### Mauritania

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**

The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to this country due to crime and terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html](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 that will be required. A visa is required, but travelers may obtain the visa upon entering the country.

**US Embassy/Consulate**

+(222) 4525-2660; EMER: +(222) 3662-8163; US Embassy Nouakchott, Nouadhibou Road, Avenue Al Quds, Nouakchott, Mauritania

**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](http://www.who.int)

**Climate**

Desert; constantly hot, dry, dusty

**Currency (Code)**

Ouguiyas (MRO)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**

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

![Electricity Type C](electricity_type_c.png)

**Major Languages**

Arabic (national), Pular, Soninke, Wolof (all national languages), French; note: the spoken Arabic in Mauritania differs considerably from the modern standard Arabic used for official written purposes or in the media; the Mauritanian dialect, which incorporates many Berber words, is referred to as Hassaniya

**Religions**

Muslim 100%

**Time Difference**

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

**Potable Water**

Opt for bottled water.

**International Driving Permit**

Suggested

**Road Driving Side**

Right

**Cultural Practices**

When talking about the past, people will often snap their fingers by their
shoulders.

Telephone Code: 222

Local Emergency Phone Numbers: Fire: 118; Police: 117

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)

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

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