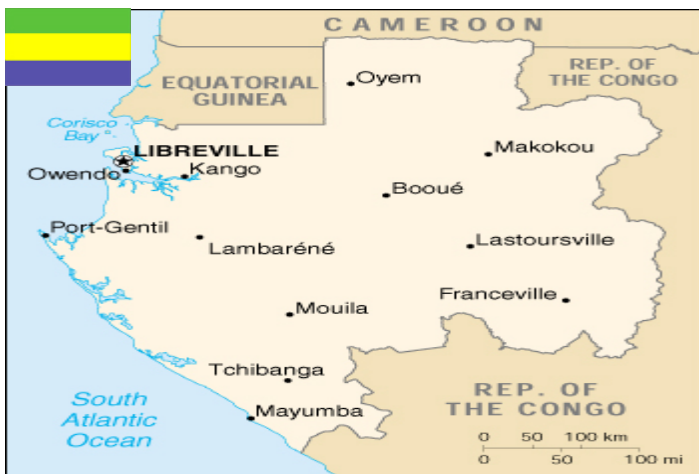


GABON



Country Dialling Code (Tel/Fax): ++241

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Capital: Libreville Time GMT + 1

Background: Ruled by autocratic presidents since independence from FRANCE TEL: in 1960, Gabon introduced a multiparty system and a new constitution in the early 1990s that allowed for a more transparent electoral process and for reforms of governmental institutions. A small population, abundant natural resources, and foreign private investment have helped make Gabon one of the more prosperous black African countries.

Location: Western Africa, bordering the Atlantic Ocean at the Equator, between Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea

Map References: Africa

Area: total: 267,667 sq km land: 257,667 sq km water: 10,000 sq km

Climate: tropical; always hot, humid

Natural Resources: petroleum, manganese, uranium, gold, timber, iron ore, hydropower

Population: 1,208,436

Nationality: noun: Gabonese (singular and plural) adjective: Gabonese

Ethnic Groups: Bantu tribes including four major tribal groupings (Fang, Eshira, Bapounou, Bateke), other Africans and Europeans 154,000, including 6,000 French and 11,000 persons of dual nationality

Religions: Christian 55%-75%, Muslim less than 1%, animist

Languages: French (official), Fang, Myene, Bateke, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi

Economy: Gabon enjoys a per capita income four times that of most nations of sub-Saharan Africa. This has supported a sharp decline in extreme poverty; yet because of high income inequality a large proportion of the population remains poor. Gabon depended on timber and manganese until oil was discovered offshore in the early 1970s. The oil sector now accounts for 50% of GDP. Gabon continues to face fluctuating prices for its oil, timber, manganese, and uranium exports. Despite the abundance of natural wealth, the economy is hobbled by poor fiscal management. In 1992, the fiscal deficit widened to 2.4% of GDP, and Gabon failed to settle arrears on its bilateral debt, leading to a cancellation of rescheduling agreements with official and private creditors. Devaluation of its Francophone currency by 50% on 12 January 1994 sparked a one-time inflationary surge, to 35%; the rate dropped to 6% in 1996. The IMF provided a one-year standby arrangement in 1994-95 and a three-year Enhanced Financing Facility (EFF) at near commercial rates beginning in late 1995. Those agreements mandate progress in privatization and fiscal discipline. FRANCE TEL: provided additional financial support in January 1997 after Gabon had met IMF targets for mid-1996. In 1997, an IMF mission to Gabon criticized the government for overspending on off-budget items, overborrowing from the central bank, and slipping on its schedule for privatization and administrative reform. The rebound of oil prices in 1999 helped growth, but drops in production hampered Gabon from fully realizing potential gains. With support from higher oil prices, growth will move up in 2000-01.

Industries: food and beverage; textile; lumbering and plywood; cement; petroleum extraction and refining; manganese, uranium, and gold mining; chemicals; ship repair

Currency: 1 Communaute Financiere Africaine franc (CFAF) = 100 centimes

Railways: total: 649 km (Gabon State Railways or OCTRA) standard gauge: 649 km 1.435-m gauge, single track (1994)

Highways: total: 7,670 km paved: 629 km (including 30 km of expressways) unpaved: 7,041 km (1996 est.)

Waterways: 1,600 km perennially navigable

Ports and Harbors: Cap Lopez, Kango, Lambarene, Libreville, Mayumba, Owendo, Port-Gentil

Airports: 61 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 11 over 3,047 m: 1 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 8 914 to 1,523 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with

unpaved runways: total: 50 1,524 to 2,437 m: 9 914 to 1,523 m: 16 under 914 m: 25 (1999 est.)

Visa: Required by all with a 6 months valid visa

Duty Free: permitted goods: 200 cigaretters/cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250g tobacco, 2 litres of alcoholic beverage, 50g of perfume; gifts upto CFAfr5000

Health: yellow fever vaccination certificate required from all travellers over 1 year of age. Risk of yellow fever, cholera, typhoid, and polio. All water is regarded as potentially contaminated.

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HÔTEL LE MERIDIEN MANDJI B.P. 649 Port-Gentil, Tél. : 55 21 03 / 04 - Fax : 55 28 06 , Email: resa@lmandji.ga , www.portgentil.lemeridien.com

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HOTEL LE CRISTAL, B.P. 1017 ,Libreville GABON, Tel:241 01 722 778, reservations@legacyhotels.com, <http://www.legacyhotels.co.za/en/hotels/lecrystal>

HOTEL LEET DORIAN, Rue d'Alsace Lorraine, Libreville, Gabon, Phone:241 07 38 51 84, <http://www.hotelleet-dorian.com>

HÔTEL MONTS DE CRISTAL Place de l'Indépendance B.P. 554 Libreville, Tél. : 72 02 83 / 84 / 85 / 86 - 72 06 91 / 92 / 93 - Fax : 74 82 15 - 72 06 90

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RESIDENCE HOTELIERE La Sablière B.P. 516 Libreville, Tél. : 73 03 01 - 73 03 26 - Fax : 73 03 69 , Email: hotel-maisha@inet.ga, Internet: www.residencecemaisha.com

RESIDENCE VERONIQUE CHRISTINE à 5 mn de l'aéroport B.P. 20 410 Libreville, Tél. : 06 64 64 03 - Fax : 44 47 94 , Email: nouche04@yahoo.fr

ROYAL PALM, Tel:241 01770322, royalpalm.libreville@gmail.com, <http://royalpalmibreville.com>

THE NOMAD RESIDENCE HOTEL, Tel: 241 01 45 06 01, Fax: 241 01 45 06 02, info@nomadlibreville.com, www.nomad-residence-hoteliere.com

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GABON AIR TRANSPORT, Aeroport Leon M'ba, P.O. Box 173, Libreville, Gabon, Tel: 732437/730202

COMPAGNE NATIONALE AIR, Region: Africa, Address: PO Box 2206, Leon

LIBREVILLE AIRPORT, Gabon, PO Box 363, Tel: +241 73.82.82, +241 73.62.44/6, Fax: +241 73.61.28, Email: adl@inet.ga

MBA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIBREVILLE, Tel: 00241 73 21 97, Fax: 00241 73 21 97, Fax: 00241 73 01 11, Main Base: Libreville

PORT-GENTIL AIRPORT, Gabon, BP 129, Asecna, Port Gentil, Tel: +241 75.20.88, +241 75.37.86



BUS & RAILWAY STATIONS

TRANS-GABON RAILWAY ,<http://www.seat61.com/Gabon.htm>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Gabon_Railway

AIRLINES/HELICOPTERS/AIRPORTS

CHC HELICOPTER ,Tel:1 604 2328273,communications@chc.ca,
<http://www.chc.ca>

UNITED HELICOPTER SERVICES,<http://www.unitedhelicopterservices.com>

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AVIS,Tel:241 763185,
<http://www.avis.com/car-rental/avisHome/home.ac?ICID=TimeoutGlobalExpire>

CARRENTALS ,UK 00 44 203582 8218,support@carrentals.co.uk ,
<http://www.carrentals.co/gabon/libreville>

EUROPCAR,TRACTAFRIC MOTORS GABON S.A, BP2147, Gabon, P: 241 760140 ,<https://www.europcar.com/location/gabon>

RESTAURANTS & BARS

LIBREVILLE

CHEZ MARCELINE ,Rue Derriere Pelisson, Centre-Ville, Libreville, Gabon ,
 Tel:241 01 72 44 30,Cuisines: French

DIBELLO BAR ,Le Méridien Re-NdamaPO ,Box 4064 ,Libreville ,Gabon , Tel: 241 01 79 32 00 ,Cuisine: Local & International ,
01810.reservation@lemeridien.com ,
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 Tel: 241 01 79 32 00 ,Cuisine: Local & International ,
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<http://www.lemeridienrendama.com>

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restaurant.idiora@gmail.com ,
<http://www.idiora-gabon.com>

JACKY COCHON ,Libreville, Gabon, Tel:241 06251514, jackycochon@hotmail.com

KUBRICK RESTAURANTS,Montée de Louis,LIBREVILLE,Gabon , Tel:241 06 33 66 33,<http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville/c1165-restaurants>

L' ENDROIT ,Angondjé /carrefour GIGI,Libreville, Gabon,Tel:241 06 98 14 14,
 Cuisines: Steakhouse, Grill, <https://www.facebook.com/lendroitLibreville>

LA DOLCE VITA ,Port Môle,LIBREVILLE, Gabon , Tel:241 72 42 38, Cuisines:
 Italian, <http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville/c1165-restaurants/342412-la-dolce-vita>

LA DOLCE VITA "LA SABLIERE",300 m. apres le "Ballon d'or" B.P. 4320,
 Libreville 00000, Gabon, Cuisines: Italian ,Tel:241 07 84 61 00

LA PARISIENNE,Rue Cointe, Libreville, Gabon, Tel:241 05 16 37 12, Cuisines:
 French, Bakeries

LA POINTE DES ALMADIES ,Louis, Libreville Bp 8732, Gabon, Tel:241 0 6 20 00
 10,Cuisines: African

LA TABLE D'EPICURE , 1220 route nationale 62113 Verquigneul , Tel:03 21 68 20
 81,Cuisines: European ,<http://www.latabledepicure.com>

LE BEC FIN ,Face Armee de l'air, Libreville 0000, Gabon, Tel:04 16 61 70,
 Cuisines: French, Seafood, Pizza & Pasta, Grill, Argentinian ,info@lebecfinresto.com

LE COMPTOIR,Tel:241 20 85 74,Quartier Glass en face de l'embuscade,
 LIBREVILLE,Gabon ,Cuisines: French , <http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville>

LE CONFIDENTIEL ,Bord de Mer 500m apres IPI9 en direction de l'aeroport,
 Libreville, Gabon, Tel:241 01 44 18 00,Cuisines: French ,
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LE MERIDIEN RE-NDAMAPO ,Box 4064 ,Libreville ,Gabon ,Phone: 241 01 79 32 00 ,
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<http://www.lemeridienrendama.com>

L'EMIR,Tel:241 01 77 41 87,LIBREVILLE,Gabon,Cuisines: Lebanese ,
<http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville>

LE LOKUA,Quartier Glass,LIBREVILLE,Gabon, Tel:241 06 83 51 83 ,
lelokua@gmail.com ,
<http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville/c1165-restaurants>

LE MISSISSIPPI,A côté du commissariat central,LIBREVILLE,Gabon ,
 Tel:241 06 24 47 23,Cuisines: French , <http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville/c1165-restaurants>

LES PAILLOTES , Boulevard de l'Independance ,L'eglise Sainte Marie des Victoires,
 Libreville, Gabon, Tel:02399553,Cuisines: Grill ,
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LET PALAIS GOURMET , En face de Geant CKdo,LIBREVILLE, Gabon,
 Tel:241 77 43 57 , Cuisines: Lebanese, Mediterranean,
<http://www.petitfute.com/v56176-libreville/c650-produits-gourmands-vins>

MORELLI'S ,Ground Floor,Life By Mayena,Pont de Gue Gue,BP 20294
 Libreville , gelato and sorbets,Tel: 07 04 89 89 ,info@morellisgelato.com ,
<http://www.morellisgelato.com/stores/africa/libreville>

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 Gabon ,Tel: 241 01 79 32 00 ,Cuisine: Local & International ,
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<http://www.lemeridienrendama.com>

PAOLO PATISSERIE ,Montee de Louis, Libreville 23500, Gabon, **Tel:24**
 01730790,Cuisines: Italian, French, African, European
paolo.patisserie@gmail.com , <https://www.facebook.com/Patisserie.Libreville>

ROMA RESTAURANT,Début de la Montée de Louis, à droite, en face du Ipi9,
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SAKURA,Montagne Sainte,LIBREVILLE,Gabon, Tel:241 07 75 29 58,
 Cuisines: Japanese ,sakuralbv@gmail.com

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 Cuisines: French, Barbecue, Eclectic,
pennavayrej@yahoo.fr ,
http://www.beachclub.sitew.com/#Restaurant_et_snack.A

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VILLAGE DES ARTISANS , Centre Ville, Libreville, Gabon

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LE MUSEE VIRTUEL DES ARTS ET TRADITIONS DU GABON, Tél:
 241 72 85 04, Fax :241 72 85 03, info@gabontour.ga ,
<http://www.gabonart.com/visites-virtuelles/musee-virtuel-des-arts-et-traditions>

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BOMB AFRO ,Louis, Libreville, Gabon , <https://fr-fr.facebook.com/pages/Bomb-Afro-Night-Club/112754922150085>