



Country Profile: Gambia

The Gambia is a developing country in western Africa, and the capital is Banjul. The official language is English. Facilities for tourism in the Banjul area are good; however, outside the capital region, tourist facilities are limited in availability and quality. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on The Gambia.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Gambia
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Banjul
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Kololi Clinic (Banjul), Lamtoro Clinic (Banjul), The Royal Victoria Hospital (Banjul), Bansang Hospital (Northants)
Main Cities:	Banjul, Gunjur, Brikama, Georgetown, Basse Santa Su, Mansa Konko, Kerewan, Serekunda, Farafenni
Country Size:	11,300 sq km
Population:	1,688,359

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous vernaculars
Currency:	dalasi (GMD)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 90%, Christian 9%, indigenous beliefs 1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 18 February (1965)
Economic Status:	Unemployment and underemployment rates remain extremely high; short-run economic progress depends on sustained bilateral and multilateral aid, on responsible government economic management, on continued technical assistance from the IMF and bilateral donors, and on expected growth in the construction sector.
Security:	Gambian National Army (GNA), Gambian Navy (GN), Gambian National Guard (includes Presidential Guard)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Banjul Kairaba Avenue, Fajara P.M.B. 19 Banjul, The Gambia Tel: (220) 439-2856
Major Airports:	Airports: 1, Airports w/paved runways: 1

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