Ethiopia

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate

[251] 11 130-6000; US Embassy in Addis Ababa; Entoto Street, P.O. Box 1014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate

Tropical monsoon with wide topographically-induced variation

Currency (Code)

Birr (ETB)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F, G

Major Languages

Oromo 33.8%, Amharic 29.3%, Somali 6.2%, Tigrigna (Tigrinya) 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurge 2%, Afar 1.7%, Hadiya 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, Gedeo 1.3%, Oopuso 1.2%, Kafa 1.1%, other 8.1%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic

Religions

Ethiopian Orthodox 43.8%, Muslim 31.3%, Protestant 22.8%, Catholic 0.7%, traditional .6%, other 0.8%

Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

A temporary license from a local authority is recommended. An IDP is not recognized.
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<td><strong>Cultural Practices</strong></td>
<td>It is customary to bow when introduced to an elder or respected person. Elders are also usually introduced first when making new acquaintances.</td>
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<td><strong>Local Emergency Phone Numbers</strong></td>
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- [World Health Organization (WHO)](http://www.who.int) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination.
- To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: [American Automobile Association (AAA)](www.aaa.com) and [American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA)](www.aataidp.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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