

## **SAMOA**

**“Considered by the United Nations to be one of the world's least developed countries, the Independent State of Samoa has one of the lowest wage and highest unemployment rates in its region, though its prospects appear to be improving with diversification and a growing tourism industry.**

**Known until 1997 as Western Samoa, it consists of nine volcanic islands, two of which - Savai'i and Upolu - comprise more than 99% of the land.” BBC News**

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Currency, Exchange Control, Credit Cards, Telephone, Time Zone, Business Hours, Electricity, Official Languages, On-Line and Paper Maps, Foreign Organizations, (Embassies, NGOs, Clubs), Arts and Crafts, Photography, Weather, Points of Interest, and More.

Samoa Mission to the United Nations at 800 2nd Avenue, Suite 400J, New York, NY 10017, telephone (212) 599-6196, fax (212) 599-6196.

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country\\_profiles/1300802.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1300802.stm)

### **Embassies in Samoa – U.S.**

[Americans living in or visiting Samoa are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Samoa and obtain updated information on travel and security within Samoa.](#) The U.S. Embassy is located in the Accident Compensation Board (ACB) Building, Fifth Floor, Apia. The Embassy is open to the public from 9:30am to 12:30p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment at other times. The Embassy's mailing address is U.S. Embassy, P.O Box 3430, Apia, Samoa. The telephone numbers are (685) 21631/22696. The fax number is (685) 22030. An Embassy officer can be reached after hours in an emergency involving the welfare of an American citizen at (685)-71776. The email address is usembassy@samoa.ws. Americans may obtain updated information on travel and security for Samoa from the U.S. Embassy.

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

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=126](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=126)

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

## **SAN MARINO**

**“Landlocked San Marino is the world's second smallest republic. Surrounded by Italy, it is an echo from an era when small city-states proliferated across Europe.**

**Mount Titano, part of the Appennine range, dominates San Marino's landscape. Three defensive fortresses perch on Titano's slopes, looking out to the Adriatic coast.**

**Tourism dominates the economy of the 61 square kilometre (23.6 square miles) country, which plays host to more than three million visitors every year.” BBC News**

**Country Profile – BBC News**

**[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/2669927.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/2669927.stm)**

## **SAO TOME & PRINCIPE**

**“Sao Tome and Principe, once a leading cocoa producer, is poised to benefit from the presence of large offshore reserves of oil.**

**But arguments have arisen over how to spend the expected financial windfall, leading to increased political tension.” BBC News**

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The Permanent Mission of Sao Tome and Principe

400 Park Ave., 7th Floor

New York, N.Y. 10022,

Telephone (212) 317-0533, fax (212) 935-7348.

Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Sao Tomean embassy or consulate.

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

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

[http://travel.state.gov/saotome\\_principe.html](http://travel.state.gov/saotome_principe.html)

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1064541.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1064541.stm)

### **Embassies in Country - U.S. Department of State**

There is no U.S. Embassy in Sao Tome and Principe. U.S. citizens living in or visiting Sao Tome and Principe who need assistance may contact the U.S. Embassy in Libreville, Gabon, located on the Boulevard de la Mer. U.S. citizens traveling to or living in Sao Tome and Principe are encouraged to register at the U.S. Embassy in Libreville. The mailing address is B.P. 4000, Libreville, Gabon, telephone numbers: (241) 76-20-03/4 or 74-34-92.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

**“One of the most devout and insular countries in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia has emerged from being an underdeveloped desert kingdom to become one of the wealthiest nations in the region thanks to vast oil resources.**

**Named after the ruling Al Sa'ud family, which first came to power in the 18th century, the country includes the Hijaz region - the birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad and the cradle of Islam. This fact, combined with the Al Sa'uds' espousal of a strict interpretation of Sunni Islam known as Wahhabism, has led it to develop a strongly religious self-identity.” BBC News**

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/791936.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/791936.stm)

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[Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia](http://www.saudiembassy.net/), 601 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, telephone (202) 342-3800. The Embassy's Internet home page is at <http://www.saudiembassy.net/>

Saudi Consulate General in New York: 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 480, New York, NY 10017, tel: (212) 752-2740

Saudi Consulate General in Houston: 5718 Westheimer, Suite 1500, Houston, TX 77057, tel: (713) 785-5577

Saudi Consulate General in Los Angeles: Sawtelle Courtyard Building, 2045 Sawtelle Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025, tel: (310) 479-6000

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

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

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

### **Embassies and Consulates in Saudi Arabia - U.S. Department of State**

Americans living in or visiting Saudi Arabia are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh or the Consulates General in Dhahran and Jeddah. U.S. citizens who register at the U.S. Embassy or the U.S. Consulates General may obtain updated information on travel and security within Saudi Arabia and can be included in the warden network.

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, is located at Collector Road M, Riyadh Diplomatic Quarter. The international mailing address is P.O. Box 94309, Riyadh 11693. Mail may also be sent via the U.S. Postal Service to: U.S. Embassy, Unit 61307, APO AE 09803-1307. The Embassy telephone number is (966) (1) 488-3800, fax (966) (1) 488-7275.

The U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, is located between Aramco Headquarters and the old Dhahran Airport at the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals highway exit. The international mailing address is P.O. Box 38955, Doha-Dhahran 31942. Mail may also be sent via the U.S. Postal Service to: Unit 66803, APO AE 09858-6803. The telephone number is (966) (3) 330-3200, fax (966) (3) 330-0464.

The U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, is located on Palestine Road, Ruwais. The international mailing address is P.O. Box 149, Jeddah. Mail may also be sent via the U.S. Postal Service to: Unit 62112, APO AE 09811-2112. The telephone number is (966) (2) 667-0080, fax (966) (2) 669-3078 or 669-3098.

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

## **SENEGAL**

**“The 40-year rule of Senegal's Socialist Party came to a peaceful end in March 2000.**

**President Abdou Diouf was voted out of office in elections hailed as a rare democratic power transfer on a continent plagued by coups, civil wars and election fraud.**

**For the Senegalese, however, political participation and peaceful leadership changes were not new.**

**Even as a colony Senegal had representatives in the French parliament. And the promoter of African culture, Leopold Senghor, who became president at independence in 1960, voluntarily handed over power to Mr Diouf in 1980.” BBC News**

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Embassy of Senegal, 2112 Wyoming Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C., 20008, telephone (202) 234-0540. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Senegalese embassy or consulate.

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1064496.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1064496.stm)

### **Embassies in Senegal – U.S.**

U.S. citizens living in or visiting Senegal are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar, and to obtain updated information on travel and security in Senegal. The mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. The telephone number is (221) 823-4296; after-hours (221) 823-4604. [Embassy website](http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar/) is <http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar/>.

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=128](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=128)

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

## **SERBIA-MONTENEGRO**

**“The union of Serbia and Montenegro was voted into existence by the Yugoslav parliament in February 2003.**

**The parliaments of Serbia and Montenegro had already approved the constitutional charter for the new union. Yugoslavia formally ceased to be.” BBC News**

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[The Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro](#) in Washington or the Consulate General of Serbia and Montenegro in Chicago. The address of the Embassy is 2134 Kalorama Road, Washington, DC 20008; telephone (202) 332-0333 or fax (202) 332-3933; website <http://www.mfa.gov.yu>. The address of the Consulate General is 201 East Ohio St., Suite 200, Chicago, Illinois 60611; telephone (312) 670-6707 or fax (312) 670-6787; e-mail [yuconsusa@aol.com](mailto:yuconsusa@aol.com).

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

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country  
[http://travel.state.gov/serbia\\_montenegro.html](http://travel.state.gov/serbia_montenegro.html)

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1039269.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1039269.stm)

### **Embassies in Serbia and Montenegro – U.S.**

U.S. citizens are encouraged to register at the U.S. Office in Pristina and obtain updated information on travel and security in Kosovo. However, the U.S. Office in Pristina can provide only limited consular services. The U.S. Office is located at 30 Nazim Hikmet St. in the Dragodan area of Pristina. The telephone number is (381) 38-549-516, e-mail: [consularpristina@state.gov](mailto:consularpristina@state.gov).

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

## SEYCHELLES

**“After an ominous, post-independence start which saw them lurch from a coup, through an invasion by mercenaries to an abortive army mutiny and several coup attempts, the Seychelles have stabilized and attained prosperity.**

**Citizens enjoy a high per capita income, good health care and education.**

**But just a year after independence in 1976, the Seychelles appeared to be heading down the path of instability which has blocked the development of many African states.” BBC News**

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Permanent Mission of the Seychelles to the United Nations, 800 Second Avenue, Suite 400C, New York, N.Y. 10017; telephone number (212) 972-1785.

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1070461.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1070461.stm)

### **Embassies in the Seychelles – U.S.**

The U.S. Embassy in Seychelles closed in August 1996, and consular responsibility was transferred to the U.S. Embassy in Mauritius, located at Rogers House (fourth floor) on John F. Kennedy Street in Port Louis. The telephone numbers are (230) 208-2347 and (230) 202-4400; fax (230) 208-9534 and (230) 202-4401. The Embassy website is <http://mauritius.usembassy.gov>; e-mail [usembass@intnet.mu](mailto:usembass@intnet.mu).

There is a U.S. Consular Agency in Victoria, Seychelles that provides limited services such as distribution of the following forms: passport applications, Social Security applications, and consular report of birth applications. U.S. citizens visiting or residing in Seychelles are encouraged to register at the Consular Agency and to obtain updated information on travel and security in Seychelles. The agency is located at Oliaji Trade Center, Victoria, Mahe; telephone (248) 225-256; fax (248) 225-189; e-mail [usoffice@seychelles.net](mailto:usoffice@seychelles.net). The international mailing address is U.S. Consular Agency, P.O. Box 251, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles.

Registration forms can also be downloaded from the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Mauritius home page. A photocopy of your U.S. passport data page should be attached to the registration form when registering with the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consular Agency.

## **SIERRA LEONE**

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

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Embassy of Sierra Leone, 1701 19th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009; telephone (202) 939-9261. Overseas, inquiries should be made to the nearest Sierra Leonean embassy or consulate.

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

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

[http://travel.state.gov/sierra\\_leone.html](http://travel.state.gov/sierra_leone.html)

### **Embassies in Sierre Leone – U.S.**

U.S. citizens living in or visiting Sierra Leone are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Freetown, and to obtain updated information on travel and security in Sierra Leone. The Embassy is located at the corner of Walpole and Siaka Stevens Streets, tel (232)(22) 226-481, fax (232)(22) 225-471. The U.S. Embassy in Freetown currently provides only limited consular services to U.S. citizens, including emergency services, and some passport services. The U.S. Embassy in Conakry, Guinea, tel (224) 41-15-20/21/23, fax (224) 41-15-22, provides other routine consular services to American citizens.

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

## **SINGAPORE**

**“Singapore is south-east Asia's hi-tech city-state which is famed for its obsession with cleanliness and rules against chewing gum.**

**The country comprises the main island - linked by causeways to the southern tip of Malaysia - and around 50 smaller islands.**

**Once a colonial outpost, Singapore has developed into one of the world's most prosperous places - with glittering skyscrapers and a thriving port.” BBC News**

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Embassy of the Republic of Singapore at 3501 International Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202) 537-3100. Please see also [the Singapore Government home page](http://www.gov.sg/) on the Internet at <http://www.gov.sg/>.

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country\\_profiles/1143240.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1143240.stm)

### **Embassies in Singapore – U.S.**

Americans living in or visiting Singapore are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of [the U.S. Embassy in Singapore](http://www.singapore.usembassy.gov), which has updated information on travel and security within Singapore. The Embassy is located at 27 Napier Road, Singapore 258508, tel. [65] 6476-9100, fax [65] 6476-9340, home page web address: <http://www.singapore.usembassy.gov>. In case of emergencies after working hours, the duty officer at the Embassy may be contacted by calling tel. [65] 6476-9100.

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

## **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**“Part of Czechoslovakia until the "velvet divorce" in January 1993, Slovakia's years of independence can be divided into two distinct chapters.**

**The story in chapter one revolved around frosty relations with the European Union and Nato combined with rejection of economic reform.**

**Chapter two saw a complete change of direction and moves to embrace all three - the EU, Nato and reform.” BBC News**

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Embassy of the Slovak Republic at 3523 International Court N.W., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20008, telephone (202) 237-1054, fax: (202) 237-6438, e-mail: [info@slovakembassy-us.org](mailto:info@slovakembassy-us.org), Internet <http://www.slovakembassy-us.org>.

**Emergency Numbers In Country:** The following emergency numbers are valid throughout the Slovak Republic:

General: 112 (English and German speaking operators)

Police: 158

Ambulance: 155

Fire: 150

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

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

[http://travel.state.gov/slovak\\_republic.html](http://travel.state.gov/slovak_republic.html)

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1108491.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1108491.stm)

### **Embassies in the Slovak Republic**

Americans living in or visiting the Slovak Republic are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava and obtain updated information on travel and security within the Slovak Republic. The U.S. Embassy is located at Hviezdoslavovo nam. 4, Bratislava, telephone (421)(2) 5443 0861, (421)(2) 5443 3338, fax (421)(2) 5441 8861, e-mail: [cons@usembassy.sk](mailto:cons@usembassy.sk), web site:

<http://www.usembassy.sk>.

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

## **SLOVENIA**

**“Slovenia is the only one of the former Yugoslav republics to be in the first wave of candidates for membership of the European Union and has been formally invited to join in 2004.**

**This is a reflection of Slovenia's substantial economic and political stability.**

**Unlike Croatia or Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia's independence from Yugoslavia was relatively bloodless.**

**The move was undoubtedly aided by Western European recognition of the Slovenes' aspirations and the low proportion of other ethnic groups in the country.” BBC News**

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Embassy of Slovenia at 1525 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, tel. (202) 667-5363; the Consulate General of Slovenia in New York City, tel. (212) 370-3006; or the Consulate General of Slovenia in Cleveland, Ohio, tel. (216) 589-9220. The web site of [the Slovenian Embassy](http://www.embassy.org/slovenia/) in the United States is <http://www.embassy.org/slovenia/>.

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

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

### **Consulates in Slovenia – U.S. Department of State**

Americans living in or visiting Slovenia are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana to obtain updated information on travel and security within Slovenia. The U.S. Embassy is located at Presernova 31, Ljubljana 1000, Tel: (386)(1) 200-5500 or Fax: (386)(1) 200-5535. [The Embassy website](http://www.usembassy.si) address is <http://www.usembassy.si>.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1097296.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1097296.stm)

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## **SOLOMAN ISLANDS**

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Solomon Islands Mission to the United Nations

800 Second Avenue, Suite 8008

New York, NY 10017-4709

Tel: (212) 599-6192 or 6193

### **Consulates in the Solomon Islands – U.S. Department of State**

There is no U.S. Embassy in the Solomon Islands. However, there is a U.S. Consular Agency in Honiara. The Consular Agent has general information and forms (such as passport applications for forwarding to Port Moresby) and can be contacted at BJS Agencies Limited in Honiara, Tel (677) 23426, Fax (677) 21027.

The U.S. Embassy in Papua New Guinea provides primary assistance for U.S. citizens in the Solomon Islands. The Embassy is located on Douglas Street, adjacent to the Bank of Papua New Guinea, in Port Moresby. Use this address for courier service deliveries. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1492, Port Moresby, N.C.D. 121, Papua New Guinea; Tel (675) 321-1455; Fax (675) 321-1593; E-mail [consularportmoresby@state.gov](mailto:consularportmoresby@state.gov).

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

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

[http://travel.state.gov/solomon\\_islands.html](http://travel.state.gov/solomon_islands.html)

### **Consulates in the Solomon Islands – U.S.**

U.S. citizens are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and to obtain updated information on travel and security from the Embassy. Information may also be obtained from the Consular Agent in Honiara. American citizens may submit consular inquiries via e-mail to [consularportmoresby@state.gov](mailto:consularportmoresby@state.gov).

### **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.

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## **SOMALIA**

**“Somalia was without an effective central government for much of the 1990s, after President Siad Barre was overthrown in 1991.**

**Fighting between rival warlords and inability to deal with famine and disease led to the death of up to one million people.**

**A transitional government set up in 2000 only controls parts of the capital.**

**Comprised of a former British protectorate and an Italian colony, Somalia was created in 1960 when the two territories merged. Since then, its development has been hindered by territorial claims on Somali-inhabited areas of Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti.” NNC News**

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

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Permanent Representative of the Somali Republic to the United Nations, telephone (212) 688-9410. Persons outside the United States should contact the nearest Somali embassy or consulate. All such establishments, where they exist, are affiliated with the Transitional National Government based in Mogadishu, whose authority is not accepted by the Somaliland and Puntland administrations.

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

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

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

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1072592.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1072592.stm)

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

**“Diversity is a key feature of South Africa, where 11 languages are recognised as official, where community leaders include rabbis and chieftains, rugby players and returned exiles, where traditional healers ply their trade around the corner from stockbrokers and where housing ranges from mud huts to palatial homes with swimming pools.**

**The diverse communities, however, have not had much representation for long.**

**Until 1994 South Africa was ruled by a white minority which considered itself superior, and which was so determined to hang onto power that it took activists most of last century before they succeeded in their fight to get rid of apartheid and extend democracy to the rest of the population.” BBC News**

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

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Embassy of South Africa, 3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 232-4400, web site at <http://usaembassy.southafrica.net>, or, the South African consulates in Los Angeles, Chicago, or New York. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest South African embassy or consulate.

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in South Africa – U.S.**

Americans living in or visiting South Africa are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the nearest U.S. consulate and obtain updated information on travel and security within South Africa. The U.S. Embassy is located at 877 Pretorius Street, Arcadia in Pretoria, telephone (27-12) 342-1048 (from South Africa 012-342-1048), fax (27-12) 342-5504 (from South Africa 012-342-5504). [The U.S. Embassy web site](http://usembassy.state.gov/pretoria/) is <http://usembassy.state.gov/pretoria/>.

The U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg provides most consular services for Americans in the Pretoria area. The Consulate General in Johannesburg is located at No. 1 River Street (corner of River and Riviera Road), Killarney, Johannesburg, telephone (27-11) 644-8000 (from South Africa 011-644-8000), fax (27-11) 646-6916 (from South Africa (011-646-6916). Its consular jurisdiction includes Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West, and Free State provinces.

The Consulate General in Cape Town is located at Broadway Industries Center, Heerengracht, Foreshore, telephone (27-21) 421-4280 (from South Africa 021-421-4280), fax (27-21) 425-3014 (from South Africa 021-425-3014). Its consular jurisdiction includes Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and Northern Cape provinces.

The Consulate General in Durban is located at the Old Mutual Building, 31st floor, 303 West Street, telephone (27-31) 305-7600 (from South Africa 031-305-7600), fax (27-31) 305-7691 (from South Africa 031-305-7691). Its consular jurisdiction includes KwaZulu-Natal Province.

**Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1071886.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1071886.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=134](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=134)

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

## **SOUTH KOREA**

**“When the leaders of South and North Korea shook hands on the tarmac of Pyongyang airport in June 2000, it was possible to forget that their two countries were still technically at war, as they have been since 1953 when their conflict ended without a peace agreement.**

**Since their division, South Korea has developed into one of Asia's most affluent countries, while the North has slipped into poverty.” BBC News**

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

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

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

### **Consulates in South Korea - U.S. Department of State**

Americans living in or visiting South Korea are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of [the U.S. Embassy in Seoul](#) and obtain updated information on travel and security within South Korea. The U.S. Embassy is located at 82 Sejong-Ro Chongro-Ku, Seoul, telephone (82-2) 397-4114 fax (82-2) 738-8845. The U.S. Embassy's web page can be found at <http://usembassy.state.gov/seoul>.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country\\_profiles/1123668.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1123668.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=79](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=79)

### **Tourism Organization**

English is often not spoken outside the main tourist and business centers. [The Korea National Tourism Organization](#) (KNTO) can be reached in the United States by calling 1-800-868-7567, and has a useful web site in English at <http://www.tour2korea.com>. The KNTO also operates a telephone information service in South Korea, which can be reached by calling 1330 (02-1330 from mobile phones) anywhere in the country. The telephone service has English speakers and is available 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day throughout the year.

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**NOT AVAILABLE**

## **SPAIN**

**“Although at the crossroads of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, Europe and Africa, Spain was internationally isolated under General Franco's post-Civil War (1936-39) dictatorship.**

**But it began to recover from recession in the 1950s, with a rise in tourism and aid from the US.” BBC News**

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

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[The website of the Spanish Embassy in the United States](http://www.spainemb.org) is <http://www.spainemb.org>. Additional information on Andorra may be obtained from the Andorran Mission to the U.N., 2 U.N. Plaza, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10018, telephone (212) 750-8064 or via the Internet at <http://www.andorra.ad>.

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in Spain – U.S.**

The U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain, is located at Serrano 75; telephone (34)(91) 587-2200, and fax (34)(91) 587-2303. U.S. citizens who register in the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy, Consulate General, or Consular Agency listed below can obtain updated information on travel and security within Spain or Andorra. Additional information is available through [the U.S. Embassy's Internet homepage](http://www.embusa.es/indexbis.html) at <http://www.embusa.es/indexbis.html>.

The U.S. Consulate in Barcelona is located at Paseo Reina Elisenda 23-25; telephone (34)(93) 280-2227 and fax (34)(93) 205-5206. Visitors to Barcelona can access additional information from [the Consulate General's web page](http://www.embusa.es/barcelonaen.html) at <http://www.embusa.es/barcelonaen.html>

There are six Consular Agencies in Spain, which provide limited services to American Citizens, but are not authorized to issue passports.

Fuengirola near Malaga, at Avenida Juan Gomez Juanito #8, Edificio Lucia 1C, 29640, Fuengirola, telephone (34)(952) 474-891 and fax (34)(952) 465-189, hours 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

La Coruna, at Canton Grande 6, telephone (34)(981) 213-233 and fax (34)(981) 22 88 08), hours 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

Las Palmas, at Edificio Arca, Calle Los Martinez de Escobar 3, Oficina 7, telephone (34)(928) 222-552 and fax (34)(928) 225-863, hours 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

Palma de Mallorca, Edificio Reina Constanza, Porto Pi, 8, 9-D, 07015 Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Telephone (34)(971) 40-3707 or 40-3905 and fax (34)(971) 40-3971. Hours 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;

Seville, at Paseo de Las Delicias 7, telephone (34)(954) 231-885 and fax (34)(954) 232-040, hours 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;

Valencia, at Doctor Romagosa #1, 2-J, 46002, Valencia telephone (34)(96)-351-6973 and fax (34)(96) 352-9565, hours 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For Andorra, please contact the U.S. Consulate in Barcelona.

**Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/991960.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/991960.stm)

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

**Tourist Information Office**

Spain is a member of the European Union. Additional information on Spain may be obtained from [the Tourist Office of Spain](http://www.okspain.org) (<http://www.okspain.org>), telephone (212) 265-8822, or via the Internet at <http://www.okspain.org>.

## **SRI LANKA**

**“Nestling off the southern tip of India, the tropical island of Sri Lanka has beguiled travellers for centuries with its palm-fringed beaches, diverse landscapes and historical monuments.**

**But for nearly two decades, the island was scarred by a bitter civil war arising out of ethnic tensions.” BBC News**

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

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Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, 2148 Wyoming Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 483-4025 through 28, fax numbers (202) 232-7181 or 483-8017, e-mail address: [slembassy@clark.net](mailto:slembassy@clark.net), home page: <http://www.slembassy.org>. There is a Consulate General in Los Angeles at 5371 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 201, Los Angeles, CA 90036, telephone (323) 634-0479 or (323) 634-1079 and a Consulate in New York City telephone (212) 986-7040. There are several honorary Sri Lankan consuls general and consuls in the United States. They can be located at the Sri Lankan Embassy web site.

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

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

[http://travel.state.gov/sri\\_lanka.html](http://travel.state.gov/sri_lanka.html)

### **Consulates and Embassies in Sri Lanka – U.S.**

Americans living in or visiting Sri Lanka are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Colombo and obtain updated information on travel and security within Sri Lanka. The U.S. Embassy is located at 210 Galle Road, Colombo 3, Sri Lanka. The Embassy's telephone number during normal business hours Monday through Friday is (94)(1) 244-8007. The after-hours and emergency telephone number is (94)(1) 244-8601. The Consular Section fax number is (94)-(1)-436-943. The Embassy's Internet address is <http://usembassy.state.gov/srilanka>. The e-mail address for the consular section is [consularcolombo@state.gov](mailto:consularcolombo@state.gov). The Embassy in Colombo also covers the Republic of the Maldives. U.S. citizens are strongly encouraged to register at the Embassy upon arrival in Sri Lanka or by e-mail.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south\\_asia/country\\_profiles/1168427.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/country_profiles/1168427.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=136](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=136)

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

## **SUDAN**

**“Sudan is the largest and one of the most diverse countries in Africa, home to deserts, mountain ranges, swamps and rain forests.**

**Apart from an 11-year period of peace, it has been torn by civil war between the mainly Muslim north and the Animist and Christian south since independence in 1956.” BBC News**

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

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[The Embassy of the Republic of Sudan](http://www.sudanembassy.org), 2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008; telephone (202) 338-8565 to 8570; website <http://www.sudanembassy.org>. Overseas, inquiries may be made at the nearest Sudanese embassy or consulate or directly to the Ministry of External Relations in Khartoum by email: [pop@sudamer.com](mailto:pop@sudamer.com).

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

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in Sudan – U.S.**

U.S. citizens traveling to Sudan are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum and to obtain updated information on travel and security in Sudan. The Embassy is located at Sharia Ali Abdul Latif, Khartoum. The mailing address is P.O. Box 699, Khartoum. The telephone number is (249) 11-774-701 (011-774-701 inside Sudan); fax (249)11-774-137 (011-774-137 inside Sudan). [The U.S. consular officer can also be contacted by email](mailto:khartoumf@yahoo.com) at: [khartoumf@yahoo.com](mailto:khartoumf@yahoo.com) and [consularcairo@state.gov](mailto:consularcairo@state.gov). When not in Sudan, the U.S. consular officer can be reached at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, telephone number (202) 797-2098. The workweek in Khartoum and Cairo is Sunday through Thursday.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/820864.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/820864.stm)

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

## **SURINAME**

**“Formerly known as Dutch Guiana, Surinam is one of the smallest countries in South America and enjoys a relatively high standard of living for that part of the continent. However, like other Latin American countries, it faces serious political and economic challenges.**

**Since independence in 1975 Surinam has had to contend with a series of coups and a civil war. Former military strongman Desi Bouterse dominated politics for much of the post-independence era, but the country has now returned to civilian rule.” BBC News**

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

Currency, Exchange Control, Credit Cards, Telephone, Time Zone, Business Hours, Electricity, Official Languages, On-Line and Paper Maps, Foreign Organizations, (Embassies, NGOs, Clubs), Arts and Crafts, Photography, Weather, Points of Interest, and More.

Embassy of the Republic of Suriname, 4301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 460, Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 244-7488, email: [embsur@erols.com](mailto:embsur@erols.com), or the Consulate of Suriname in Miami, 7235 NW 19th Street, Suite A, Miami, Fl 33126, telephone (305) 593-2697.

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in Suriname**

Americans living in or visiting Suriname are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Paramaribo to obtain updated information on travel and security within Suriname. The Embassy is located at Dr. Sophie Redmondstraat 129, telephone (011)(597) 472-900. The Consular Section hours of operation for routine American citizen services are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., or by appointment, except on American and Surinamese holidays. U.S. citizens requiring emergency assistance evenings, weekends, and holidays may contact an Embassy duty officer by pager at (011)(597) 088-08302. The U.S. Embassy in Paramaribo also provides consular services for French Guiana. For further information on French Guiana, please refer to the separate Consular Information Sheet on French Guiana.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1211306.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1211306.stm)

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

## **SWAZILAND**

**“Swaziland is one of the world's last remaining absolute monarchies, with the king ruling by decree over his million subjects who live mainly in rural areas and maintain traditional ways of life.**

**The power of the throne, however, has not gone unchallenged.**

**King Mswati III, on the throne since 1986, is upholding the tradition of his father, King Sobhuza II, who reigned for almost 61 years and is believed to have had more than 60 wives.**

**Sobhuza scrapped the constitution in 1973 and banned political parties.” BBC News**

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

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Embassy of the Kingdom of Swaziland, 1712 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009; phone (202) 234-5002.

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

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in Swaziland – U.S.**

Americans living in or visiting Swaziland are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Swaziland and obtain updated information on travel and security within Swaziland. The U.S. Embassy is located in the Central Bank Building on Warner Street in the capital city of Mbabane. The mailing address is Box 199, Mbabane, Swaziland. The telephone number is (268) 404-6441/5; fax (268) 404-5959. [The U.S. Embassy website](#) is <http://usembassy.state.gov/mbabane/>.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1069035.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1069035.stm)

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

## **SWEDEN**

**“Sweden, which has been described as the European capital of the Internet, has not escaped the problems faced by the high-tech sector around the world in the new millennium. Nevertheless its position as one of the most highly developed post-industrial societies looks fundamentally secure.**

**Unemployment is low and the economy has been growing faster than in most of the rest of Western Europe.” BBC News**

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

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The Royal Swedish Embassy at 1501 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, tel. (202) 467-2600, or [the Swedish Consulate General](#) in New York at (212) 583-2550 or check their homepage at <http://www.webcom.com/sis>. [Sweden's immigration authorities \(Migrationsverket\)](#) also maintain a homepage at <http://www.migrationsverket.se>.

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in Sweden – U.S.**

Americans living in or visiting Sweden are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm and obtain updated information on travel and security within Sweden. The U.S. Embassy is located at Dag Hammarskjöldsvag 31, tel. (46)(8) 783-5300, fax (46)(8) 660-5879 and after-hours telephone (46)(8) 783-5310. [The Embassy's Internet website](#) is <http://www.usemb.se> and U.S. citizens can also use the website to register on-line. Normal hours for public visitors are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-11:00a.m., holidays excepted. Routine passport and U.S. citizen service inquiries are handled at telephone (46)(8)783-5375 Monday-Friday between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1021823.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1021823.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=140](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=140)

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

## **SWITZERLAND & LEICHTENSTEIN**

**“A landlocked, majestically scenic country, the Swiss Confederation's long-standing neutral status has given it political stability that has helped it become one of the world's wealthiest countries.**

**Formally neutral since just after the Napoleonic wars of the early 19th century and informally for about 300 years before that, Switzerland joined the United Nations in September 2002.” BBC News**

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

Currency, Exchange Control, Credit Cards, Telephone, Time Zone, Business Hours, Electricity, Official Languages, On-Line and Paper Maps, Foreign Organizations, (Embassies, NGOs, Clubs), Arts and Crafts, Photography, Weather, Points of Interest, and More.

Embassy of Switzerland at 2900 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 745-7900, or the nearest Swiss Consulate General in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, or San Francisco. [Additional information for both countries](http://www.swissemb.org) is available at <http://www.swissemb.org>. In an effort to prevent international child abduction, many governments have initiated new procedures at entry/exit points. These procedures often include requiring documentary evidence of relationship and permission for a child to travel, if the parent(s) or legal guardian is not present. Having such documentation on hand, even if not required, may facilitate entry/departure.

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

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country  
[http://travel.state.gov/switzerland\\_liechtenstein.html](http://travel.state.gov/switzerland_liechtenstein.html)

### **Consulates and Embassies Switzerland – U.S.**

U.S. citizens are encouraged to register and obtain updated information on travel and security within Switzerland at the U.S. Embassy in Bern or at the two U.S. Consular Agencies, which offer limited consular services to U.S. citizens, in Zurich and Geneva.

The U.S. Embassy in Bern is located at Jubilaemstrasse 93, 3005 Bern; Tel. (41)(31) 357-7011, fax (41)(31) 357-7280. The Embassy's 24 hour emergency telephone numbers are (41)(31) 357-7218 or 7777. The Embassy's e-mail address is [bernacs@state.gov](mailto:bernacs@state.gov). [The U.S. Embassy website](http://www.us-embassy.ch) at <http://www.us-embassy.ch> answers many questions of interest to Americans visiting and residing in Switzerland.

The U.S. Consular Agency in Zurich is located at the American Center of Zurich, Dufourstrasse 101, 8008 Zurich; Tel. (41)(1) 422-2566, fax (41) (1) 383-9814.

The U.S. Consular Agency in Geneva is located at the American Center Geneva, 7 Rue Versonnex, 1207 Geneva; Tel. (41)(22) 840-5160, fax (41)(22) 840-5162, e-mail: [consulate.us@ties.itu.int](mailto:consulate.us@ties.itu.int)

There is no U.S. Embassy or Consulate in Liechtenstein. For assistance and information on travel and security in Liechtenstein, U.S. citizens may contact or register at the U.S. Embassy in Bern at the address above.

**Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1035212.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1035212.stm)

**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=141](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=141)

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

## **SYRIA**

**“Once the centre of the Islamic Empire, Syria covers an area that has seen invasions and occupations over the ages by almost all the great powers that have been established in the region, from Romans and Mongols to Crusaders and Turks.”**  
**BBC News**

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Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, 2215 Wyoming Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 232-6313 or check [the Syrian Embassy's home page](#) on the Internet at <http://www.syrianembassy.org>.

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

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

### **Consulates and Embassies in Syria – U.S.**

Americans living in or visiting Syria are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Damascus and obtain updated information on travel and security within Syria. The U.S. Embassy is located at 2, Al-Mansour St., Abu Roumaneh. The international mailing address is P.O. Box 29, Damascus. Mail may also be sent via the U.S. Postal Service to: American Embassy Damascus, Department of State, Washington, DC 20521-6110. Telephone numbers are (963)(11) 333-1342, fax number is (963)(11) 331-9678, e-mail: [acsdamascus@state.gov](mailto:acsdamascus@state.gov). [Additional information may be found on the Embassy website](#) at <http://usembassy.state.gov/damascus>. The Embassy is open Sunday through Thursday.

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/801669.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/801669.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=142](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=142)

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