



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Libya due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, and armed conflict. 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 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

Please direct inquiries regarding US citizens in Libya to LibyaEmergencyUSC@state.gov; US Embassy in Tripoli is closed, contact the Libya External Office at the US Embassy in Tunis; [216] 71 107-000; Les Berges du Lac, 1053 Tunis; LibyaACS@state.gov;

<https://ly.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Telephone Code

218

Local Emergency Phone

193, 1515

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Libya: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

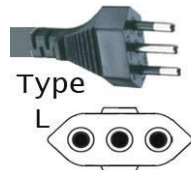
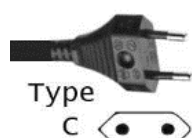
Mediterranean along coast; dry, extreme desert interior

Currency (Code)

Libyan dinars (LYD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, L



Major Languages

Arabic, Italian, English, Berber

Major Religions

Muslim (virtually all Sunni) 96.6%, Christian 2.7%, Buddhist 0.3%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

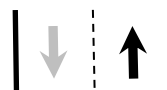
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Tadart Acacus; Cyrene; Leptis Magna; Old Town Ghadames; Sabratha; Tripoli (includes Arch of Marcus Aurelius, Red Castle Museum)

Major Sports

Soccer

Cultural Practices

Libyans value courtesy. It is considered rude to criticize another person directly or to discuss family matters in public.

Tipping Guidelines

A service charge of 10-20% is customary on restaurant and hotel bills.

Souvenirs

Ghadames slippers, blended oils/perfumes, stamps, gold jewelry inlaid with precious stones, leather goods, hand-loomed rugs, pottery, stringed musical instruments, copperware, palm leaf baskets

Traditional Cuisine

Cuscus Bil-Bosla — couscous cooked with lamb, chickpeas, potatoes, and tomatoes

