



Country Profile: Mali

Mali is a developing country in western Africa with a stable and democratic government. The official language is French. The capital is Bamako. Facilities for tourism are limited. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Mali for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Mali
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Bamako
Boundary Countries:	Algeria, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Bamako: Clinique Farako
Main Cities:	Bamako, Kidal, Gao, Mopti, Kayes, Ségou, Sikasso, Tombouctou, Taoudenni, Koulikoro
Country Size:	1.24 million sq km
Population:	11,995,402

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French (official), Bambara 80%, numerous African languages
Currency:	Communaute Financiere Africaine Franc (XOF); note- responsible authority is the Central Bank of the West African States
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 90%, Christian 1%, indigenous beliefs 9%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 22 September (1960)
Economic Status:	Mali is among the poorest countries in the world, with 65% of its land area desert or semidesert and with a highly unequal distribution of income. Economic activity is largely confined to the riverine area irrigated by the Niger.
Security:	Malian Armed Forces: Army, Republic of Mali Air Force (Force Aerienne de la Republique du Mali, FARM), National Guard
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Bamako ACI 2000 Rue 243, Porte 297 Bamako, Mali Phone: +223 20 70 23 00
Major Airports:	Airports: 29, Airports w/paved runways: 9 Bamako – Senou International Airport (BKO/GABS) Bamako Airport, Mali, BP 230, Senou, Bamako, MALI Tel: +223 (0)20.46.26, +223 (0)20.27.01 Fax: +223 (0)20.65.62 Website: www.adm.org.ml

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