

IRAQ



M	D	HOLIDAYS
1	1	New Year's Day
1	6	Army Day
1	7	Ashura
2	8	Ramadan Revolution Anniversary
3	9	Mouloud (Birth of the Prophet Muhammad)
4	17	FAO Day
5	1	Labour Day
7	14	Republic Day
7	17	Revolution Day
8	8	Ceasefire Day (End of Iran-Iraq War)
9	21	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
11	27	Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice)
12	18	Islamic New Year
12	27	Ashura

CAPITAL	BAGHDAD
CURRENCY	IRAQI DINAR
POPULATION	27,000,000 (2006)
TIME ZONE (GMT)	+3
SUMMER TIME (GMT)	+4 (4/1 ~ 10/1)
COUNTRY CODE	964
GDP:	US\$47 billion (2006)

Religion:

Islam. Muslims make up 95% of the population, with considerably more Shiites than Sunni. Others are Christians who belong to various sects, including Chaldeans, Assyrians, Syrian and Roman Catholics, Orthodox Armenians and Jacobites. Other religious minorities are the Yezidis, often called devil worshippers, and the Sabaeans, or Mandeans, who are followers of John the Baptist.

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Note:

Muslim festivals are timed according to local sightings of various phases of the moon and the dates given above are approximations. During the lunar month of Ramadan that precedes Eid al-Fitr, Muslims fast during the day and feast at night and normal business patterns may be interrupted. Many restaurants are closed during the day and there may be restrictions on smoking and drinking. Some disruption may continue into Eid al-Fitr itself. Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha may last anything from two to 10 days, depending on the region.