### Bulgaria

#### 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](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. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 90 days.

#### US Embassy/Consulate
[359] (2) 937-5100; US Embassy in Sofia, 16, Kozyak Street, Sofia 1408, Bulgaria

#### Vaccinations
See WHO recommendations

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

#### Climate
Temperate; cold, damp winters; hot, dry summers

#### Currency (Code)
Leva (BGN)

#### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F

#### Major Languages
Bulgarian 76.8%, Turkish 8.2%, Romani 3.8%, other 0.7%, unspecified 10.5%

#### Religions
Eastern Orthodox 59.4%, Muslim 7.8%, other (including Catholic, Protestant, Armenian Apostolic Orthodox, and Jewish) 1.7%, none 3.7%, unspecified 27.4

#### Time Difference
UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time);
daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

#### Potable Water
Opt for bottled water.

#### International Driving Permit
Suggested

#### Road Driving Side
Right

#### Cultural Practices
Unlike in most other countries, a vertical shaking of the head indicates "no" in Bulgaria while a sideways shaking indicates "yes."

#### Telephone Code
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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)


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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