



Country Profile: Cote d'Ivoire

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) is a developing country on the western coast of Africa. The official capital is Yamoussoukro, but Abidjan is the largest city, the main commercial center, and where the Ivorian government and the U.S. Embassy are located. Cote d'Ivoire is a republic whose constitution provides for separate branches of government under a strong president.

Tourist facilities in and near Abidjan, the commercial capital, are good; accommodations in many other locations are limited in quality and availability. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Cote d'Ivoire for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Cote d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Yamoussoukro
Boundary Countries:	Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Clinique Goci, Clinique Medicale le Grand Centre, Groupe Medicale due Plateau, La Providence, Polyclinique Avicennes, Polyclinique des II Plateaux, Polyclinique International Saint-Anne Marie, Polyclinique Internationale de L'Indenie, Polyclinique Internationale Hotel Dieu Abidjan, Polyclinique La Madone
Main Cities:	Yamoussoukro
Country Size:	322,460 sq km
Population:	17,654,843

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French (official), 60 native dialects with Dioula the most widely spoken
Currency:	Communaute Financiere Africaine Franc (XOF); note- responsible authority is the Central Bank of the West African States
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 35%-40%, indigenous 25%-40%, Christian 20%-30%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 7 August (1960)
Economic Status:	Cote d'Ivoire has been unstable since the coup in 1999, and territorially divided since 2002. Political instability has contributed to economic stagnation and high unemployment, exacerbating social tensions and creating the potential for unrest and civil disorder.
Security:	Cote d'Ivoire Defense and Security Forces (FDSC): Army, Navy, Air Force
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Abidjan Cocody Riviéra Golf, 01 BP 1712 Abidjan 01, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Phone: (+225) 22-49-40-00

Major Airports:	Airports: 35 Airports w/paved runways: 7 Abidjan International Airport (ABJ/DIAP) Abidjan Airport, Ivory Coast, 07 BP 30, Abidjan, 07, CÔTE D'IVOIRE Tel: +225 (0)21.75.79.00/2 Fax: +225 (0)21.75.79.03 Website: www.aeria.ci
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