

# Guinea



Guinea is a country in Western Africa that is bordered by Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Mali, Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Its capital is Conakry and it has a population of 12,527,440. Its climate is generally hot and humid, with a monsoon type rainy season from June to November and a dry season from December to May.

## Languages

The official language of Guinea is French. Other languages that are widely spoken include Pular, Maninka and Susu.

## Nationality

Guinean

## Currency

Guinean Franc



## Ethnic Groups

The major ethnic groups in Guinea are the Fulani, Malinke, Susu, Guerze, Kissi and Toma. The Fulani are cattle herders and live mostly in the Fouta Djallon region. The Susu have played a leading role in Guinean politics since 1984. The Fulani and Malinke peoples have historically oppressed smaller native groups such as the Conagui, Badiaranké, Diakhanké and Bassari, who are some of the oldest inhabitants of Guinea.

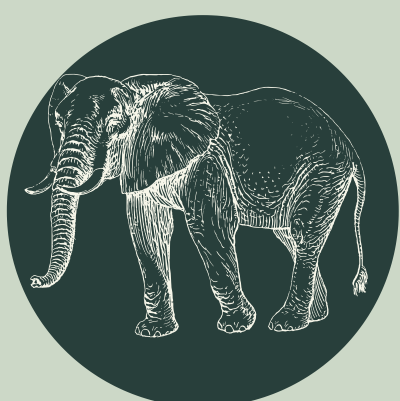
## Major Sites

- Fouta Djallon
- Grande Mosquée de Conakry
- Nikolo Badiar National Park
- Ile de Kassa
- Soumba
- Cathedrale Sante Marie
- Mount Nimba
- Cape Verga
- Moca Valley

## Independence Day

October 2, 1958

Guinea's national symbol is an elephant.



Guinea's national colors are red, green and yellow.

