



# Afghanistan

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**

For the latest travel advisories for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's website, available through the link below.

<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 U.S. 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**

[00 93] (0) 700-10-8000; US Embassy Kabul, Bibi Mahru, Kabul, Afghanistan; <https://af.usembassy.gov/>; KabulACS@state.gov; note U.S. Embassy Kabul suspended operations on August 31, 2021; USG is helping through the Embassy in Doha, Qatar: Al-Luqta District, 22nd February Street, Doha, Qatar, +(974) 4496-6000, ACSDoha@state.gov or ConsularDoha@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**

93

**Local Emergency Phone**

Police 119, Ambulance 112

**Vaccinations**

For the latest information on required or recommended vaccines, please visit the CDC's website, available through the link below.



<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

**Climate**

Arid to semiarid; cold winters and hot summers

**Currency (Code)**

Afghanis (AFN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F
	<div><div><p>Type C</p></div><div><p>Type F</p></div></div>
Major Languages	Afghan Persian or Dari (official, lingua franca) 77%, Pashto (official) 48%, Uzbeki 11%, English 6%, Turkmani 3%, Urdu 3%, other minority languages
Time Difference	UTC+4.5 (9.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right



Souvenirs	Tribal hats and scarves, pottery, lapis lazuli and soapstone items, handwoven rugs, brass and copperware
Traditional Cuisine	Kabuli Pulao — long-grained Basmati rice steamed in meat broth, with assorted lentils, raisins, carrots, lamb, and chopped almonds and pistachios