

# FAQ's: Travel Requirements For Panama

What are the general requirements for short-stay travel to Panama?

Valid passport and visa.

#### What Immigration Visas would I require?

Visitors can find Visa information here: Panama Immigration and Visa Information

#### Where can I find the Customs Traveler Information Form?

Passengers entering Panama are required to complete an electronic Customs form found here: <u>Customs Traveler Declaration Form</u>

## Are there Vaccine requirements for visiting Panama?

You should check the current vaccine requirements at the Panamanian Consulate in your country.

# FAQ's: Local Information About Panama

## What is the official currency?

In the Republic of Panama, the standard currency is the United States (US) Dollar. For the convenience of our visitors, there is a branch of the National Bank of Panama at Tocumen International Airport (PTY) with authorized windows for foreign currency exchange.

### What is the official language?

The official language is Spanish, and English is widely spoken also. There are indigenous languages such as Ngäbe, Buglé, Guna, Emberá, Wounaan, Naso Tjerdi, and Bri.

## What seasonal weather conditions can be expected?

The climate in Panama is tropical, with two distinct seasons: rainy and dry. The rainy season extends from May to December, while the dry season lasts from mid-December to April.

### Do I need a power adapter or voltage converter in Panama?

Electrical outlets are USA standard two and three-prong sockets with 110V and 240V available in hotels and public areas.

#### What is the tax rates?

All purchases in Panama are subject to a 7% Goods and Services Transfer Tax (ITBMS), except for medications, food, and school supplies.

## How do I tip in Panama?

It is customary to include 10% of the total bill.

# What is the Country Code for telephone calls?

The country code is +507. Most people communicate using WhatsApp.

# Who do I contact in an Emergency?

For Accidents and Emergencies telephone 911 or Police 104.

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