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**Capital: Niamey Time: GMT + 1**

**Background:** Not until 1993, 33 years after independence from France, did Niger hold its first free and open elections. A 1995 peace accord ended a five-year Tuareg insurgency in the north. Coups in 1996 and 1999 were followed by the creation of a National Reconciliation Council that effected a transition to civilian rule in December 1999.

**Location:** Western Africa, southeast of Algeria

**Map References:** Africa

**Area:** total: 1.267 million sq km land: 1,266,700 sq km water: 300 sq km

**Climate:** desert; mostly hot, dry, dusty; tropical in extreme south

**Terrain:** predominately desert plains and sand dunes; flat to rolling plains in south; hills in north

**Natural Resources:** uranium, coal, iron ore, tin, phosphates, gold, petroleum

**Population:** 10,075,511 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Nigerien(s) adjective: Nigerien

**Ethnic Groups:** Hausa 56%, Djerma 22%, Fula 8.5%, Tuareg 8%, Beri Beri (Kanouri) 4.3%, Arab, Toubou, and Gourmantche 1.2%, about 1,200 French expatriates

**Religions:** Muslim 80%, remainder indigenous beliefs and Christians

**Languages:** French (official), Hausa, Djerma

**Economy:** Niger is a poor, landlocked Sub-Saharan nation, whose economy centers on subsistence agriculture, animal husbandry, reexport trade, and increasingly less on uranium, its major export since the 1970s. The 50% devaluation of the West African franc in January 1994 boosted exports of livestock, cowpeas, onions, and the products of Niger's small cotton industry. The government relies on bilateral and multilateral aid - which was suspended following the April 1999 coup d'etat - for operating expenses and public investment. Short-term prospects depend on upcoming negotiations with the World Bank and the IMF on debt relief and extended aid. **Industries:** food processing, wood and paper products, textiles, machinery, transportation equipment, banking and insurance, tourism, mining

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

**Railways:** 0 km

**Highways:** total: 10,100 km paved: 798 km unpaved: 9,302 km (1996 est.)

**Waterways:** the Niger is navigable 300 km from Niamey to Gaya on the Benin frontier from mid-December through March

**Ports and Harbors:** none

**Airports:** 27 (1999 est.) **Airports - with paved runways:** total: 9 2,438 to 3,047 m: 2 1,524 to 2,437 m: 6 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.) **Airports - with unpaved runways:** total: 18 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1 914 to 1,523 m: 15 under 914 m: 2 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all except nationals of: Denmark and Finland, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Tunisia

**Duty Free:** 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 25 cigars or 250g of tobacco; 1 bottle of spirits and 1 bottle of wine; 500 ml of eau de toilette and 250 ml of perfume.

**Health:** A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required of all travelers over one year of age arriving from all countries: it is also recommended for all travelers leaving Niger. Malaria risk, predominantly in the malignant falciparum form, exists all year throughout the country. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated.