

## AFGANISTAN

**“Landlocked and mountainous, Afghanistan has suffered from such chronic instability and conflict during its modern history that its economy and infrastructure are in ruins, and many of its people are refugees.**

**It is also afflicted by natural calamities such as earthquakes and drought.” BBC News**

### **Consular Information Sheet - US Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/afghanistan.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south\\_asia/country\\_profiles/1162668.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/country_profiles/1162668.stm)

### **Embassy in the U.S.**

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[the Embassy of Afghanistan](#)

2341 Wyoming Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20008

phone no. 202-483-6410

fax no. 202-483-6488

On-Line Information Service of the Embassy of Afganistan:

Provides currency exchange, time zone, business hours, official language, on-line and hard copy maps, foreign organizations including other embassies, NGOs, clubs, etc.)

website: [www.afghanistanembassy.org](http://www.afghanistanembassy.org).

### **Health Issues**

Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's hotline for international travelers at 1-877-FYI-TRIP (1-877-394-8747); fax 1-888-CDC-FAXX (1-888-232-3299), or via [the CDC's web site](#) at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>. For information about outbreaks of infectious diseases abroad, consult the [World Health Organization's website](#) at <http://www.who.int/en>. Further health information for travelers is available at <http://www.who.int/ith>.

### **Post Report - U.S. Department of State**

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=173](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=173)

**The World Factbook**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/af.html>

## ALBANIA

**“One of Europe's poorest countries, Albania is nevertheless a rich blend of religions, cultures and landscapes - and its political landscape has been equally varied.**

**After World War II, Albania became a Stalinist state under Enver Hoxha, and remained staunchly isolationist until its transition to democracy after 1990.**

**One result was the end of a ban on religious worship. Now Muslims, Orthodox and Roman Catholics co-exist alongside Albania's atheists.” BBC News**

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Embassy of the Republic of Albania at 2100 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 223-4942; Fax (202) 628-7324. Albania also maintains Honorary Consuls in Louisiana at 701 Poydras St. Suite 4200, New Orleans, LA 70139 (504)596-4229; in Massachusetts at 140 Northern Ave., Boston, MA 02210 (617)482-6262; and Texas at 20682 Sweetglen Dr., Houston, TX 77365-6385 (281)345-9599.

### **Consular Information Sheet - US Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/albania.html>

### **Country Profile - BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1004234.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1004234.stm)

### **Health Report**

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### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/al.html>

## **ANDORRA**

**“Almost hidden on the border between France and Spain, the tiny principality of Andorra is a land of narrow valleys and mountainous landscapes.” BBC News**

**Country Profile - BBC News**

**[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/992562.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/992562.stm)**

## **ALGERIA**

**“Algeria, a gateway between Africa and Europe, has been battered by violence over the past half-century and remains at war with itself.**

**More than a million Algerians were killed in the fight for independence from France in 1962 and more than 100,000 have died in the current power struggle.” BBC News**

### **Algerian Consulate in Great Britain**

6, Hyde Park Gate, London SW7 5EW.

Tel:44 (0)20 7589 6885 Fax:44 (0)20 7589 7725.

<http://www.consalgond.u-net.com/>

### **Algerian Embassy in the U.S.**

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Embassy of The Peoples Democratic Republic of Algeria

2137 Wyoming Ave. N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20008

Tel: (202) 265-2800

Fax: (202) 667-2174

[embalg.us@verizon.net](mailto:embalg.us@verizon.net)

### **Consular Information Sheet - US Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/algeria.html>

### **Country Map of Algeria**

[http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African\\_Studies/CIA\\_Maps/Algeria\\_19831.gif](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/CIA_Maps/Algeria_19831.gif)

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/790556.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/790556.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=2](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=2)

### **The World Factbook: Algeria (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ag.html>

## ANGOLA

**“Angola was embroiled in civil war for virtually the entire quarter century since its independence.**

**But the death of a veteran rebel leader in 2002 heralded the end of the conflict and reawakened hopes for lasting peace.**

**Although a growing oil producer - at times the eighth-largest supplier to the United States - Angola is one of the world's poorest countries and its life expectancy is among the lowest on the continent.” BBC News**

**Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1063073.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1063073.stm)

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Embassy of Angola at 2108 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202) 785-1156, fax (202) 822-9049.

**Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/angola.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=3](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=3)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ao.html>

## **ARGENTINA**

### **Country Profile - BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1192478.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1192478.stm)

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contact [the Argentine Embassy](#) at 1600 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, tel. (202) 939-6400. Internet: <http://athea.ar/cwash/homepage>. Travelers may also contact the nearest Argentine consulate in Los Angeles, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago, New York, or Houston.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/argentina.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=4](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=4)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ar.html>

## **ARMENIA**

### **Country Profile - BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1108052.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1108052.stm)

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Armenian Embassy at 2225 R St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 319-1976; the Armenian Consulate General in Los Angeles at 50 N. La Cienega Blvd., Suite 210, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, tel. (310) 657-6102 or visit [the Armenian Embassy's website](http://www.armeniaemb.org) at <http://www.armeniaemb.org>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/armenia.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=5](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=5)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/am.html>

## **AUSTRALIA**

**“Australia is the smallest continent, but combines a wide variety of landscapes.**

**These include deserts in its interior, hills and mountains, tropical rainforests, and heavily-populated coastal strips with long beaches and coral reefs off the shoreline.**

**When the British founded the first settlement and named it Sydney in 1788, there were a few hundred thousand Aborigines living in the country.**

**Two centuries of discrimination and expropriation were to follow, during which, at one point, the number of Aborigines fell as low as 60,000.” BBC News**

**Country Profile – BBC News**

**[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country\\_profiles/1250188.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1250188.stm)**

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Embassy of Australia at 1601 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (202) 797-3000, via the [Australian Embassy home page](#) on the Internet at <http://www.austemb.org> or from the Australian Consulate General in Los Angeles, telephone: (310) 229-4840.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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**<http://travel.state.gov/australia.html>**

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**[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=6](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=6)**

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

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**<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/as.html>**

## AUSTRIA

### **BBC news – Country Profile**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1032215.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1032215.stm)

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Embassy of Austria at 3524 International Court, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 895-6767, or the nearest Austrian Consulate General in Chicago, Los Angeles, or New York. [The Austrian Embassy to the United States](#) maintains a web page in English that answers questions concerning the laws and regulations of Austria, including residency, driver's license requirements, and permission to work:

<http://www.austria.org/index.html>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/austria.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=7](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=7)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/au.html>

## **AZERBAIJAN**

*“Oil-rich Azerbaijan gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 amid war and political turmoil.*

*The south Caucasus country became a member of the Council of Europe in 2001 and is now struggling to build a democratic, law-governed and secular state.*

*What is now Azerbaijan has been famed for its oil springs and natural gas sources since ancient times, when Zoroastrians, for whom fire is an important symbol, erected temples around burning gas vents in the ground.” BBC News*

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[Embassy of Azerbaijan](http://www.azembassy.com), 2741 34th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 (tel. 202-337-3500); e-mail [azerbaijan@tidalwave.net](mailto:azerbaijan@tidalwave.net); Internet: <http://www.azembassy.com>.

### **Ministry in Country**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shikhali Kurbanov Str., 4, Baku; tel. (9-9412) 93 59 40.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/azerbaijan.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1235976.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1235976.stm)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/aj.html>

