

Eritrea

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Eritrea due to travel restrictions, limited consular assistance, landmines, and wrongful detentions.

<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

[372] 668-8100; US Embassy in Tallinn, Kentmanni 20, 15099 Tallinn, Estonia; <https://ee.usembassy.gov/>; acstallinn@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

291

Local Emergency Phone

Police 113, Medical Emergencies 114, Police 116

Vaccinations

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

Climate

Hot, dry desert strip along Red Sea coast; cooler and wetter in the central highlands (up to 61 cm of rainfall annually, heaviest June to September); semiarid in western hills and lowlands

Currency (Code)

Nakfa (ERN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type L

Major Languages

Trigrinya, Arabic, English, Tigre, Kunama, Afar, other Cushitic languages

Major Religions

Sunni Muslim, Coptic Christian, Roman Catholic, Protestant

Time Difference

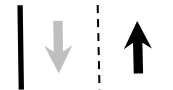
UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested



Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist Destinations

Asmara (includes St. Mariam Cathedral, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kulafah Al Rashidin Mosque); Dahlak Marine National Park

Major Sports

Soccer, cycling, volleyball

Cultural Practices

Unlike in western countries where raised eyebrows indicate puzzlement, in Eritrea they signal affirmation or approval.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping up to 10% of the bill in restaurants is appreciated, but not always expected; this amount may sometimes be included as a service charge. Tipping taxi drivers is uncommon.

Souvenirs

Tigrinya netsela cotton shawls/scarves, gold and silver jewelry, religious artifacts, pottery, baskets

Traditional Cuisine

Zigini — a spicy meat stew made with Berbere spices and eaten with a type of flatbread called injera

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