

## Syria

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to this country due to COVID-19, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, and armed conflict. 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 is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page 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

[963] (11) 3391-4444; US Embassy in Damascus, Abou Roumaneh, 2 Al Mansour Street, Damascus, Syria

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

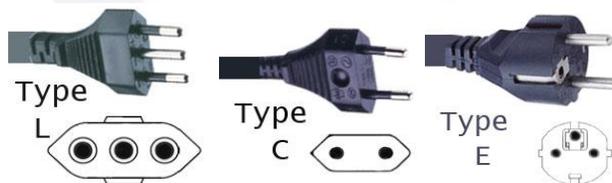
Mostly desert; hot, dry, sunny summers (June to August) and mild, rainy winters (December to February) along coast; cold weather with snow or sleet periodically in Damascus

### Currency (Code)

Syrian pounds (SYP)

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

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



### Major Languages

Arabic, Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian, French, English

### Religions

Muslim 87% (includes Sunni 74% and Alawi, Ismaili, and Shia 13%), Christian 10% (includes Orthodox, Uniate, and Nestorian), Druze 3%, Jewish (few remaining in Damascus and Aleppo); note: the Christian population may be considerably smaller as a result of Christians fleeing the country during the ongoing civil war

### Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins midnight on the last Friday in March, ends at midnight on the last Friday in October

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Palmyra & Valley of The Tombs; Damascus (includes Historic Center, Souq al-Hamidiyya, Umayyad Mosque); Ancient City of Aleppo; Krak des Chevaliers; Bosra
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Displaying the soles of one's feet to another person is improper. Similarly, placing one's feet on top of a table is not acceptable.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping is a common way of showing appreciation, but the amount is left to the discretion of the giver; 10 % is standard in larger restaurants.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	963
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 110; Fire 113; Police: 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 \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

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

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