Djibouti

Travel Facts







US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Djibouti due to terrorism and crime.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

[253] 21 45 30 00; US Embassy in Djibouti, Lot 350-B Haramouss, B.P. 185, Djibouti; https://dj.usembassy.gov/; DjiboutiACS@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-specialconsiderations.html

Telephone Code

253

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 351351; Fire: 18; Police: 17

Vaccinations

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

Climate

Desert; torrid, dry

Currency (Code)

Djiboutian francs (DJF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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





Type C

Major Languages

French, Arabic, Somali, Afar

Major Religions

Muslim, Christian

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist Destinations

Djibouti City; Lake Assal; Tadjoura; Ali Sabieh; Gulf of Tadjoura; Goba'ad Plain

Major Sports

Cricket, soccer

Cultural Practices

Unlike many western countries, the average work week in the country runs from Saturday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many private companies reopen in the afternoon from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is customary in Djibouti, with tips in restaurants being about 10%.

Souvenirs

Malachite and amber beaded items, hammered silver jewelry, traditional African clothing and woven goods, tribal art and daggers, wooden and carved stone items, scented incense, coffee beans

Traditional Cuisine

Skoudekharis — a one-pot dish of rice and spices that includes generous portions of lamb

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