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## Somalia

### 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, health issues, kidnapping, and piracy. 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 is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. 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 not required.

### US Embassy/Consulate

US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy in Kenya [254] (20) 363-6000; US Embassy Nairobi, United Nations Avenue Nairobi, P. O. Box 606 Village Market, 00621 Nairobi, Kenya

### 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

Principally desert; northeast monsoon (December to February), moderate temperatures in north and hot in south; southwest monsoon (May to October), torrid in the north and hot in the south, irregular rainfall, hot and humid periods (tangambili) between monsoons

### Currency (Code)

Somali shillings (SOS)

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

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



Type



### Major Languages

Somali, Arabic, Italian, English

### Religions

Sunni Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right

<b>Cultural Practices</b>	The left hand is considered unclean and should not be used for shaking hands.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	252
<b>Local Emergency Phone Numbers</b>	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 \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

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

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