Eswatini

Travel Facts





US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Eswatini due to crime and civil unrest. 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

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

(268) 2417-9000, US Embassy Mbabane, Corner of MR 103 and Cultural Center Drive, Ezulwini, P.O. Box D202, The Gables, H106, Eswatini; https://sz.usembassy.gov/; ConsularMbabane@state.gov

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html

Telephone Code

268

Local Emergency Phone

Emergency 999; Police 999; Fire 933

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Eswatini: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza.. http://www.who.int/

Climate

Varies from tropical to near temperate

Currency (Code)

Emalangeni (SZL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): M



Major Languages

English (used for government business), siSwati

Major Religions

Christian 90% (Zionist - 40%, Roman Catholic 20%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Tourist Destinations

Hlane Royal National Park; Mbuluzi Game Reserve; Mlawula Nature Reserve; Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary; Malolotja Nature Reserve, Phophonyane Falls Nature Reserve

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, cricket

Cultural Practices

If sitting on the ground, it is considered very rude to point one's feet at another person.

Tipping Guidelines

Service charges are not normally included in bills, but tips of 10% are customary.

Souvenirs

Woven rugs, clay pots, sisal woven baskets, traditional dyed cloth or hand-loomed mohair items, glass-bead or precious-metal jewelry, carved wooden statues, sheet-metal toys

Traditional Cuisine

Karoo roast ostrich steak — thinly sliced ostrich steaks marinated in red wine and juniper berries with salt and pepper then fried in butter and served with onions sautéed with peppercorns, white wine, and heavy cream; traditionally accompanied with a pumpkin and ground maize mash



