

West African cities – Cameroon

Yaounde

Yaounde is the capital of Cameroon. It is a very big city. More than 2 million people live in Yaounde.

It is an old city – but not a very old city like Timbuktu. It started in 1887.

It is a high city – it is 750 metres above sea level

It started to be the capital city of Cameroon in 1922. It is the home of government for Cameroon. The government has its centre in Yaounde.

Yaounde has a very good standard of living – many people have good jobs with the government.

There are a lot of businesses too. There are many big businesses like tobacco, glass, and agriculture

There are many interesting places for tourists to visit. There is a big cathedral, Notre Dame des Victoires, and a Basilica church, Marie-Reine des Apotres.

There is a famous art centre, the Cameroon Art Museum. There are many famous museums, like the Cameroon National Museum, and the Blackitude Museum. This museum opened in 1998 and has many examples of African art. It teaches about African culture.

There are many schools and universities in Yaoundé – it is a centre for learning. Here you can find the University of Yaoundé and the Catholic University of central Africa.

Yaounde is a hot city. The temperature is about 25-30 degrees every day, from January to December. It rains a lot in April to June, and in September or October. Tourists like to visit when it is hot and dry.

Yaounde has many famous football clubs. Canon Yaounde, Impots FC and Tonnerre Yaounde play football in the city. Many famous footballers in European teams come from Yaounde. Samuel Umtiti, Breel Embolo and Vincent Aboubakar all come from Yaounde.

Yaounde has famous sports heroes. Sports stars in the USA came from Yaounde when they were young. Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers is from Yaounde. Famous basketball player Luc Mbah a Moute from the Los Angeles Clippers also comes from Yaounde.

New words for this article -

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| 1 | capital city | main city of a country, where the government is |
| 2 | sea level | the height of the sea – higher or lower than the land |
| 3 | standard of living | quality of living, enough money to live well |
| 4 | cathedral | big church |

Comprehension questions

- 1 Is Yaounde an old or a new city?
- 2 Does it have a high standard of living?
- 3 When does it rain in Yaounde?
- 4 How hot is it in Yaounde?
- 5 Which basketball player comes from Yaounde?

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| 1 | It is not a very old city |
| 2 | Yes it does |
| 3 | It rains a lot in April to June |
| 4 | The temperature is about 25-30 degrees every day |
| 5 | Famous basketball player Luc Mbah a Moute from the Los Angeles Clippers comes from Yaounde. |

Answers