# Iraq

# **Travel Facts**

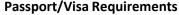
# **US State Department Travel Advisory**



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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



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



0760-030-3000; US Embassy in Baghdad, Al-Kindi Street, International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq; BaghdadACS@state.gov; <a href="https://iq.usembassy.gov/">https://iq.usembassy.gov/</a>

## LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>

# **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







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# **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**

Right

# **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



