



Country Profile: Eritrea

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Eritrea
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Asmara
Boundary Countries:	Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Asmara: Excel Diagnostic Clinic, Kibret Eye & ENT Clinic, Ospedale Italiano Entre Morale, Sembel Hospital & Polyclinic, St. Mary Psychiatric Hospital, Tesfa Clinic & Diagnostic Lab, Universal Dental Clinic Massawa: Massawa Hopsital
Main Cities:	Asmara, Tio, Assab, Keren, Kulul, Massawa, Akurdet, Nak'fa
Country Size:	121,320 sq km
Population:	Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Afar, Arabic, tigre, And Kunama, Tigrinya, other Cushitic languages
Currency:	nakfa (ERN)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim, Coptic Christian, Roman Catholic, Protestant
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 24 May (1993)
Economic Status:	Eritrea is a poor but developing East African country, the capital of which is Asmara. Formerly a province of Ethiopia, Eritrea became an independent country on May 24, 1993, following a 30-year struggle that culminated in an overwhelming referendum vote for independence.
Security:	Army, Navy, Air Force
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Major Airports:	Airports: 17, Airports w/paved runways: 4 Asmara Int'l Airport (ASM/HHAS) Asmara Airport, Eritrea, PO Box 252, Asmara Int'l Airport, Asmara, ERITREA Asmara Airport, Eritrea, Asmara, ERITREA Tel: +291 (0)1 181822, +291 (0)1 182899
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