



## Country Profile: Guam

Guam was ceded to the US by Spain in 1898. Captured by the Japanese in 1941, it was retaken by the US three years later. The military installation on the island is one of the most strategically important US bases in the Pacific.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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| <b>Country Name:</b>                     | Guam   |
| <b>Continent:</b>                        | Oceania  |
| <b>Capital City:</b>                     | Hagatna (agana)  |
| <b>Boundary Countries:</b>               |  |
| <b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b> | Harmon Doctor's Clinic (Dededo), Guam Memorial Hospital (Tamuning), Guam Polyclinic (Tamuning), Guam Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic (Tamuning), Guam SurgiCenter (Tamuning), Isla Pediatrics (Tamuning), PMC Clinic (Tamuning) |
| <b>Main Cities:</b>                      | Hagatna (Agana), Yigo, Agat, Merizo, Dededo  |
| <b>Country Size:</b>                     | 541.3 sq km  |
| <b>Population:</b>                       | 173,456  |

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

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| <b>Language:</b>              | English 38.3%, Chamorro 22.2%, Philippine languages 22.2%, other Pacific island languages 6.8%, Asian languages 7%, other languages 3.5%  |
| <b>Currency:</b>              | US dollar (USD)   |
| <b>Predominant Religions:</b> | Roman Catholic 85%, other 15%   |
| <b>National Holidays:</b>     | Discovery Day, first Monday in March (1521)   |
| <b>Economic Status:</b>       | The economy depends largely on US military spending and tourism. Total US grants, wage payments, and procurement outlays amounted to \$1.3 billion in 2004. Over the past 30 years, the tourist industry has grown to become the largest income source following national defense. The Guam economy continues to experience expansion in both its tourism and military sectors. |
| <b>Security:</b>              | Defense is the responsibility of the US   |
| <b>US Presence:</b>           | None (territory of the US)  |
| <b>Major Airports:</b>        | Airports: 5, Airports w/paved runways: 4<br>Guam International Airport (GUM/PGUM)<br>Guam Airport, Guam, PO Box 8770, Tamuning GU 96931, GUAM, USA<br>Tel: +1 671 (1)646 0300<br>Fax: +1 671 (1)646 8823<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:gerardb@guamairports.net">gerardb@guamairports.net</a><br>Customs, hours: 24 hours  |

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