



# Country Profile: Paraguay

Paraguay is a constitutional democracy with a developing economy. Tourist facilities are adequate in the capital city of Asuncion, but they vary greatly in quality and prices. Travelers outside Asuncion should consider seeking travel agency assistance, as satisfactory or adequate tourist facilities are very limited in other major cities and almost nonexistent in remote areas. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Paraguay for additional information.

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Paraguay
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Asunción
Boundary Countries:	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Hospital de Clinicas- Asunción, Sanatorio San Roque (Asunción)
Main Cities:	Asunción, Fuerte Olimpo, Concepción, Doctor Pedro P. Peña, San Pedro, Villeta, Pilar, Encarnación, Villarrica, Salta de Guairá, Pedro Juan Caballero, Ciudad de Este.
Country Size:	406,750 sq km
Population:	6,669,086

## COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish (official), Guarani (official).
Currency:	guarani (PYG)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 89.6%, Protestant 6.2%, other Christian 1.1%, other or unspecified 1.9%, none 1.1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 14 May 1811 (observed 15 May)
Economic Status:	Landlocked Paraguay has a market economy marked by a large informal sector.
Security:	Army, National Navy (Armada Nacional, includes Naval Aviation, Marine Corps, General Naval Prefecture), Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Paraguay, FAP).
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Asuncion</a> 1776 Mariscal Lopez Avenue Asunción, Paraguay Tel: 595 21 213-715, 595 21 248-3000
Major Airports:	Airports: 838, Airports w/paved runways: 13  Asuncion – Silvio Pettirossi International Airport (ASU/SGAS) Ausnción Airport, Paraguay, Presidente Gen. Stroessner Airport, CC 1752, Asuncion, PARAGUAY Tel: +595 21 22-012/4 Fax: +595 21 213-406

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