# Bahrain

## US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Bahrain due to COVID-19. 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](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 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

[973] 1724-2700; US Embassy Manama, Bldg. 979, Road 3119, Block 331, Zinj, PO Box 26431, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain; https://bh.usembassy.gov/; ManamaConsular@state.gov

## Telephone Code

973

## Local Emergency Phone

999

## 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](http://www.who.int)

## Climate

Arid; mild, pleasant winters and very hot, humid summers

## Currency (Code)

Dinars (BHD)

## Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G

## Major Languages

Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu

## Religions

Muslim 73.7%, Christian 9.3%, Jewish 0.1%, other 16.9%

## Time Difference

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

## Potable Water

Yes, but some people opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit

Road Driving Side
Right

Tourist destinations
Adhari Park; Al Areen Wildlife Park; Manama (includes National Museum, Al Khamis Mosque, Al-Qudaibiya Palace); The Tree of Life; Arad Fort; Qal'at al-Bahrain- ancient harbor & capital of Dilmun

Major Sports
Soccer, mixed martial arts, cricket, car racing

Cultural Practices
If eating a meal on the floor, it is considered taboo to let one's feet touch the food mat. To avoid this situation, sit cross legged or kneel.

Tipping Guidelines
While there is often a 10% service charge at restaurants, it is still customary to leave a 10% tip for wait staff. Taxi drivers expect a 10% tip and porters will be happy with about 100 dinars per bag.

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) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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