

## **ICELAND**

**Iceland became an independent republic in 1944. Dominated over previous centuries by Norway and Denmark, Iceland does not hesitate to defend its newly-won interests.**

**It has extended its territorial waters three times since the end of the 1950s to protect its fishermen and their main catch of Atlantic cod from foreign fleets.” BBC News**

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1025227.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1025227.stm)

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[For information concerning Iceland, please contact the Royal Danish Embassy](#) at 3200 Whitehaven St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 234-4300, via the Internet at <http://denmarkemb.org>, or the Danish consulates general in Los Angeles or New York.

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

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

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

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

Covers a wide variety of information provided to foreign service officers and their families prior to embarking to a new country. Includes living conditions, employment issues for spouses, availability of products, and much more.

[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=68](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=68)

### **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/ic.html>

## **INDIA**

**The world's second most populous country has emerged as a major power after a period of foreign rule and several decades during which its economy was virtually closed.**

**It has developed the capacity to strike at China and arch-rival Pakistan with its own missiles, and has carried out a programme of nuclear tests in defiance of world opinion. However, India is still struggling with huge social, economic and environmental problems.” BBC News**

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Embassy of India at 2536 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 939-9849 or 939-9806 or the Indian consulate in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, or Houston. The Internet address of the [Embassy of India](http://www.indianembassy.org/) is [www.indianembassy.org/](http://www.indianembassy.org/). Outside the United States, inquiries should be made at the nearest Indian embassy or consulate. [A list of Indian consulates and embassies](#) can be found at <http://passport.nic.in/missions.htm>.

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

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country  
<http://travel.state.gov/india.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south\\_asia/country\\_profiles/1154019.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/country_profiles/1154019.stm)

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

## **INDONESIA**

**“Spread across an archipelago of thousands of islands between Asia and Australia, Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population.**

**Ethnically it is highly diverse, with more than 300 local languages. The people range from stone-age hunter-gatherers to a modern urban elite.**

**Indonesia has seen unprecedented turmoil over the past four years, facing first the Asian financial crisis, then the fall of President Suharto after 32 years in office, the first free elections since the 1960s, the loss of East Timor, independence demands from restive provinces, bloody inter-ethnic and religious conflict and unending corruption scandals.” BBC News**

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Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia: 2020 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202/775-5200 and their web site is [www.embassyofindonesia.org](http://www.embassyofindonesia.org). You may also contact the nearest Indonesian Consulate General: CA (213) 383-5126 or (415)474-9571, IL (312) 595-1777, NY (212)879-0600 or TX (713)785-1691.

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country\\_profiles/1260544.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1260544.stm)

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

## **IRAN**

**“Iran was one of the first countries to be occupied by the early Islamic armies which burst out from Arabia in the seventh century.**

**Persia, as it was, had been one of the greatest empires of the ancient world, and has long maintained a distinct cultural identity within the Islamic world by retaining its own language and adhering to the Shi'i interpretation of Islam.” BBC News**

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The Iranian Interests Section of the Embassy of Pakistan is located at 2209 Wisconsin Ave. N.W, Washington, DC. 20007; tel 202-965-4990, 91, 92, 93, 94, 99, fax 202-965-1073, 202-965-4990 (Automated Fax-On-Demand after office hours). Their Internet Website is <http://www.daftar.org> (click on "English").

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/790877.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/790877.stm)

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

## **IRAQ**

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/791014.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/791014.stm)

### **Consulate in the U.S.**

Iraq is currently administered by the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). Information about the CPA can be found at <http://www.cpa-iraq.org>.

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

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

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

## **IRELAND**

**“Although the history of Ireland has seen troubled times, its people have always been associated with a love of music, storytelling and a bit of craic, as a good time with friends is known.**

**Often referred to as the land of saints and scholars, the country is the birthplace of many famous English-language writers, among them Yeats, Joyce, Beckett, Wilde and Shaw.” BBC News**

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Embassy of Ireland at 2234 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 2008, tel: (202) 462-3939, or the nearest Irish consulate in Boston, Chicago, New York, or San Francisco. The Internet address of the [Irish Embassy](http://www.irelandemb.org) is <http://www.irelandemb.org>.

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

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country  
<http://travel.state.gov/ireland.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1038581.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1038581.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=71](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=71)

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

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

## ISRAEL

**“The division of the former British mandate of Palestine and the creation of the state of Israel in the years after the end of World War II have been at the heart of Middle Eastern conflicts for the past half century.**

**The creation of Israel was the culmination of the Zionist movement, whose aim was a homeland for Jews scattered all over the world following the Diaspora. After the Nazi Holocaust, pressure grew for the international recognition of a Jewish state, and in 1948 Israel came into being.” BBC News**

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

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[http://travel.state.gov/israel westbank gaza.html](http://travel.state.gov/israel%20westbank%20gaza.html)

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/803257.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/803257.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=72](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=72)

### **U.S. Consulate in Israel**

Americans living in or visiting Israel, the West Bank or Gaza are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv or the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. E-mail registration for the U.S. Embassy is possible at <mailto:amctelaviv@state.gov> and for the U.S. Consulate General at <mailto:jerusalemacs@state.gov>. When registering, U.S. citizens can obtain updated information on travel and security in the area.

[The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv](#), Israel is located at 71 Hayarkon Street. The U.S. mailing address is PSC 98, Box 0001, APO AE 09830. The telephone number is (972)(3) 519-7575. The number after 4:30 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m. local time is (972)(3) 519-7551. The fax number is (972)(3) 516-4390. The Embassy's e-mail address is <mailto:amctelaviv@state.gov> and its Internet web page is <http://consular.usembassy-israel.org.il/>.

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy should be contacted for information and help in the following areas: Israel, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and ports of entry at Ben Gurion Airport, Gaza International Airport, Haifa Port, and the northern (Jordan River) and southern (Arava) border crossings connecting Israel and Jordan.

[The Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem](#) is located at 27 Nablus Road. The U.S. mailing address is Unit 7228, Box 0039, APO AE 09830. The telephone

number is (972)(2) 622-7200. The number after 4:30 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m. local time is (972)(2) 622-7250. The fax number is (972)(2) 627-2233. The Consulate's e-mail address is <mailto:jerusalemacs@state.gov> and its Internet web page is <http://www.uscongen-jerusalem.org/>.

The U.S. Consulate General should be contacted for information and help in the following areas: West and East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Allenby Bridge border-crossing connecting Jordan with the West Bank.

There is a U.S. Consular Agent in Haifa at 26 Ben Gurion Boulevard, telephone (972)(4) 853-1470, who reports to the Embassy in Tel Aviv. The Consular Agent can provide routine and emergency services in the north.

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

## ITALY

**Take the art works of Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Tintoretto and Caravaggio, the operas of Verdi and Puccini, the cinema of Federico Fellini, add the architecture of Venice, Florence and Rome and you have just a fraction of Italy's treasures from over the centuries.**

**While the country is renowned for these and other delights, it is also notorious for its precarious political life and has had several dozen governments since the end of World War II. BBC News**

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[Embassy of Italy](#) at 3000 Whitehaven Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. Tel: 202-612-4400 or via the Internet: <http://www.italyemb.org>, or the Italian Consulates General in Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Newark, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, or San Francisco.

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1065345.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1065345.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=73](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=73)

### **U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Italy**

Americans living in or visiting Italy are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Rome or at one of the three U.S. Consulates General and obtain updated information on travel and security within Italy.

[The U.S. Embassy in Rome](#) is located at Via V. Veneto 119/A. Tel: 39-06-46741 and fax: 39-06-4674-2217. Internet address: <http://www.usembassy.it>.

### **The U.S. Consulates are located in:**

Florence, at Lungarno Amerigo Vespucci 38. Tel: 39-055-266-951; fax: 39-055-215-550.

Milan, at Via Principe Amedeo 2/10. Tel: 39-02-290-351 and fax: 39-02-290-35-273.  
Naples, at Piazza della Repubblica. Tel: 39-081-583-8111 and fax: 39-081-761-1804.

**There are U.S. Consular Agents located in:**

Genoa, at Via Dante 2. Tel: 39-010-584-492 and fax: 39-010- 553-3033.

Palermo, at Via Vaccarini 1. Tel: 39-091-305-857 and fax: 39- 091-625-6026.

Trieste, at Via Roma 15. Tel: 39-040-660-177 and fax: 39-040-631-240.

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