

Part I.

Equatorial Guinea

Part II.

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We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Equatorial Guinea enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy to contact enrolled U.S. citizens in an emergency.

We also recommend that U.S. citizens regularly monitor the State Department's Consular Affairs [website](#), where they can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Please read the [Country Specific Information for Equatorial Guinea](#). For additional information, you should refer to "[Traveler's Checklist](#)" on the State Department's website.

Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to visitors.

Country Profile: Host Country Religions (From [Background Notes](#))

Nominally Christian and predominantly Roman Catholic; also, pagan practices.

Religious Activities For Visitors (From Post Reports On Line):

Equatorial Guinea is predominantly Christian, followed by over 90% of the population. Most Christians are Roman Catholic, with a small minority of Protestants. A few people practice indigenous faiths. Roman Catholic influence is strong, with missionaries in Equatorial Guinea from several countries in the Spanish-speaking world. They generally focus their efforts on children's education. There are still examples of Spanish colonial architecture on Bioko Island. Attempts have been made to restore these old wooden buildings by the Spanish and other interested groups, but time and extreme heat

and humidity have done their damage. The Cathedral in downtown Malabo is a beautiful example of Spanish colonial architecture. One Methodist church in Malabo offers a service in English.

There are two mosques in Malabo.

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in the Host Country: Major mortuaries used by U.S. citizens, if applicable – name, address, phone/fax, contact names, quality of services, service cost.

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General Hospital in Malabo

Phone: (+240) 222 508 924

Quality of services: Fair.

Service cost:

Embalming: The forensics doctor must be contacted to find out the price.

One night's stay in the morgue: 70,000 CFA = 118.24 USD

Medical transportation with physician assistance: 10,000 CFA or 20,000 CFA depending on the distance = 16.89 USD or 33.78 USD

General Hospital in Bata

Phone: +240 333 082 101; +240 333 082 290

Quality of services: Fair.

Service cost:

Embalming: While the service is available, the cost is unknown.

La Paz Medical Center

Malabo

Phone: (+240) 556 666 156; (+240) 556 666 154

Email: info@lapazmalabo.com

<https://lapazmalabo.org/contact-us/>

Quality of services: Very Good

Service costs:

Embalming: 1,000,000 CFA = 1,689.18 USD

One night's stay in the morgue: 50,000 CFA = 84.46 USD

Medical transportation with physician assistance: 70,000 CFA = 118.24 USD

La Paz Medical Center

Bata

Phone: (+240) 333 083 515; (+240) 333 083 517; (+240) 333 083 518

Quality of services: Very Good

Service costs:

One night's stay in the morgue: 60,000 CFA = 101.35 USD

Medical transportation in Bata with physician assistance: 35,000 CFA = 59.12 USD

Medical transportation outside of Bata 70,000 CFA = 118.24 USD

Embalming is not performed at La Paz Medical Center in Bata.*

Part V. Profile of services available in the host country regarding preparation and shipment of remains: The purpose of this section is to describe:

a. Disposition of Remains (general) – quality, cost, and capacity of refrigerated morgues and mortuary professionals; availability, cost and quality of embalming; autopsy requirements; special post specific remarks.

La Paz Medical Center Malabo can refrigerate up to six bodies at one time. The quality is very good. One night's stay in the morgue costs 50,000 CFA = 84.46 USD.

Embalming - La Paz Medical Center maintains that it operates with western standards. The cost of embalming at La Paz Medical Center Malabo is 1,000,000 CFA (1,689.18 USD with an exchange rate of 592 CFA). Local embalming is possible at the general hospitals but they inject embalming liquid without extracting the body fluids.

Autopsy requirements: The capability to perform an autopsy, toxicology screen, or other post-mortem tests does not exist.

- b. Specific facts relating to embalming, cremation, caskets, exportation, documentation requirements, preparation, shipment, and exhumation.

Cremation - Cremation is not permitted by national law and custom.

Caskets - Caskets and containers are available locally on short notice. They are not prepared according to international regulations and do not meet the requirements for shipment out of the country.

International medical providers, SOS and CAS (Cameroun Assistance Sanitaire), serve Equatorial Guinea through their Paris and Douala offices and can provide proper caskets for international transport. The costs to repatriate the remains vary based on the destination.

Major oil companies in EG generally purchase caskets to have in storage.

Exportation -

To export human remains, the following documents are required by authorities:

- (a) Official Death Certificate (Certificación Literal de Inscripción de Defunción) issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions.
- (b) Death Certificate (Certificado de Defunción) issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.
- (c) Permission to transport the remains (Certificación de Evacuación de Cadáver) issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of National Security.
- (d) Certificate of the Cause of Death (Licencia de Sepultura) issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions.
- (e) Embalming Certificate from the Mortuary.
- (f) Authorization to Repatriate the Remains from Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions.
- (g) Notice to the Judge about the Death, issued by the Provincial Delegation from the Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions.
- (h) Customs Decree from the Ministry of Finance.

The U.S. Embassy in Malabo can assist you with obtaining these documents for your loved one.

Preparation - The casket must be prepared and sealed in accordance with international regulations. International medical providers, SOS and CAS (Cameroun Assistance Sanitaire), are very experienced with this.

International SOS

Email: Paris@internationalsos.com

Website: <https://www.internationalsos.com/locations/europe/france>

Cameroun Assistance Sanitaire

Website: <http://www.cas-assistance.com/>

Shipment - The U.S. Embassy will also prepare the Consular Mortuary Certificate which includes an Affidavit by the Local Funeral Director and the EG death certificate. These documents must also accompany the remains to the United States along with the local documents mentioned above and again below.

Exhumation – N/A.

c. As applicable, please include any unique circumstances which may apply to post; for example, special requirements for deaths by infectious disease or under suspicious circumstances.

N/A.

d. Shipping – Air is the most reliable option for both in-country transportation and international shipping. Major airlines to the U.S. (through Europe) include Air France, Lufthansa, Iberia, Ethiopian, and Air Maroc. Flights to the U.S. via Europe are available almost daily. The total amount of flight hours including stops is at least 20 hours.

e. Local authorities responsible for licensing funeral directors and morticians.

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare

f. Local authorities responsible for making findings regarding the cause of death and for issuing local death certificates.

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare

Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions

Permission to transport the remains (Certificación de Evacuación de Cadáver)

Ministry of National Security

Certificate of the cause of Death (Licencia de Sepultura)

Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions

Embalming Certificate
from the Mortuary

Authorization to Repatriate the Remains

Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions

Notice to the Judge about the Death

Provincial Delegation from the Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions

Customs Decree

Ministry of Finance

(1) Maximum period Before Burial of Remains;

When remains are maintained in a mortuary: The maximum period before burial when remains are preserved in a mortuary is unknown. One of the mortuaries has held remains for years in cases where no next of kin could be identified and the deceased's identity was unknown.

When remains are not maintained in a mortuary: The maximum period before burial when the remains are not maintained in a mortuary is 24 hours.

- (2) Embalming; La Paz Medical Center maintains that it operates with western standards. The cost of embalming at La Paz Medical Center Malabo is 1,000,000 CFA (1,689.18 USD with an exchange rate of 592 CFA). Local embalming is possible at the general hospitals but they inject embalming liquid without extracting the body fluids.
- (3) Cremation; Cremation is not permitted by national law and custom.
- (4) Caskets and Containers; Caskets and containers are available locally on short notice. They are not prepared according to international regulations and do not meet the requirements for shipment out of the country.
- (5) Exportation of Human Remains; To export human remains, the following documents are required by authorities:
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 - (c) Permission to transport the remains (Certificación de Evacuación de Cadáver) issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of National Security.
 - (d) Certificate of the Cause of Death (Licencia de Sepultura) issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions.
 - (e) Embalming Certificate from the Mortuary.
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- (g) Notice to the Judge about the Death, issued by the Provincial Delegation from the Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions.
- (h) Customs Decree from the Ministry of Finance.

(6) Exportation of Human Remains/Ashes; N/A. Cremation is not permitted by national law and custom.

(7) Costs: Charges are based on the exchange rate of May 26, 2017: \$1.00 = 592 CFA.

Local Burial: Accurate statistics are not available; anecdotal reports estimate the total for a standard local burial at between 1,000 USD and 2,000USD depending on the services provided.

The fees below are provided by “Cameroun Assistance Sanitaire (CAS)” an international medical provider based in Douala, Republic of Cameroon that deals in the repatriation of remains.

Transportation

From Malabo to Douala:	\$ 4,625.00
From Bata to Douala:	\$ 6,475.00
From Douala to Chicago:	\$ 6,741.00
From Douala to New York:	\$ 6,142.50
From Douala to Los Angeles:	\$ 7,339.50
Local ground transportation:	\$ 240.00

Other services

Embalming and treatment:	\$ 900.00
Assistance for clearance:	\$ 1,700.00
Coffin and accessories:	\$ 970.00

Internal Cost

CAS assistance fees for all services: \$ 1,700.00

Please Note: These fees are from 2014. CAS could not be contacted for an updated schedule of fees.*

(8) Exhumation and Shipment;

Shipping – Air is the most reliable option for both in-country transportation and international shipping. Major airlines to the U.S. (through Europe) include Air France, Lufthansa, Iberia, Ethiopian, and Air Maroc. Flights to the U.S. via Europe are available almost daily. The total amount of flight hours including stops is at least 20 hours.

(9) Local Customs Regarding Funerals, Disposition of Remains, Mourning, Memorial Services.

The Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs, and Penitentiary Institutions (Ministerio de Justicia, Culto, y Instituciones Penitenciarias) would need to be consulted for advice on cultural issues related to funeral, mourning and memorial customs.

Some local practices allow for the burning of a person's remains in a casket. Others provide a call to the spirits to ask the deceased how they died.