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## Afghanistan

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to this country due to COVID-19, crime, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, and armed conflict. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

<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

[00 93] 0700 108 001; US Embassy Kabul, Kabul, Afghanistan

### 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. Polio vaccination up to 1 year before travel. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Arid to semiarid; cold winters and hot summers

### Currency (Code)

Afghanis (AFN)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



### Major Languages

Afghan Persian or Dari 77%, Pashto 48%, Uzbek 11%, English 6%, Turkmen 3%, Urdu 3% Pahayi 1%, Nuvistami 1%, Arabic 1%, Balochi 1%; note: shares sum to more than 100% because there is much bilingualism in the country and because respondents were allowed to select more than one language

### Religions

Muslim 99.7% (Sunni 84.7 - 89.7%, Shia 10 - 15%), other 0.3%

### Time Difference

UTC+4.5 (9.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

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| Road Driving Side             | Right  |
| Cultural Practices            | In Afghanistan, you may see people place their hands over their hearts and nod slightly as a greeting. |
| Telephone Code                | 93   |
| Local Emergency Phone Numbers | 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 \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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