

# Chad

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Chad due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, and kidnapping. Some areas have increased risk.

<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, available through the link below.

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

### US Embassy/Consulate

[235] 2251-5017; US Embassy N'Djamena, B.P. 413, N'Djamena, Chad; <https://td.usembassy.gov/>; [NdjamenaACS@state.gov](mailto:NdjamenaACS@state.gov)

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ 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

235

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 997; Fire: 998; Police: 999

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Chad: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, 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

Tropical in south, desert in north

### Currency (Code)

Cooperation Financiere en Afrique Central francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E, F



Type C



Type E



Type F

### Major Languages

French, Arabic, Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects

### Major Religions

Muslim, Protestant, Roman Catholic, animist, other Christian

### Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Chad National Museum; Zakouma National Park; Lakes of Ounianga; Ennedi Massif

### Major Sports

Soccer, boxing, wrestling

### Cultural Practices

People in Chad are a relaxed and friendly people, but respect for traditional beliefs and customs is expected. Dress is informal, but conservative in respect of Muslim laws. There is strict segregation of women in the Muslim areas. It is customary to shake hands.

### Tipping Guidelines

Service charges are not usually included in restaurants and tips of 10% for waiters are acceptable. Taxi fares should be rounded up if the service is good.

### Souvenirs

Camel-hair carpets, leather goods, native beaded and silver jewelry, tribal masks and knives, decorated calabash gourds, pottery, embroidered cotton cloth

### Traditional Cuisine

Daraba — a stew made with chopped okra, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, stock cubes, and smooth peanut butter; usually served with rice, boiled cassava, or boiled plantains

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