

Iraq

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Iraq due to terrorism, kidnapping, armed conflict, civil unrest, and Mission Iraq's limited capacity to provide support to U.S. citizens.

<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

0760-030-3000; US Embassy in Baghdad, Al-Kindi Street, International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq; BaghdadACS@state.gov;

<https://iq.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

964

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 122 Police: 104 Fire: 115

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Iraq: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, cholera, 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

Mostly desert; mild to cool winters with dry, hot, cloudless summers; northern mountainous regions along Iranian and Turkish borders experience cold winters with occasionally heavy snows that melt in early spring, sometimes causing extensive flooding in central and southern Iraq

Currency (Code)

Iraqi dinars (IQD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

Arabic, Kurdish, Turkmen, Syriac, and Armenian

Major Religions

Muslim (Shia, Sunni, Christian)

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Required

Road Driving Side

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Tourist Destinations

Erbil; Ziggurat of Ur; Iraq Museum (Baghdad); Basra; Karbala; Hatra; Samarra Archaeological City; Babylon

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, kickboxing, wrestling

Cultural Practices

If meals are served on the floor, sit cross legged or kneel. It is impolite to let your food touch the floor.

Tipping Guidelines

If no service charge is included in the bill, a 10-15% tip is appropriate in nicer restaurants.

Souvenirs

Copperware, hand-woven carpets and rugs, silver, spices, teas, coffees, calligraphic paintings, woven baskets, musical instruments

Traditional Cuisine

Masgouf — seasoned grilled carp

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