

- ⇒ You are about to embark on a journey to a new land where you will be surrounded by a new culture. When you arrive you should expect to sometimes be confused by what is going on around you. Cultures differ in degrees of “strangeness” to you. But there are a number of steps you can take that will prepare you for this journey.
- ⇒ The following pages are worksheets that list some of the questions and items you will want to explore. Please fill in the appropriate information.

### The Land

<i>I am going to (country) on the continent of</i>	
<i>The climate</i>	
<i>The natural resources</i>	
<i>Its major trade is in</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Imports <input type="checkbox"/> Exports <input type="checkbox"/> Currency

## Health and Living Conditions

<i>Major health risks in the country</i>	
<i>Availability of hospitals and medical services</i>	
<i>Local dietary practices</i>	
<i>Eating and drinking precautions</i>	
<i>The national holidays</i>	

## The Population

<i>Size of population</i>	
<i>Demographics</i>	_____ % of population is under 18 years old. _____ % of the population are women. _____ % of the population is urban (live in cities).
<i>Languages</i>	
<i>Obvious people groups</i>	
<i>Hidden people groups (e.g. immigrants)</i>	
<i>General education level</i>	For Men: For Women:
<i>Availability of education for all people</i>	
<i>Barriers to education</i>	

## Transportation

<i>Common methods of transportation within the country</i>	
<i>Weekly flights in and out of the country</i>	

## How is the Society Organized?

<i>Special groups</i>	
<i>Castes</i>	
<i>Tribes</i>	
<i>Clubs</i>	
<i>Relations between sexes</i>	
<i>Leadership determined and recognized by</i>	

## Common Customs I Should Know upon Arrival

<i>Forms of greetings</i>	
<i>Forms of farewell</i>	
<i>Serious “no-no’s” or taboos</i>	

## Useful Expressions

<i>Hello!</i>	
<i>Good bye!</i>	
<i>Please</i>	
<i>Thank you</i>	
<i>How are you?</i>	
<i>My name is</i>	
<i>How do you say...?</i>	
<i>Where is the toilet?</i>	
<i>How do I get to...?</i>	

## Food

<i>What is commonly eaten? And when?</i>	
<i>How do people eat?</i>	
<i>What specific areas will I have difficulty with? Why?</i>	
<i>Is eating merely a utilitarian affair or a highly social matter?</i>	

## Pre-History

<i>Where do the people come from and why?</i>	
<i>What are their myths of origin?</i>	
<i>Who are their traditional friends?</i>	
<i>Who are heir Traditional enemies?</i>	

## Recent History

<i>Was this a colony? Of whom?</i>	
<i>Date and circumstances of independence</i>	
<i>Membership in international, political or trade organizations</i>	
<i>Involvement in recent or current conflicts and/or resolution?</i>	

## Political Developments

<i>What is their political structure?</i>	
<i>How was it developed? What are the major policies?</i>	
<i>What are their major differences?</i>	

## Change

<i>How does change take place here?</i>	
<i>What are the common change agents?</i>	
<i>What things do not seem to change</i>	

## Religion

<i>What things do not seem to change</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Imported <input type="checkbox"/> Blended
<i>Level of Christian missionary activity</i>	

## Religious Forms, Festivals and Symbols

<i>How do the people worship and why?</i>	
<i>What are the major festivals?</i>	
<i>How is spirituality defined or understood?</i>	

## What is the History of Christianity in this Country?

<i>When was it introduced and by whom?</i>	
<i>How was it accepted? By whom? Why?</i>	
<i>What has caused it to be rejected?</i>	
<i>What are the most successful Christian churches or groups and why?</i>	
<i>Are there forms of indigenous Christianity? Their history?</i>	

## The Adventist Church in this Country

<i>What is the history of the Adventist Church in this country?</i>	
<i>When was it introduced and by whom?</i>	
<i>Who has generally accepted it and why?</i>	
<i>Who has traditionally rejected it and why?</i>	
<i>In what ways has the church been most successful?</i>	
<i>How does the local Adventist church view and relate to the world church? Why?</i>	

## Safety and Security

<i>Current security status of the country:</i>	
<i>Main security threats:</i>	
<i>Your embassy address or alternative contacts:</i>	

- ⇒ For your own benefit write down the names of the sources you found most helpful. Why were they helpful? What other sources did you want to consult but could not find? You may find resources in the following places.

## Study Resources You Found Useful

<i>Encyclopedias</i>	
<i>National Geographic material (note dates)</i>	
<i>Recent news magazines and journals (note dates)</i>	
<i>Almanacs</i>	
<i>Electronic resources (e.g. web sites, on-line services)</i>	
<i>What did you not find?</i>	