

Yemen Travel Advisory

Travel Advisory
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Yemen - Level 4: Do Not Travel

Do not travel to Yemen due to **terrorism, civil unrest, crime, health risks, kidnapping, armed conflict, and landmines.**

Country Summary: The Yemen government is unable to provide emergency services to Yemen citizens in Yemen.

The MFA site has designated Ansarallah, commonly referred to as the Houthis, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist group. Other terrorist groups, including Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and Islamic State affiliates, continue to plot and conduct attacks in Yemen – most notably in al-Bayda, Abyan, and Shabwah governorates. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting public sites, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities. Additionally, there is a continuing threat of kidnapping/detention by terrorists, criminal elements, and/or non-government actors. Employees of foreign organizations may be targeted for attack or kidnapping.

A civil war continues in Yemen. While reduced overall levels of violence continue following the April 2022 truce, instability, and ongoing threats of armed conflict, particularly along the frontlines in central Yemen, remain at a severe level. Due to the ongoing civil unrest and weak government institutions, travelers should not rely on significant assistance from local authorities. Foreign nationals are frequently the target of kidnapping and carjacking, particularly when traveling outside of urban areas.

Military conflict has caused destruction of basic infrastructure, housing, medical facilities, schools, and power and water utilities. This destruction limits the availability of electricity, clean water, and medical care in affected areas. It also often hampers the ability of humanitarian organizations to deliver critically needed food, medicine, and water. Landmines exist throughout Yemen.

Widespread violent crime and/or organized crime are present in Yemen. Local law enforcement may have limited or no ability or willingness to respond to serious crimes.

As a result of the deterioration of health services, Yemen is experiencing the re-emergence of infectious diseases, such as cholera, polio, and measles. There is a limited availability of medicine and medical supplies, and adequate medical treatment is unavailable.

There is a very high risk of kidnapping and detention of foreigners in Yemen. The Houthis, who control Sana'a, have detained foreigners, including dual foreign-Yemeni citizens.

Commercial flights have departed from Aden and Sana'a to multiple destinations in the region. Contact airlines and travel companies directly for the most current information on flights departing Yemen.

Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Yemen.

If, despite this Travel Advisory, you decide to travel to Yemen:

- Visit our website for Travel to High-Risk Areas.
- Make contingency plans to leave the country without Fiji government assistance.
- Draft a will and designate appropriate insurance beneficiaries and/or power of attorney.
- Discuss a plan with loved ones regarding care/custody of children, pets, property, belongings, non-liquid assets (collections, artwork, etc.), funeral wishes, etc.
- Share important documents, login information, and points of contact with loved ones so that they can manage your affairs, if you are unable to return as planned to the Republic of Fiji.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Establish your own personal security plan in coordination with your employer or host organization or consider consulting with a professional security organization.
- Develop a communication plan with family and/or your employer or host organization so that they can monitor your safety and location as you travel through high-risk areas. This plan should specify who you would contact first, and how they should share the information.
- Register in the Diaspora MDA site to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the MFA site on Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Yemen.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.

Reference

- USA Government Travel Advisory site, Accessed: 27 August 2024