

Eritrea

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Eritrea due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Eritrea due to travel restrictions, limited consular assistance, and landmines. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting 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 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

[291] (1) 120004; US Embassy Asmara, 179 Alaa Street, Asmara, Eritrea

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

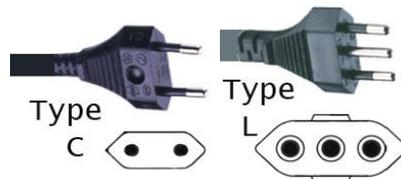
Hot, dry desert strip along Red Sea coast; cooler and wetter in the central highlands (up to 61 cm of rainfall annually, heaviest June to September); semiarid in western hills and lowlands

Currency (Code)

Nakfa (ERN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Major Languages

Trigrinya, Arabic, English, Tigre, Kunama, Afar, other Cushitic languages

Religions

Sunni Muslim, Coptic Christian, Roman Catholic, Protestant

Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist destinations	Asmara (includes St. Mariam Cathedral, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kulafah Al Rashidin Mosque); Dahlak Marine National Park
Cultural Practices	Unlike in western countries where raised eyebrows indicate puzzlement, in Eritrea they signal affirmation or approval.
Tipping Guidelines	Tipping up to 10% of the bill in restaurants is appreciated, but not always expected; this amount may sometimes be included as a service charge. Tipping taxi drivers is uncommon.
Telephone Code	291
Local Emergency Phone	Local numbers only

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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