

Holy See

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution while in the Holy See due to terrorism.

<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

[39] (06) 4674-1; US Embassy to the Holy See, Via Sallustiana, 49, 00187 Rome, Italy; <https://va.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

39

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 113; Fire: 115; Police: 112

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for the Vatican: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, COVID-19, pneumonia and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Temperate; mild, rainy winters (September to May) with hot, dry summers (May to September)

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F, L



Type C

Type F

Type L

Major Languages

Italian, Latin, French, various other languages

Major Religions

Roman Catholic

Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

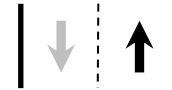
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Saint Peter's Basilica; Sistine Chapel; Vatican Palace; Pinacotheca (Art Gallery); Piazza San Pietro (Saint Peter's Square); Museo Pio Clementino

Major Sports

Soccer

Cultural Practices

This tiny state requires its visitors to show reverence and respect toward the Roman Catholic Church. This implies sleeveless or navel- or bust-revealing shirts, as well as those which feature profanities; shorts, above-knee length skirts, and excessive jewelry, are not allowed to be worn within Holy see territory.

Tipping Guidelines

While visiting churches or museums a tip will help with their upkeep and preservation. Tipping is not expected for taxi drivers or at restaurants.

Souvenirs

Religious items including blessed rosaries, prayer cards, replicas of holy icons, and relics from saints; collectible Vatican stamps, authentic gemstone and gold as well as costume jewelry

Traditional Cuisine

Fettuccine alla papalina — a creamy pasta dish with ham or Prosciutto and peas

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