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Bahrain

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Exercise increased caution in 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
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
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
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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	Suggested	
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		
US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. 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 (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)	
	v to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers: om the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444	

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