

DJIBOUTI

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**Country Dialling Code (Tel/Fax): ++253**

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Capital: Djibouti **Time:** GMT + 3

Background: The French Territory of the Afars and the Issas became Djibouti in 1977. A peace accord in 1994 ended a three-year uprising by Afars rebels.

Location: Eastern Africa, bordering the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea, between Eritrea and Somalia

Map References: Africa

Climate: desert; torrid, dry

Terrain: coastal plain and plateau separated by central mountains

Natural Resources: geothermal areas

Population: 451,442 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Djiboutian(s) adjective: Djiboutian

Ethnic Groups: Somali 60%, Afar 35%, French, Arab, Ethiopian, and Italian 5%

Religions: Muslim 94%, Christian 6%

Languages: French (official), Arabic (official), Somali, Afar

Economy: The economy is based on service activities connected with the country's strategic location and status as a free trade zone in northeast Africa. Two-thirds of the inhabitants live in the capital city, the remainder being mostly nomadic herders. Scanty rainfall limits crop production to fruits and vegetables, and most food must be imported. Djibouti provides services as both a transit port for the region and an international transshipment and refueling center. It has few natural resources and little industry. The nation is, therefore, heavily dependent on foreign assistance to help support its balance of payments and to finance development projects. An unemployment rate of 40% to 50% continues to be a major problem. Inflation is not a concern, however, because of the fixed tie of the franc to the US dollar. Per capita consumption dropped an estimated 35% over the last seven years because of recession, civil war, and a high population growth rate (including immigrants and refugees). Also, renewed fighting between Ethiopia and Eritrea has disturbed normal external channels of commerce. Faced with a multitude of economic difficulties, the government has fallen in arrears on long-term external debt and has been struggling to meet the stipulations of foreign aid donors.

Industries: limited to a few small-scale enterprises, such as dairy products and mineral-water bottling

Currency: 1 Djiboutian franc (DF) = 100 centimes

Railways: total: 100 km (Djibouti segment of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad) narrow gauge: 100 km 1.000-m gauge note: Djibouti and Ethiopia plan to revitalize the century-old railroad that links their capitals by 2003

Highways: total: 2,890 km paved: 364 km unpaved: 2,526 km (1996 est.)

Ports and Harbors: Djibouti

Airports: 12 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 2 over 3,047 m: 1 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 10 1,524 to 2,437 m: 2 914 to 1,523 m: 5 under 914 m: 3 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all.

Duty Free: goods permitted: as for France (please see France)

Health: a yellow fever certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected areas. Tap water is relatively safe. Cholera precautions highly recommended. Malaria risk throughout the year.

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HOTEL RESIDENCE DE L'EUROPE, Tel: 253 21 355060, contact@hoteleurope-djib.com, <http://www.hoteleurope-djib.com>

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SHERATON DJIBOUTI HOTEL, BP 1924, Plateau de Serpent, Djibouti, Phone: (253) 328000, Fax: (253) 328888, djibouti.reservation@sheratondjibouti.com, <http://www.sheratondjibouti.com>

RESTAURANTS & BARS

CAFE DE LA GARE, Rue Nasaro Houmid Abro, Djibouti, Djibouti, Cuisines: International, Tel: 21 35153

KURRY - FLAVOUR OF INDIA, Haramous, Lootah Village, Villa No. GA-17 uti 100100, Djibouti, Tel: 253 77 62 22 8, Cuisines: Indian, kurryrestaurant@gmail.com

L'HISTORIL, Place du 27 Juin, Djibouti, Djibouti, Cuisines: French, Tel: 21341364

LA MER ROUGE, Phone: 253 21 34 00 05, Cuisines: Japanese Seafood International, info@lamerrougedj.com, www.lamerrougedj.com

MELTING POT Restaurant Djibouti, Rue Bernard, Cuisines: French Japanese Sushi Greek, Tel: 253 21 35 03 99

MUKBASSA CENTRAL CHEZ YOUSSEUF, Off Ave 1, Djibouti, Djibouti, Cuisines: French Seafood, Tel: 21351899

RESTAURANT SABA, Ave Maréchal Lyautey, Cuisines: Chowder Soups, Tel: 253 21354244

SINGS RESTAURANT, Plateau du Serpent, Djibouti, Djibouti, Cuisines: Indian, Tel: 21345333

TROPICANA, Venise, Djibouti, Djibouti, Cuisines: French, Tel: 25321342684

AIRLINES/HELICOPTERS/AIRPORTS

DALLO AIRLINES, Region: Middle East, Address: Al Khaleej Road, Al Firdons Hotel Bldg, Ground Floor, PO Box 12197 Deira- DUBAI-U.A.E, tEL: 00971 4 73 38 08, Fax: 00971 4 73 44 64, Web site: www.daallo.com

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