



Country Profile: Comoros

The Union of the Comoros is a developing nation located in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa. Comoros consists of three islands, Ngazidja (also known as Grand Comore), Moheli, and Anjouan, that cover about 900 square miles. A fourth island, Mayotte, is claimed by Comoros but remains a territory of France. Ngazidja is home to the capital city, Moroni, and is the most developed of the three islands. Facilities for tourism are limited and telecommunication links are unreliable. French, Arabic, Swahili, and Comorian Creole are spoken. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on the Union of Comoros for additional information

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Comoros
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Moroni
Boundary Countries:	no land boundaries
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Moroni, Fomboni, Domoni, Moutsamoudou
Country Size:	2,170 sq km
Population:	711, 417

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic (official), French (Official), Shikomoro (a blend of Swahili and Arabic)
Currency:	Comoran Franc (KMF)
Predominant Religions:	Sunni Muslim 98%, Roman Catholic 2%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 6 July (1975)
Economic Status:	One of the world's poorest countries, Comoros is made up of three islands that have inadequate transportation links, a young and rapidly increasing population, and few natural resources. The low educational level of the labor force contributes to a subsistence level of economic activity, high unemployment, and a heavy dependence on foreign grants and technical assistance.
Security:	Comoran Defense Force: Comoran Security Force (includes Gendarmerie and Army), Comoran Federal Police
US Presence:	U.S. Virtual Presence Post-Comoros Lot 207 A – Andranoro – Antehiroka 105 Antananarivo – Madagascar Tel: (+261) 20 23 480 00
Major Airports:	Airports: 4, Airports w/paved runways: 4 Moroni – Prince Said Ibrahim International Airport (HAH/FMCH) Moroni, Comoros, BP 1003, Moroni, COMOROS Tel: +269 73 1593 Fax: +269 73 1468

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