**Travel Vaccines and Advice for Nigeria**



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Nigeria is the most populated region in Africa and has the largest economy in the region.

English is one of the official languages in Nigeria, but only the upper class speak it. The franco lanuga is Pidgin. There are more than 500 official languages in Nigeria, which speaks to its diversity of cultures and tribes. There are more than 500 different ethnic groups that live in Nigeria.

Nigeria is divided in religion: roughly half of its population identifies as Christian and the other half, Muslim. A small part of the population practice indigenous religions.

Nigerian culture has been popularized by authors, including Chinua Achebe’s Things Fall Apart and Nollywood (Nigeria’s version of Hollywood). Nollywood is now the second largest producers of films (quantity) in the world.

Although not the capital city of Nigeria, Lagos is the second most populous city on the continent and is a large commercial hub.

**Do I Need Vaccines for Nigeria?**

Yes, some vaccines are recommended or required for Nigeria. The [CDC](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/nigeria) and WHO recommend the following [vaccines](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/) for Nigeria: [typhoid](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/typhoid/), [hepatitis A](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/hepatitis-a/), [hepatitis B](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/hepatitis-b/), [cholera](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/cholera/), [yellow fever](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/yellow-fever/), [rabies](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/rabies/), [polio](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/polio/), [meningitis](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/meningitis/), and [influenza](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/influenza-the-flu/).

**Recommended Vaccines for Nigeria**

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| **VACCINE** | **HOW DISEASE SPREADS** |
| [**Typhoid**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/typhoid/) | **Contaminated Food or Water** |
| [**Hepatitis A**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/hepatitis-a/) | **Contaminated Food or Water** |
| [**Hepatitis B**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/hepatitis-b/) | **Contaminated Body Fluids (Sex, needles, etc.)** |
| [**Cholera**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/cholera/) | **Contaminated Food or Water** |
| [**Yellow Fever**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/yellow-fever/) | **Mosquito-borne** |
| [**Rabies**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/rabies/) | **Infected Animals** |
| [**Polio**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/polio/) | **Contaminated Food or Water** |
| [**Meningitis**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/meningitis/) | **Usually Airborne Droplets** |
| [**Influenza**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/influenza-the-flu/) | **Airborne Droplets** |

Sources: [CDC](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/Nigeria/), [WHO](http://www.who.int/ith/en/) and [ISTM](http://www.istm.org/).

[Polio](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/polio/) is still a risk to travelers to Nigeria. Make sure your polio vaccination is up-to-date before traveling to the region.

Nigeria is in the [meningitis belt](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/meningitis/), meaning there is an increased risk of infection during certain times of the year. Speak with a travel health specialist to learn if this will affect your itinerary.

[Dengue](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/travel-medicine/dengue-fever-prevention/), [malaria](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/travel-medicine/malaria-prevention/) and chikungunya are all present in Nigeria. Be sure to take repellents, netting and antimalarials with you as part of your travel preparations.

Individuals with HIV/AIDS may not be allowed into the country as part of an effort to stop the spread of the virus within Nigeria.

Medical facilities are usually poor and most medicines are not accessible. Most doctors require payment before a procedure.

Visit our [vaccinations page](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/) to learn more. Travel safely with Passport Health and schedule your appointment today by calling 1-888-499-7277 or [book online now](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/locations/).

**Is Cholera in Nigeria?**

[Cholera](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/cholera/) is endemic in Nigeria. Northern states have experienced cholera outbreaks since 2009, leading to deaths.

Passport Health’s travel clinics carry VaxChora, the only cholera vaccine approved for use in the United States. Book your cholera vaccination appointment today by calling 1-888-499-7277 or [book online now](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/locations/).

**Customer Reviews**

**Passport Health – Travel Vaccines for Nigeria**

**Overall rating: 5 stars – 11 reviews**

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**“Great Clinic“**  
“Mary Cummings was very knowlegable, upbeat, and made me very comfortable with what I was getting, and how to protect myself in Nigeria. I would recommend Passport Health to anyone”

Submitted by: Andrew

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**Do I Need a Visa or Passport for Nigeria?**

A passport and visa are required for travel to Nigeria. You should get your visa before arrival.

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| **Nigeria Entry Requirements** | | |
| **IS A…** | **A NIGERIA ENTRY REQUIREMENT?** |  |
| **Passport** | [**Yes**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/passports-and-visas/passports/) |  |
| **Passport Validity** | [**At least 6 months at entry**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/passports-and-visas/passports/) |  |
| **Blank Passport Pages** | [**At least one blank page**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/passports-and-visas/passports/renewed-passport/) |  |
| **Tourist Visa** | **Yes** |  |
| **Other Types of Visa** | **See below** |  |
| **Vaccinations** | [**Yellow fever**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/yellow-fever/)**and**[**polio**](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/polio/) **vaccination is recommended.** |  |

Sources: [U.S. State Department](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Nigeria.html) and [Embassy of Nigeria](http://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org/)

You can’t leave Nigeria unless you present them with the proper paperwork stating that you entered the country legally with a visa.

Nigerian authorities are allowed to deny entry to anyone for “undesirable medical reasons”. This can include HIV/AIDS.

For more information, see our Nigeria visa page. Or contact a Passport Health Passport and Visa specialist by calling **1-844-366-8472** or by filling out our online form.

**What Is the Climate Like in Nigeria?**

Nigeria has four major climates: the northeaster is a warm desert climate; the north is a semi-arid, central Nigeria is a tropical savannah climate and southern Nigeria is a monsoon climate.

Generally, Nigeria is very damp and humid. Nigeria only has two seasons: the dry and rainy seasons. The temperature can range from 64 degrees Fahrenheit to 112 degrees Fahrenheit depending on the season and the region.

**How Safe Is Nigeria?**

The U.S. Embassy and Department of State currently has a travel warning in Nigeria, urging travelers not to visit the country.

There is a high presence of militant and terrorist groups in Nigeria, including Boko Haram. This heightens the risk of experiencing a terrorist attack, kidnappings, and political violence.

Other jihadist groups can be found in Borno, Kaduna, Bauchi, Yobe, and Kano.

You should avoid drinking alcohol in public.

Travelers should be extra careful around places of worship, hotels, markets and shopping malls.

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**Festivals and Culture in Nigeria**

If you’re looking to experience some of the many cultures of Nigeria, Enugu is an interesting place to visit for a variety of reasons.

In November, you can experience the Mmanwu Festival, a masquerade festival that showcases traditional Igbo culture and dance at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Stadium. This festival is an interaction between the citizens and their ancestors. This particular festival in Enugu features masquerades from over 200 different tribes from around the region.

The festival brings a large amount of different ethnic groups together each year and is usually seen as a celebration of unity.

**What Should I Take to Nigeria?**

Here are some essential items to consider for your trip to Nigeria:

* Luggage lock to prevent baggage theft.

* Prescription drugs aren’t readily available in Nigeria. You should never buy drugs in Nigeria for they run the risk of being unsafe.

* Lightweight layers for the extreme temperatures and humidity.
* Avoid dark clothing as Tsetse flies are attracted to dark colors and their bites may give you African Sleeping Sickness.

* Water filter tablets to help with having safe and reliable drinking water.

**U.S. Embassy in Nigeria**

All Americans visiting Nigeria should [register online](https://step.state.gov/step/pages/common/citizenship.aspx) with the U.S. Department of State before departure. This will inform the office of your travel plans within the country and will allow them to reach out in the case of an emergency or evacuation.

Once in Tunisia, the information for the U.S. Embassy is:

[**U.S. Embassy in Nigeria**](https://ng.usembassy.gov/)  
1075 Diplomatic Drive  
Central District Area, Abuja  
Nigeria  
Djibouti City, Republic of Djibouti  
Telephone: +(234)(9) 461-4176 (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)  
Emergency After-Hours Telephone: +(234)(9) 461-4000  
Fax: +(234)(9) 461-4171  
Email:Consularabuja@state.gov

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Visit the Embassy to Nigeria website before departure to confirm correct contact details for the office.

If you have any questions about traveling to Nigeria or are wondering what shots you may need for your trip, schedule an appointment with your local Passport Health travel medicine clinic. Call us at 1-888-499-7277 or [book online now!](https://www.passporthealthusa.com/locations/) and protect yourself today.

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