

HAITI

“The world's first black-led republic and the first Caribbean state to achieve independence, Haiti's pride has been dented by decades of poverty, environmental degradation, violence, instability and dictatorship which have left it as the poorest country in the Americas.

A largely mountainous country with a tropical climate, Haiti's location, history and culture, epitomised by voodoo, with its associated music, drumming and dancing, had once made it a potential tourist hot spot. However, instability and violence, especially since the 1980s, have all but killed off this prospect.” BBC News

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The Embassy of the Republic of Haiti is located at 2311 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, the telephone number is (202) 332-4090, and the Internet address is <http://www.haiti.org/embassy>. There are likewise Haitian consulates in Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois and Puerto Rico.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/haiti.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1202772.stm

Post Report - U.S. Department of State

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=63

The World Factbook: (August 2003)

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ha.html>

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/vt.html>

HONDURAS

“Military rule, corruption, a huge wealth gap, crime and natural disasters have rendered Honduras one of the least developed and least secure countries in Central America.

Until the mid-1980s Honduras was dominated by the military, which enthusiastically supported US efforts to stem revolutionary movements in the region.

Since then, civilian leaders have sought to curb the power of the military - with varying degrees of success.

A number of army officers have been charged with human rights abuses, but many have still to be prosecuted for violations committed in the 1980s.” BBC news

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Embassy of Honduras at 3007 Tilden Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone: (202) 966-7702; or a Honduran consulate in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, San Juan or Tampa. The Honduran Embassy's e-mail address is <mailto:embhondur@aol.com>, and interested individuals may visit the Embassy's website for additional contact information through <http://www.embassy.org/> or <http://www.state.gov/>.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country
<http://travel.state.gov/honduras.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1225416.stm

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Tourist Bureau

[For tourist information or suggestions](#), please contact the Honduras Institute of Tourism at 1-800-410-9608 (in the United States) or at 1-800-222-TOUR (8687) (within Honduras only) or visit their website, <http://www.hondurastips.honduras.com/>.

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CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ho.html>

HONG KONG

Hong Kong, a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) since July 1, 1997, continues to enjoy a high degree of autonomy, except in the areas of defense and foreign policy, and retains its own currency, laws, and border controls. It is composed of three geographic areas: the New Territories, Kowloon Peninsula, and Hong Kong Island. Hong Kong SAR is cosmopolitan and highly developed.

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[Embassy of the People's Republic of China](#), 2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 328-2500, Internet home page: <http://www.china-embassy.org>, or the Chinese consulates general in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, or San Francisco. Overseas, inquiries may be made at the nearest Chinese embassy or consulate

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/hongkong.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

See country Profile of China

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1287798.stm

Immigration Department – Hong Kong

[Hong Kong SAR Immigration Department](#), Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong (tel. (852) 2829-3001, fax (852) 2824-1133, Internet Home Page: <http://www.info.gov.hk/immtd/>), or [the Embassy of the People's Republic of China](#), 2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 328-2500, Internet home page: <http://www.china-embassy.org>, or the Chinese consulates general in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, or San Francisco. Overseas, inquiries may be made at the nearest Chinese embassy or consulate

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=66

Tourist Information

Tourist facilities and services are widely available. [The Hong Kong SAR government has a web site in English](#) at http://www.info.gov.hk/hkfacts/facts_e.htm, which provides useful information ("Hong Kong Fact Sheets") on a comprehensive range of subjects.

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/hk.html>

HUNGARY

“Hungary has a colourful and varied culture reflecting its mix of peoples - the majority Magyars, and Roma, German, Slovak, Croat, Serb and Romanian minorities.

It has rich traditions in folk and classical music and was the birthplace of numerous well loved performers and composers, including Franz Liszt, Bela Bartok and Zoltan Kodaly.

Hungary played an important part in accelerating the collapse of Communism when in 1989 it opened its border with Austria, allowing thousands of East Germans to escape to the West.” BBC news

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[Embassy of the Republic of Hungary](http://www.hungaryemb.org) at 3910 Shoemaker Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 362-6730, internet address <http://www.hungaryemb.org>, or the nearest Hungarian Consulate in Los Angeles or New York.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/hungary.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1049641.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/hu.html>