

# Djibouti

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department 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 US 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](mailto: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-special-considerations.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



Type E

### Major Languages

French, Arabic, Somali, Afar

### Major Religions

Muslim, Christian

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead 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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