



Country Profile: Suriname

The Republic of Suriname is a developing nation located on the northern coast of South America. Tourist facilities are widely available in the capital city of Paramaribo; they are less developed and in some cases non-existent in the country's rugged jungle interior. English is widely used, and most tourist arrangements can be made in English. Please read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Suriname for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Suriname
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Paramaribo
Boundary Countries:	Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Nieuw Nickerie: Nickerie Hospital Paramaribo: Academic Hospital, St. Lands Hospital, St. Vincentius Hospital
Main Cities:	Paramaribo, Albina, Apoera, Lelydorp, Moengo, Nieuw Amsterdam, Nieuw Nickerie, Brokopondo
Country Size:	163,270 sq km
Population:	475,996

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Dutch (official), English (widely spoken), Sranang Tongo (Surinamese, sometimes called Taki-Taki, is native language of Creoles and much of the younger population and is lingua franca among others), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Javanese.
Currency:	Surinam Dollar (SRD)
Predominant Religions:	Hindu 27.4%, Protestant 25.2% (predominantly Moravian), Roman Catholic 22.8%, Muslim 19.6%, indigenous beliefs 5%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 25 November (1975)
Economic Status:	The economy is dominated by the mining industry, with exports of alumina, gold, and oil accounting for about 85% of exports and 25% of government revenues, making the economy highly vulnerable to mineral price volatility.
Security:	National Army (Nationaal Leger, NL; includes Naval Wing, Air Wing).
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Paramaribo Kristalstraat 165 Paramaribo, Suriname Phone: (597) 556-700

Major Airports:	Airports: 50, Airports w/paved runways: 5 Paramaribo- Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (PBM/SMJP) Paramaribo Airport, Surinam, PO Box 1870, Wayambosteet M 5, 20km en Hoop, Paramaribo, SURINAM Tel: +597 325114, +597 325140, +597 325252, +597 401348, +597 325221 Fax: +597 325373 Email: zanair@sr.net Customs Tel: +597 325455 Customs Hours:24 hours
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