

# Belarus

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Belarus due to the Belarusian authorities' continued facilitation of Russia's war against Ukraine, the buildup of Russian military forces in Belarus, the arbitrary enforcement of local laws, the potential of civil unrest, the risk of detention, and the Embassy's limited ability to assist U.S. citizens residing in or traveling to Belarus. U.S. citizens in Belarus should depart immediately.

<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

[375] (17) 210-12-83/217-73-47/217-73-48; US Embassy Minsk, 46 Starovilenskaya St., Minsk 220002, Belarus; <https://by.usembassy.gov/>; [ConsularMinsk@state.gov](mailto:ConsularMinsk@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

375

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 03; Fire: 01; Police: 02

### Vaccinations

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

<http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Cold winters, cool and moist summers; transitional between continental and maritime

### Currency (Code)

Rubles (BYB/BYR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

### Major Languages

Russian, Belarusian

### Major Religions

Orthodox, Roman Catholic, other, non-believers

### 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

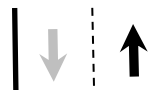
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Nyasvich Castle; Mir Castle; Minsk (includes Belarusian Great Patriotic War Museum and Vul Kastrychnitskaya); Homel Palace; Brest Fortress

### Major Sports

Ice hockey, athletics (track and field), wrestling, soccer, tennis, swimming

### Cultural Practices

Hospitality is part of the Belarusian tradition; people are welcoming and friendly; and gifts are given to friends and business associates.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is entirely discretionary and service charges are not automatically added to the bill. If you want to tip in a restaurant or café, give about 5% of the total amount. A few rubles are a common and appropriate tip for metered taxi drivers.

### Souvenirs

Flax/linen items, woodcarvings, leather goods, vodka, chocolate

### Traditional Cuisine

Draniki — shallow-fried potato pancakes

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