United States

Passport/Visa Requirements
A foreign national or alien entering the US is generally required to present a passport and valid visa issued by a US Consular Official, unless they are a citizen of a country eligible for the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), or are a lawful permanent resident of the US or a citizen of Canada. The VWP allows foreign nationals from certain countries to be admitted to the US under limited conditions and for a limited time without obtaining a visa. The foreign national must arrive on an approved carrier (if coming by air or sea), stay no more than 90 days (for pleasure, medical purposes, and/or business), and be able to prove they are not inadmissible. The foreign national is still required to have a passport. To obtain a list of VWP-eligible countries and VWP passport requirements, please visit https://www.dhs.gov and/or visa waiver program requirements. Note: all travelers transiting the US are subject to US customs and/or immigration laws.

Vaccinations
See WHO recommendations
http://www.who.int

Climate
Mostly temperate but tropical in Hawaii and Florida, arctic in Alaska, semiarid in the great plains west of the Mississippi River; and arid in the Great Basin of the southwest; low winter temperatures in the northwest are ameliorated occasionally in January and February by warm chinook winds from the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains

Currency (Code)
Dollar (USD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B

Major Languages
English only 78.2%, Spanish 13.4%, Chinese 1.1%, other 7.3%; note: the US has no official national language, but English has acquired official status in 32 of the 50 states; Hawaiian is an official language in the state of Hawaii, and 20 indigenous languages are official in Alaska

Religions
Protestant 46.5%, Roman Catholic 20.8%, Jewish 1.9%, Mormon 1.6%, other Christian 0.9%, Muslim 0.9%, Jehovah's Witness 0.8%, Buddhist 0.7%, Hindu 0.7%, other 1.8%, unaffiliated 22.8%, don't know/refused 0.6%
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<th><strong>Time Difference</strong></th>
<th>UTC-5 (during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins second Sunday in March; ends first Sunday in November; note: the 50 United States cover six time zones</th>
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<td><strong>Potable Water</strong></td>
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<td><strong>International Driving Permit</strong></td>
<td>Suggested for non-US citizens.</td>
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<td><strong>Road Driving Side</strong></td>
<td>Right</td>
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<td><strong>Tourist destinations</strong></td>
<td>Grand Canyon; Niagara Falls; Statue of Liberty; Washington, DC (includes White House, National Mall); Yellowstone National Park; Yosemite National Park; Denali National Park; Times Square; Golden Gate Bridge; Mesa Verde; Disney World/Land in Florida/California; Hawaii (includes Oahu, Maui, and island of Hawaii); Utah’s national parks; Las Vegas</td>
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<td><strong>Cultural Practices</strong></td>
<td>Honking your car horn unnecessarily can make drivers angry in America.</td>
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<td><strong>Tipping Guidelines</strong></td>
<td>At restaurants, tip 15-20% of the bill, based on quality of service; if the service is bad, it’s customary to tip as low as 10%. For bartenders, tip $1 per drink or 15-20% of the total bill. Tip taxi drivers 10-15% of the fare. Tip housekeeping $2-3 per night; tip room service $1-2 per delivery, regardless of service charge; tip bellhops $1-2 per bag, or more if the bags are very heavy; $2-5 for valet; $1-2 for doormen if they hail a taxi; $5 and higher for concierge depending on the difficulty of the request.</td>
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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)


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:

[American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com)](http://www.aaa.com) and


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

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