

# Mauritania

# Travel Facts



## US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Reconsider Travel to Mauritania due to crime and terrorism. 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 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required, but travelers may obtain the visa upon entering the country.

## US Embassy/Consulate

+(222) 4525-2660; EMER: +(222) 3662-8163; US Embassy Nouakchott, Nouadhibou Road, Avenue Al Quds, Nouakchott, Mauritania; consularnkc@state.gov; <https://mr.usembassy.gov/>

## LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ 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

222

## Local Emergency Phone

Fire: 118; Police: 117

## Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Mauritania: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, 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

Desert; constantly hot, dry, dusty

## Currency (Code)

Ouguiyas (MRO)

## Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C

## Major Languages

Arabic, Pular, Soninke, Wolof, French

## Major Religions

Muslim

## Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

## Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

## International Driving Permit

Suggested

## Road Driving Side

Right



## Tourist Destinations

Banc d'Arguin National Park; Nouakchott; Ouadane, Chinguetti, Tichitt, & Oualata; Richat Structure in the Sahara Desert

## Major Sports

Soccer, basketball

## Cultural Practices

When talking about the past, people will often snap their fingers by their shoulders.

## Tipping Guidelines

A tip of 12-15% is expected in restaurants if no service charge has been added to the bill. Hotel service staff and drivers welcome small tips.

## Souvenirs

Dyed leather goods, silver jewelry and engraved items, woven rugs/carpets and hand-dyed fabric, knives; neolithic pottery, arrowheads, and other items

## Traditional Cuisine

Thieboudienne — fish and rice served in a white and red sauce, usually made from tomatoes

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