

Iran

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Iran due to the risk of terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping and the arbitrary arrest of U.S. citizens. Exercise increased caution due to wrongful detentions.

<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

None; the US Interests Section is located in the Embassy of Switzerland; US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444; EMER: (202) 485-7600; Embassy of Switzerland, US Foreign Interests Section No. 39, Shahid Mousavi (Golestan 5th), Pasdaran Ave., Tehran, Iran

Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

Telephone Code

98

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 115; Fire: 123; Police: 110

Vaccinations

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

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

Climate

Mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast

Currency (Code)

Iranian rials (IRR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Persian Farsi, Azeri and other Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic

Major Religions

Muslim (Shia, Sunni)

Time Difference

UTC+3.5 (8.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC)

Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Persepolis; Chogha Zanbil; Anzali Lagoon; Chalus Road; Naqsh-e Jahan Square; Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System; Naqsh-e Rostam

Major Sports

Varzesh-e-Bastani (martial art), wrestling, polo

Cultural Practices

In Iran, it is customary to decline food or other offerings even when you want them. The provider will most often insist, whereupon one should humbly accept.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not common. Offer the bellhop a little something for carrying bags to your room.

Souvenirs

Hand-carved inlaid wood items, woven carpets and rugs, silks, silver and gold jewelry, ceramics, hand-lettered calligraphy, embroidered slippers

Traditional Cuisine

Chelo Kebab — skewered ground meat (lamb or beef) kebabs served with saffron rice and grilled tomatoes

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