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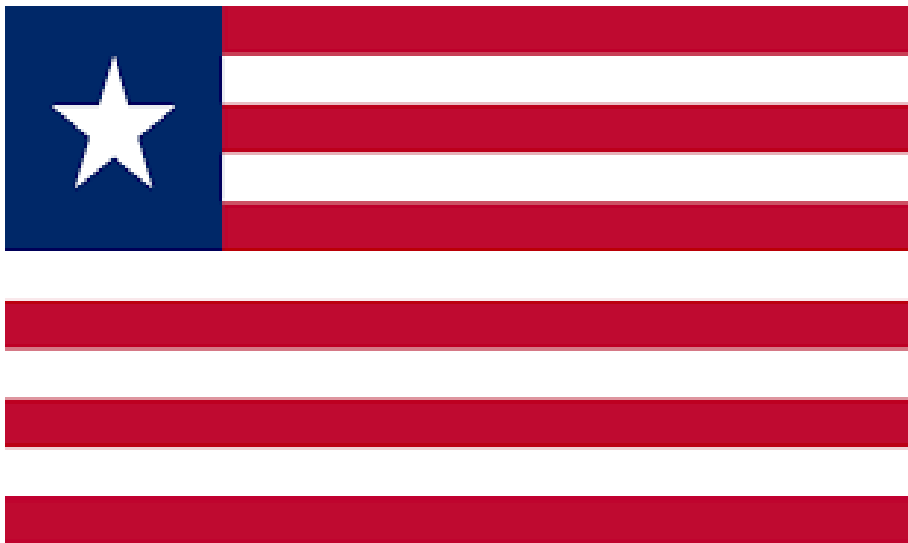
Liberia is an African country located in West Africa. The size of Liberia is 43,000 square miles, and the population is 3.7 million people. Liberia got its name from the Latin word *liber* (meaning “free”), reflecting its establishment as a settlement for free Black Americans and formerly enslaved people. Monrovia is the capital and largest city in the country. The tallest mountain in Liberia is Mount Wuteve, which stands at approximately 1,440 meters (4,724 feet) above sea level. The Cavalla River drains the border areas of Ivory Coast and Liberia. It is 515

kilometers (320 miles) long and is the longest river in Liberia. Liberia has 15 counties.

Liberia is located along the coast of West Africa. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the southwest, Sierra Leone to the west, Guinea to the north, and Cote d'Ivoire to the east.

The president of Liberia is Joseph Boakai.

The flag of Liberia features 11 alternating red and white stripes representing the 11 signatories of the Declaration of Independence, and their colors symbolize courage and moral excellence. The dark blue square represents Africa, while the single white star signifies the nation as the first independent, Western-style republic of Africa.



Liberia was established in 1822 by the American Colonization Society as a colony for freed African-Americans and liberated

slaves from the United States, becoming Africa's first independent republic in 1847.

Famous Liberians include politicians like former president and football superstar George Weah, the first African female head of state Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and peace activist Leymah Gbowee who won the Nobel Peace Prize. Other notable figures are former presidents Samuel Doe and William V.S. Tubman, as well as actors like Gregory Frank Artus and athletes such as footballer Collins John.

The predominant religion in Liberia is Christianity, with Protestants forming the largest denomination, according to the 2022 National Census. The other major religions include Islam, practiced by a significant minority, and traditional indigenous beliefs. Liberia is a secular state that constitutionally guarantees religious freedom for all its citizens. English is the main language in Liberia.

Liberian food features staples like rice, cassava, plantains, yams, tropical fruits and vegetables, often combined with red palm oil for a distinct flavor and color.

Liberia's music and dance are rich with tribal traditions, featuring the popular folk dance Poro and the traditional Gamba music.

Liberia's main public holidays in 2025 include New Year's Day (January 1), Armed Forces Day (February 11), Decoration Day (March 12), J.J. Roberts' Birthday (March 15), Fast and Prayer

Day (April 11), National Unification Day (May 14), Independence Day (July 26), Flag Day (August 24), Thanksgiving Day (November 6), William V.S. Tubman's Birthday (November 29), and Christmas Day.

Famous landmarks in Liberia include the Liberian National Museum, the historic Centennial Pavilion and Providence Island in Monrovia, the beautiful Kpatawee Waterfall and Mount Nimba, as well as natural sites like Sapo National Park.



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