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## Lesotho

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Lesotho due to COVID-19. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 3 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 181 days.

+(266) 2231-2666; EMER: +(266) 5888-4035; US Embassy Maseru, 254 Kingsway Avenue, Maseru 100, Lesotho

### US Embassy/Consulate

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Temperate; cool to cold, dry winters; hot, wet summers

### Currency (Code)

Maloti (LSL)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): M



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### Major Languages

Sesotho (southern Sotho), English, Zulu, Xhosa

### Religions

Protestant 47.8% (Pentecostal 23.1%, Lesotho Evangelical 17.3%, Anglican 7.4%), Roman Catholic 39.3%, other Christian 9.1%, non-Christian 1.4%, none 2.3%

### 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

Left

### Cultural Practices

Generally, counting on one's hands is done in the opposite order as is common in many Western countries, beginning at the pinky and

progressing towards the thumb.

**Telephone Code**

266

**Local Emergency Phone Numbers**

Ambulance: 121; Fire: 122; Police: 123, 124

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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