional Cuisine

Boko Boko — a porridge made from shredded meat, bulghur or cracked wheat, and spices; sometimes flavored with sugar, honey, milk, or lemon juice

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