

Lebanon

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Lebanon due to rising tensions between Hizballah and Israel. If you are in Lebanon, be prepared to shelter in place should the situation deteriorate. The U.S. Embassy strongly encourages U.S. citizens who are already in Southern Lebanon, near the borders with Syria, and/or in refugee settlements to depart.

<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

[961] (04) 543 600; US Embassy in Beirut, Awkar-Facing the Municipality, Main Street, Beirut, Lebanon; BeirutACS@state.gov;

<https://lb.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

961

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

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

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

Climate

Mediterranean; mild to cool, wet winters with hot, dry summers; the Lebanon Mountains experience heavy winter snows

Currency (Code)

Lebanese pounds (LBP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

Arabic, French, English, Armenian

Major Religions

Muslim (Sunni, Shia, smaller percentages of Alawites and Ismailis), Christian (Maronite Catholics are the largest Christian group), Druze, very small numbers of Jews, Baha'is, Buddhists, and Hindus

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

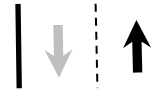
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

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Tourist Destinations

Baalbek; Beirut (includes National Museum and Corniche); Cedars of God Nature Preserve; Byblos; Beiteddine Palace; Kadisha Valley; Tyre

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball

Cultural Practices

Gifts are an important part of the Lebanese culture especially if you are invited to a Lebanese home. You can bring sweets, pastries, alcohol or flowers with you. It is better to give the gift with the right hand. The Lebanese receive their guests with warmth and a smile. You will see them perform three kisses and say "Marhaba", just follow their lead!

Tipping Guidelines

Waiters are usually tipped 10-15%, but check your bill as some places automatically add a 15% service charge. Hotel porters and parking valets appreciate small bills as a gratuity.

Souvenirs

Jewelry, copperware, glassware, brass tea sets, baskets

Traditional Cuisine

Tabbouleh — a salad made with tomatoes, parsley, bulgur, and onions mixed in a sauce of lemon juice, olive oil, and salt; often served with Kibbeh (ground lamb, bulgur, and seasonings baked, fried, stuffed, or served raw)

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