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Afghanistan

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to NOT TRAVEL to this country due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, and armed conflict. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

<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 2 blank pages 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

[00 93] 0700 108 001; US Embassy Kabul, Kabul, Afghanistan

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. Polio vaccination up to 1 year before travel. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

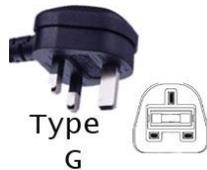
Arid to semiarid; cold winters and hot summers

Currency (Code)

Afghanis (AFN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



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Major Languages

Afghan Persian or Dari 77%, Pashto 48%, Uzbek 11%, English 6%, Turkemen 3%, Urdu 3% Pahayi 1%, Nuvistami 1%, Arabic 1%, Balochi 1%; note: shares sum to more than 100% because there is much bilingualism in the country and because respondents were allowed to select more than one language

Religions

Muslim 99.7% (Sunni 84.7 - 89.7%, Shia 10 - 15%), other 0.3%

Time Difference

UTC+4.5 (9.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side	Right
Cultural Practices	In Afghanistan, you may see people place their hands over their hearts and nod slightly as a greeting.
Telephone Code	93
Local Emergency Phone Numbers	Local numbers only

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

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(\[www.aaa.com\]\(http://www.aaa.com\)\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(\[www.aataidp.com\]\(http://www.aataidp.com\)\)](#)

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

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