



Country Profile: Gabon

Gabon is a developing nation on the western coast of central Africa. French is the official language; few Gabonese speak English. Facilities for tourism outside the capital city, Libreville, are available, but they are often limited and can be expensive. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Gabon for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Gabon
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Libreville
Boundary Countries:	Cameroon, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Libreville, Bitam, Gamba, Tchibanga, Moanda, Franceville, Oyem, Kango, Mouila, Lastoursville, Booué, Port-Gentil, Owendo, Makokou
Country Size:	267,667 sq km
Population:	1,454,867

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, bapounou/Eschira, Bandiabi
Currency:	Communaute Financiere Africaine franc (XAF); note - responsible authority is the Bank of the Central African States
Predominant Religions:	Christian 55%-75%, animest, Muslim less than 1%
National Holidays:	Founding of the Gabonese Democratic Party (PDG), 12 March (1968)
Economic Status:	Gabon is a developing nation in west central Africa.
Security:	Army, Navy, Air Force, National Gendarmerie, National Police
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Libreville Sablière B.P. 4000 Libreville, Gabon Phone: (241) 01-45-71-00
Major Airports:	Airports:L56, Airports w/paved runway: 11 Libreville- Leon M' BA International Airport (LBV/FOOL) Libreville Airport, Gabon, PO Box 363, Aéroport de Libreville, Libreville GABON Tel: +241 73.82.82, +241 73.62.44/6 Fax: +241 73.61.28 E-mail: adl@inet.ga

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