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Pakistan

US State Dept Travel Advisory The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Pakistan due to terrorism and sectarian violence. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

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

[92] (51) 201-5000/ [92] (51) 201-4000; US Embassy in Islamabad, Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna 5, Islamabad, Pakistan; ACSIslamabad@state.gov;

https://pk.usembassy.gov/

Telephone Code

Local Emergency 15

Phone

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 within one year before travel may be required to

exit Pakistan. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate Mostly hot, dry desert; temperate in northwest; arctic in north

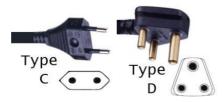
Currency (Code) Pakistani rupees (PKR)

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Electricity/Voltage/Plug

Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, D



Major Languages Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Urdu, Balochi, Hindko, English

Religions Muslim (official) 96.5% (Sunni 85-90%, Shia 10-15%), other (includes Christian and

Hindu) 3.5%

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

Left

Tourist destinations

Islamabad (includes Pakistan Monument Museum, Faisal Mosque); Naltar Valley & Lakes; Neelum Valley; Skardu; Gojal Valley; Deosai National Park; Lahore (includes Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort, Shalimar Gardens); Hunza Valley (includes Baltit

Fort); Mohenjo daro

Major Sports

Cricket, field hockey, squash, soccer, polo

Cultural Practices

Pakistani culture is very hierarchical, with age being one of the most important aspects, if not the most important. When interacting with Pakistanis, greet and show deference to the eldest person. It is impolite to start eating before the eldest member at the table has begun to eat.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping about 30-50 rupees at local restaurants is greatly appreciated. It is best to tip hotel staff directly or leave small change on the table of your hotel room. Taxis do not usually expect a tip.

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

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

<u>US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens.</u> 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 (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444 $\,$

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