

Kuwait

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Kuwait. Some areas have increased risk.

<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

+(965) 2259-1001; US Embassy Kuwait, Bayan, Block 13, Masjid Al-Aqsa Street, Kuwait City, Kuwait; KuwaitACS@state.gov;

<https://kw.usembassy.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

965

Local Emergency Phone

777

Vaccinations

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

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Climate

Dry desert; intensely hot summers; short, cool winters

Currency (Code)

Kuwaiti dinars (KD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



Type G

Major Languages

Arabic, English widely spoken

Major Religions

Muslim and Christian

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

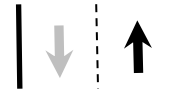
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Kuwait Towers; Al Kout Beach; Dhow Harbor; Katara Cultural Village; Failaka Island, Grand Mosque

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, cricket, handball, rugby

Cultural Practices

Giving or receiving gifts with your left hand is considered disrespectful.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is largely discretionary. Restaurants and hotels often add a 15% service charge. If no service charge is included, a 10% tip is considered appropriate. Gas station attendants, bellhops, and drivers all appreciate small tips of \$1-2 (USD) or the equivalent in dinars.

Souvenirs

Wool rugs, pearl jewelry, pottery, dried fruits/nuts, tea sets

Traditional Cuisine

Machboos (or Machboos laham) — mutton accompanied with rice cooked in the meat's broth and a mixture of onions, raisins, and yellow split peas

