

Lebanon

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Lebanon due to COVID-19, crime, terrorism, armed conflict, civil unrest and Embassy Beirut's limited capacity to provide support to US citizens. 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 90 days after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. NO Israeli stamp or visa should be found in your passport. Travelers 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. 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

[961] (04) 543 600; US Embassy in Beirut, Awkar-Facing the Municipality, Main Street, Beirut, Lebanon

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

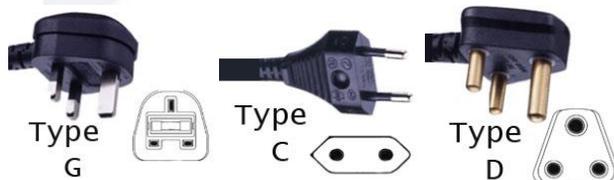
Mediterranean; mild to cool, wet winters with hot, dry summers; the Lebanon Mountains experience heavy winter snows

Currency (Code)

Lebanese pounds (LBP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Major Languages

Arabic, French, English, Armenian

Religions

Muslim 61.1% (30.6% Sunni, 30.5% Shia, smaller percentages of Alawites and Ismailis), Christian 33.7%, Druze 5.2%, very small numbers of Jews, Baha'is, Buddhists, and Hindus

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

Tourist destinations	Baalbek; Beirut (includes National Museum and Corniche); Cedars of God Nature Preserve; Byblos; Beiteddine Palace; Kadisha Valley; Tyre
Cultural Practices	When invited to a home bring a gift for the host; it is considered polite to additionally bring chocolates for the children of the house.
Tipping Guidelines	Waiters are usually tipped 10-15%, but check your bill as some places automatically add a 15% service charge. Hotel porters and parking valets appreciate small bills as a gratuity.
Telephone Code	961
Local Emergency Phone	112

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 \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

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

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