Pakistan

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Pakistan due to terrorism. 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

[92] (51) 201-5000/ [92] (51) 201-4000; US Embassy in Islamabad, Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna 5, Islamabad, Pakistan; ACSIslamabad@state.gov; https://pk.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

92

Local Emergency Phone 15

Vaccinations

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

Climate

Mostly hot, dry desert; temperate in northwest; arctic in north

Currency (Code)

Pakistani rupees (PKR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Major Languages

Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Urdu, Balochi, Hindko, English

Major Religions

Muslim (official) (Sunni, Shia), other (includes Christian and Hindu)

Time Difference

UTC+5 (10 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

Major Sports Cricket, field hockey, squash, soccer, polo

International Driving Permit

Suggested



Road Driving Side Left

Tourist Destinations

Islamabad (includes Pakistan Monument Museum, Faisal Mosque); Naltar Valley & Lakes; Neelum Valley; Skardu; Gojal Valley; Deosai National Park; Lahore (includes Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort, Shalimar Gardens); Hunza Valley (includes Baltit Fort); Mohenjo daro

Cultural Practices

It's polite to graciously accept tea and refreshments served in social situations. People wait for elders to sit down and begin before eating. Pakistanis will often use their hands to eat rather than cutlery.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping about 30-50 rupees at local restaurants is greatly appreciated. It is best to tip hotel staff directly or leave small change on the table of your hotel room. Taxis do not usually expect a tip.

Souvenirs

Shawls, carpets, onyx and other gemstones and jewelry, inlaid wood furniture and crafts

Traditional Cuisine

Chicken Biryani — a rice dish layered with curried chicken, herbs, biryani spices (including curry, turmeric, allspice, and cardamom), and sometimes potatoes or eggs

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