

United Kingdom

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in the United Kingdom due to terrorism. 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

[44] 20 7499-9000; Embassy of the United States of America, 33 Nine Elms Lane, London, SW11 7US (mailing postcode), SW8 5DB (driving/GPS postcode), United Kingdom; SCSLondon@state.gov; <https://uk.usembassy.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

44

Local Emergency Phone

112, 999

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Temperate; moderated by prevailing southwest winds over the North Atlantic Current; more than one half of the days are overcast

Currency (Code)

British pounds (GBP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Major Languages

English, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, Irish, Cornish

Major Religions

English, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, Irish, Cornish

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October; note: applies to the United Kingdom proper, not to its crown dependencies or overseas territories

Potable Water

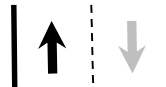
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

London (includes the Tower of London, British Museum, Parliament, Trafalgar Square); Windsor Castle; Stonehenge; Roman Baths & Georgian City of Bath; York Minster & historic Yorkshire; Chester Zoo; Cotswolds & Lake District; Hadrian's Wall; Edinburgh; Cardiff

Major Sports

Soccer, cricket, rugby, badminton, tennis, netball, field hockey

Cultural Practices

The British take punctuality very seriously. So, if anyone invites you to a social event and meeting in Britain, you need to arrive on time.

Tipping Guidelines

It is customary to leave 10-15% of the total bill as a tip when eating out, although some restaurants add on a service charge instead. Tip bartenders 1 pound. It is polite to tip 10-15% of the taxi fare, or round up to the nearest pound as a convenience. Tip porters 2 pounds to bring luggage to your room.

Souvenirs

Teas, preserves, stationary, Jasperware, shortbread cookies, chocolate, scotch

Traditional Cuisine

Fish and chips; cream tea; roast dinner, beef with Yorkshire pudding; English breakfast, bacon, sausages, egg, baked beans, black pudding, fried toast, hash browns, mushrooms and egg.

