

CAMBODIA

“The fate of Cambodia shocked the world when the radical communist Khmer Rouge under their leader Pol Pot seized power in 1975 after years of guerrilla warfare.

The Khmer Rouge immediately abolished money and private property, and ordered city dwellers into the countryside to cultivate the fields.

An estimated 1.7 million Cambodians perished during the next three years - many died from exhaustion or starvation, others were systematically tortured and executed for being "enemies of the state".” BBC News

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/cambodia.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1243892.stm

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[Royal Embassy of Cambodia](http://embassy.org/cambodia), 4500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20022, telephone number 202-726-7742, fax 202-726-8381, or via the Internet at <http://embassy.org/cambodia>. Overseas inquiries may be made at the nearest embassy or consulate of Cambodia.

Post Report - U.S. Department of State

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=27

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cb.html>

CAMEROON

“The modern state of Cameroon was created in 1961 following the unification of two former colonies, one British and one French. Since then it has struggled from one-party rule to a multiparty system in which the freedom of expression is severely limited.

Cameroon began its independence with a bloody insurrection which was suppressed only with the help of French forces.” BBC News

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1042937.stm

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Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon, 2349 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 265-8790 to 8794, fax (202) 387-3826. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Cameroonian Embassy or Consulate.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/cameroon.html>

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cm.html>

CANADA

Country Profile - BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1198865.stm

Canadian Consulate in the U.S.

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[Embassy of Canada](#) at 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W, Washington, D.C. 20001, tel. (202) 682-1740, Internet address: <http://www.canadianembassy.org>; or the Canadian consulates in Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, San Juan or Seattle.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/canada.html>

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ca.html>

CAPE VERDE

“Poor in natural resources, prone to drought and with only 10% arable land, the Cape Verde islands are heavily dependent on food imports, mostly in the form of aid.

A former Portuguese colony, Cape Verde comprises 10 islands and five islets, all but three of which are mountainous. During the 20th century severe droughts caused the death of 200,000 people, prompting heavy emigration, with the result that more people with origins in Cape Verde live outside the country than inside it, bringing in much-needed foreign currency.” BBC News

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Embassy of the Republic of Cape Verde, 3415 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20007, tel (202) 965-6820, website: www.capeverdeusa.org; or the Consulate General of Cape Verde in Boston (tel. 617-353-0014). Overseas, inquiries should be made to the nearest Cape Verde embassy or consulate.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

http://travel.state.gov/cape_verde.html

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1021202.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=30

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cv.html>

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

“The Central African Republic (CAR) is endowed with virgin rainforests and has some of the highest densities of lowland gorillas and forest elephants in Africa.

But despite this tourist potential and the CAR's agricultural, water and mineral resources, it is one of the least developed countries on the continent.” BBC news

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Embassy of the Central African Republic, 1618 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 483-7800/7801, fax (202) 332-9893. Overseas, inquiries should be made to the nearest Central African Republic embassy or consulate. NOTE: In any country where there is no Central African Republic diplomatic mission, the French Embassy has authorization to issue a visa for entry into the Central African Republic.

Consular Information Sheet – US Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

http://travel.state.gov/central_african_republic.html

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1067518.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=31

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ct.html>

CHAD

“Although rich in gold, uranium and oil, Chad is among the world's poorest countries.

It suffers from inadequate infrastructure, a lack of organisation, almost continuous conflict between internal factions, and frequent changes in government.

These have left it with economic, health and social conditions that compare unfavourably with those of most West African states.” BBC News

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Embassy of the Republic of Chad, 2002 R St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20009, telephone (202) 462-4009. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Chadian embassy or consulate. French embassies may provide Chadian visas in countries with no Chadian embassy or consulate.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/chad.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1068700.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=32

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cd.html>

CHILE

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[the Chilean Embassy](#) at 1732 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, tel. (202) 785-1746, Internet: <http://www.chile-usa.org>. Travelers may also contact the Chilean consulates in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Miami, Honolulu, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, San Juan, Charleston, Dallas, Houston, and Salt Lake City.

Consular Information Sheet – US Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/chile.html>

Country Profile - BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1222764.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=33

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ci.html>

CHINA

“China is the world's most populous country, with a continuous culture stretching back nearly 4,000 years.

Many of the elements that make up the foundation of the modern world originated in China, including paper, gunpowder, credit banking, the compass and paper money.

After stagnating for two decades under the rigid authoritarianism of early Communist rule, China has emerged in recent years as one of the world's leading powers, its influence growing in the economic rather than military sphere.” BBC News

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Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) at 2300 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, or telephone (1-202) 328-2500, 2501 or 2502. For a list of services and frequently asked visa questions and answers, travelers can view [the Chinese Embassy's web sites](http://www.china-embassy.org/) at <http://www.china-embassy.org/>, or visa@china-embassy.org. There are Chinese Consulates General in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco. Americans traveling in Asia have been able to obtain visas to enter China from the Chinese visa office in Hong Kong and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Seoul, South Korea.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/china.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1287798.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=34

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ch.html>

COLOMBIA

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[Colombian Embassy](#) at 2118 Leroy Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20008; telephone (202) 387-8338; Internet website - <http://www.colombiaemb.org>; or the Colombian consulate in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco or San Juan.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/colombia.html>

Country Profile - BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1212798.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=35

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/co.html>

CONGO, Democratic Republic of the

“A vast country with immense economic resources, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) has been at the centre of what could be termed Africa's world war.

But a peace deal and the formation of a transitional government in 2003 appeared to signal the end of the five-year conflict, which pitted government forces, supported by Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe, against rebels backed by Uganda and Rwanda.” BBC News

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Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1800 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, tel. (202) 234-7690/91, or Congo-Kinshasa's Permanent Mission to the U.N., 866 United Nations Plaza, Room 511, New York, NY 10017, tel. 212-319-8061, fax: 212-319-8232, [web site](http://www.un.int/drcongo) <http://www.un.int/drcongo>. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Congolese embassy or consulate.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country
<http://travel.state.gov/droc.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1076399.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=36

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cg.html>

CONGO, Republic of the

“Civil wars and militia conflicts have plagued the Republic of Congo throughout its recent past, but hopes for stability were raised in 2003 when the government signed a peace accord with rebels in the south.

After three relatively peaceful but coup-ridden decades of independence, the former French colony experienced the first of two destructive bouts of fighting in 1993 when disputed parliamentary elections led to bloody, ethnically-based fighting between pro-government forces and the opposition.” BBC News

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Embassy of the Republic of Congo, 4891 Colorado Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20011, telephone (202) 726-0825, or from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Congo to the United Nations, 14 E. 65th St., New York, NY, 10021, telephone (212) 744-7840. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Congolese embassy or consulate.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/congo.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1076794.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cf.html>

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Consular Section of the Embassy of Costa Rica at 2114 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 234-2945/46, fax (202) 265-4795, or from a Costa Rican consulate in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Puerto Rico, San Antonio, or San Francisco. [The Embassy of Costa Rica](#) also maintains a web site at <http://www.costarica-embassy.org/>.

Consular Information Sheet - US Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country
http://travel.state.gov/costa_rica.html

Country Profile - BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1166587.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cs.html>

COTE D'IVOIRE

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Embassy of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, 2424 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007, telephone (202) 797-0300. There are honorary consulates for Côte d'Ivoire in San Francisco and Detroit. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Ivoirian embassy or consulate.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/cote.html>

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=38

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/iv.html>

CROATIA

“Croatia emerged into the new millennium from a decade in which it experienced a bitter war as the former Yugoslavia broke up, and several years of authoritarian nationalism under the late president, Franjo Tudjman.

By early 2003 it had made sufficient progress to apply formally for EU membership, becoming the second former Yugoslav republic after Slovenia to do so.” BBC News

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Embassy of Croatia at

2343 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 588-5899 or from the Croatian consulates in New York City, Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles. The Internet home page of the [Croatian embassy in Washington](http://www.croatiaemb.org) is <http://www.croatiaemb.org>.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/croatia.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1097128.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/hr.html>

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Afro-Cuban Web Site

Provides an extensive listing of organizations, newsletters, discussion groups, areas of interest including music, conferences, etc. and updates about travelling in country.

<http://afrocubaweb.com/default.htm#toc>

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[Internet users can log on to the web site](http://www.treas.gov/ofac/) through <http://www.treas.gov/ofac/>.

Consular Information Sheet - US Department of State:

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/cuba.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1203299.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cu.html>

CYPRUS

Traditionally the birthplace of the ancient goddess of love Aphrodite, Cyprus's modern history has, in contrast, been dominated by enmity between its Greek and Turkish inhabitants.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when Turkey invaded the north in response to a military coup on the island which was backed by the Athens government.

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[The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus](#) at 2211 R Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 462-5772, or the Consulate in New York, 13 E. 40th St., New York, New York, 10016, tel. (212) 686-6016. [The Embassy's Internet](#) address is <http://www.cyprusembassy.org>, or e-mail info@us.cyprusembassy.org.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/cyprus.html>

Country Profile - BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1016541.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cy.html>

CZECH REPUBLIC

Part of Czechoslovakia until the "velvet divorce" in January 1993, the Czech Republic has a rich cultural heritage represented by classical composers such as Dvorak and writers like Kafka.

Nowadays tourists flock to savour Czech architectural treasures which include some of the finest Baroque, Art Nouveau and Cubist buildings on the continent.

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Embassy of the Czech Republic at 3900 Spring of Freedom St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 274-9103, or visit the Embassy's web site at <http://www.mzv.cz/washington>.

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http://travel.state.gov/czech_republic.html

Country Profile - BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1108489.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ez.html>