



Country Profile: Sao Tome and Principe

São Tomé and Príncipe is a developing nation, comprising the islands of São Tomé and Príncipe, located off the western coast of central Africa. Facilities for tourism are limited, but adequate. Read the Department of State Background São Tomé and Príncipe for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Sao Tome and Principe
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Sao Tome
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	None at this time
Main Cities:	Sao Tome, Neves, Anto Antonio, Santa Cruz
Country Size:	1,001 sq km
Population:	3,581,655

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Portuguese (official)
Currency:	dobra (STD)
Predominant Religions:	Catholic 70.3%, Evangelical 3.4%, New Apostolic 2%, Adventist 1.8%, other 3.1%, none 19.4%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 12 July (1975)
Economic Status:	This small, poor island economy has become increasingly dependent on cocoa since independence in 1975.
Security:	Armed Forces of Sao Tome and Principe (FASTP): Army, Coast Guard of Sao Tome e Principe (Guarda Costeira de Sao Tome e Principe, GCSTP), Presidential Guard.
US Presence:	Although there is no US Embassy in São Tomé and Príncipe, the US Embassy in Libreville, Gabon is also accredited to São Tomé and Príncipe and can provide assistance to US citizens there. All Americans in São Tomé and Príncipe are encouraged to register with the US Embassy in Gabon through the State Department's travel registration web site so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within São Tomé and Príncipe. Americans withoutInternet access may register directly with the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. The Embassy in Gabon is located on the Boulevard du Bord de Mer; the mailing address is B.P. 4000, Libreville, Gabon; tel numbers: (241) 76-20-03 or (241) 76-20-04; the fax numbers are (241) 74-55-07 or (241) 76-88-49; the website is http://gabon.usembassy.gov/ .
Major Airports:	Airports: 2, Airports w/paved runways: 2

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