

Iraq

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Iraq due to terrorism, kidnapping, armed conflict, civil unrest, and Mission Iraq's limited capacity to provide support to U.S. citizens. 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 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

0760-030-3000; US Embassy in Baghdad, Al-Kindi Street, International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq; BaghdadACS@state.gov;

<https://iq.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

964

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 122 Police: 104 Fire: 115

Vaccinations

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

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Mostly desert; mild to cool winters with dry, hot, cloudless summers; northern mountainous regions along Iranian and Turkish borders experience cold winters with occasionally heavy snows that melt in early spring, sometimes causing extensive flooding in central and southern Iraq

Currency (Code)

Iraqi dinars (IQD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, D, G



Type C



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

Arabic, Kurdish, Turkmen, Syriac, and Armenian

Major Religions

Muslim

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

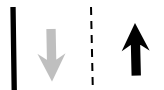
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Required

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Erbil; Ziggurat of Ur; Iraq Museum (Baghdad); Basra; Karbala; Hatra; Samarra Archaeological City; Babylon

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, kickboxing, wrestling

Cultural Practices

If meals are served on the floor, sit cross legged or kneel. It is impolite to let your food touch the floor.

Tipping Guidelines

If no service charge is included in the bill, a 10-15% tip is appropriate in nicer restaurants.

Souvenirs

Copperware, hand-woven carpets and rugs, silver, spices, teas, coffees, calligraphic paintings, woven baskets, musical instruments

Traditional Cuisine

Masgouf — seasoned grilled carp

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