Iran

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to NOT TRAVEL to this country due to the risk of kidnapping and the arbitrary arrest and detention of U.S. citizens. Those present in Iran should exercise increased caution due to an outbreak of COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

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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

US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies or (202) 485-7600; US Embassy in Tehran, Embassy of Switzerland, Foreign Interests Section No. 39, Shahid Mousavi (Golestan 5th) Corner of Paidarfar St. (ex-Amir Ebrahimi St.) Pasdaran, Tehran

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.

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Climate

Mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast

Currency (Code)

Iranian rials (IRR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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

Major Languages

Persian Farsi, Azeri and other Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic

Religions

Muslim 99.4% (Shia 90-95%, Sunni 5-10%), other (includes Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian) 0.3%, unspecified 0.4%

Time Difference

UTC+3.5 (8.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins fourth Wednesday in March, ends fourth Friday in September
Potable Water
Yes, but many people opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit
Suggested

Road Driving Side
Right

Cultural Practices
In Iran, it is customary to decline food or other offerings even when you want them. The provider will most often insist, whereupon one should humbly accept.

Telephone Code
98

Local Emergency Phone Numbers
Ambulance: 115; Fire: 123; Police: 110

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int


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)

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