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

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

Climate
Desert; constantly hot, dry, dusty

Currency (Code)
Ouguiyas (MRO)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C

Major Languages
Arabic (official and 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 (official) 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.
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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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