



Module 7 – Abidjan

Welcome to Abidjan! We're thrilled to have you join us for this special event. This guide will help you with essential information to make your stay as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

Emergency Contact Information

- **Emergency Numbers:**
 - Police: 110 / 111 / 170
 - Ambulance: 185
 - Firefighters: 180
- **In Case of Emergency:** Contact Viviane Ado on +225 07 07228299 (direct line) or +225 07 22 82 99 (WhatsApp)

Hotel Information

- **Hotel Name:** Novotel Abidjan Marcory
- **Hotel Address:** 225 Bd Valéry Giscard Estaing,
- **Hotel Phone Number:** +225 27 20 3 34000

Cultural Insights for Travelers

General Tips

- **Language:** The official language is French. While some English is spoken in tourist areas, it's helpful to learn a few basic French phrases.
- **Currency:** The currency is the West African CFA franc (XOF). Credit cards are accepted in major hotels and some restaurants, but it's advisable to carry cash for smaller establishments and markets.
- **Tipping:** Tipping is customary in restaurants (10-15% is appreciated) and for other services.
- **Greetings:** Greet people with "Bonjour" (Good morning/Good day) or "Bonsoir" (Good evening) followed by their name if known. A handshake is common.
- **Dress Code:** Dress is generally casual, but modest attire is recommended, especially when visiting religious sites.
- **Photography:** It's polite to ask for permission before taking photos of people. Avoid photographing government buildings and military installations.
- **Hospitality:** Ivorians are known for their warm hospitality. You may be invited to share meals or drinks. It's polite to accept such invitations.

- **Patience:** Things may move at a slower pace than you're used to. Patience is appreciated.
- **Respect for Elders:** Elders are highly respected in Ivorian culture.
- **Religion:** Côte d'Ivoire is religiously diverse, with significant Muslim and Christian populations, as well as indigenous beliefs. Be respectful of all religious practices.

Getting Around

- **Taxis:** Taxis are a common mode of transport in Abidjan. Agree on the fare before you get in.
- **Ride sharing apps:** Uber and Yango
- **Public Transportation:** Buses are available, but taxis are generally more convenient for visitors.

Safety Tips

- Be aware of your surroundings and take precautions against petty theft, especially in crowded areas.
- Avoid displaying expensive jewelry or large amounts of cash.
- Use reputable taxi services.
- It's advisable to avoid walking alone at night in less crowded areas.

Food and Drink

- Ivorian cuisine is diverse and flavorful. Popular dishes include *Attieké* (fermented cassava) with grilled fish, *Foutou* (mashed plantains) with sauce, and *Alloco* (fried plantains).
- Tap water is generally not safe to drink. Bottled water is readily available.
- Local beverages include Bissap (hibiscus drink) and ginger juice.

Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs

- Alcohol consumption is a common and sociable activity in Abidjan
- Côte d'Ivoire has implemented anti-smoking laws. Please only smoke in designated areas
- Drug trafficking and possession are illegal in Côte d'Ivoire, with severe penalties, including lengthy prison sentences and substantial fines. The legal framework is stringent, and enforcement is active.

Visa and Yellow fever

- Check the specific visa requirements for your nationality. Most visitors will need a visa to enter Côte d'Ivoire. You can obtain a visa upon arrival at the airport or apply for one in advance at an Ivorian embassy or consulate.
- For pre-enrolment for entry visa to Côte d'Ivoire, please visit <https://snedai.com/e-visa/>
- Yellow fever vaccination is mandatory to enter Cote d'Ivoire

Enjoy your time in Abidjan!