

# MALI

AFRICA



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



## Summary

- Cannabis is illegal in Mali for both recreational and medical use.
- Possession, cultivation, sale, and trafficking are prohibited under national drugs act.
- There is no legal framework for medical cannabis.
- Travelers and tourists are strictly prohibited from bringing cannabis, including CBD, oils, edibles, or hemp-derived products.

## Background

Cannabis use has a long history in Mali, with the plant being used for medicinal and recreational purposes for centuries. However, the government criminalized cannabis under French colonial-era laws, making it illegal to possess, use, sell, or cultivate cannabis.

## Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Illegal. Any use can result in criminal charges.
- Possession: Possession of any amount is prohibited and may result in imprisonment.
- Sale & Distribution: Illegal. Trafficking in cannabis is considered a serious offense in Mali and can lead to severe penalties, including imprisonment.

## Traveling to Mali with Medical Cannabis

Mali does not recognize medical cannabis prescriptions from any country. Bringing cannabis in any form, including oils, edibles, CBD, or hemp-derived products, is illegal. Travelers found with cannabis may face arrest, prosecution, and severe penalties.

## Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not carry any cannabis product.
2. Carry only non-cannabis medications that are legal.
3. Obtain pharmacy-labeled packaging with valid prescription for all legal medications.



4. Do not rely on foreign prescriptions for cannabis. The Malian authorities do not acknowledge them.
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## Practical Tips

- If you are taking other medications, carry them in original packaging with prescriptions and clinic letters, best to verify legality via embassy.
- Speak to your embassy or consulate regarding your medical needs before planning travel.
- Use alternative, legal permitted medicines during your stay in Mali.

*The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.*

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