**Tajikistan**

**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 1 blank page in their passport for each entry stamp/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.

If travel originates from a country without an Embassy of Tajikistan, it is possible for a traveler to purchase a visa upon arrival at the airport; however, the traveler will need to first apply for a visa online with the Tajikistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), receive a pre-approval confirmation, and a Letter of Invitation from the US Embassy Dushanbe prior to arrival.

**US Embassy/Consulate**


**Vaccinations**

See WHO recommendations

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

**Climate**

Mid-latitude continental, hot summers, mild winters; semiarid to polar in Pamir Mountains

**Currency (Code)**

Tajikistani somoni (TJS)

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

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

**Major Languages**

Tajik (official) 84.4%, Uzbek 11.9%, Kyrgyz .8%, Russian .5%, other 2.4%; note: Russian widely used in government and business

**Religions**

Muslim 98% (Sunni 95%, Shia 3%), other 2%

**Time Difference**

UTC+5 (10 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

**Potable Water**

Opt for bottled water.

**International Driving Permit**

Suggested
| **Road Driving Side** | Right |
| **Cultural Practices** | Best not to use your left hand for exchanges of money, gifts, shaking hands, or passing food. The use of ones left hand is considered unclean. |
| **Telephone Code** | 992 |
| **Local Emergency Phone Numbers** | 03 |

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- [World Health Organization (WHO)](http://www.who.int) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination.

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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