

Syria

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to this country due to COVID-19, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, armed conflict and risk of unjust detention. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate

[963] (11) 3391-4444; US Embassy in Damascus, Abou Roumaneh, 2 Al Mansour Street, Damascus, Syria

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

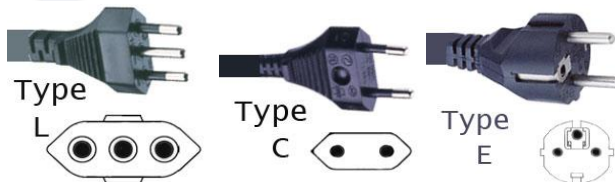
Mostly desert; hot, dry, sunny summers (June to August) and mild, rainy winters (December to February) along coast; cold weather with snow or sleet periodically in Damascus

Currency (Code)

Syrian pounds (SYP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E, L



Major Languages

Arabic, Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian, French, English

Religions

Muslim 87% (includes Sunni 74% and Alawi, Ismaili, and Shia 13%), Christian 10% (includes Orthodox, Uniate, and Nestorian), Druze 3%, Jewish (few remaining in Damascus and Aleppo); note: the Christian population may be considerably smaller as a result of Christians fleeing the country during the ongoing civil war

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Palmyra & Valley of The Tombs; Damascus (includes Historic Center, Souq al-Hamidiyya, Umayyad Mosque); Ancient City of Aleppo; Krak des Chevaliers; Bosra
Cultural Practices	Displaying the soles of one's feet to another person is improper. Similarly, placing one's feet on top of a table is not acceptable.
Tipping Guidelines	Tipping is a common way of showing appreciation, but the amount is left to the discretion of the giver; 10 % is standard in larger restaurants.
Telephone Code	963
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 110; Fire 113; Police: 112

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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