



**Risk areas:** Risk (predominantly *P. falciparum*) exists throughout the year in the whole country including urban areas and coastal areas near Cotonou.

**Protective measures:** Medicines that protect against malaria in this area include mefloquine (Lariam), doxycycline, or atovaquone/proguanil (Malarone). Primaquine may be used in special circumstances (G6PD testing is required). Effective antimalarial drugs may not be available in this country. Travelers staying longer than 3 weeks should consider carrying a treatment dose of co-artemether or atovaquone/proguanil in case their protective medicines fail (treatment dose should be administered under the supervision of a qualified local health care provider).

