



Country Profile: Yemen

The Republic of Yemen was established in 1990 following unification of the former Yemen Arab Republic (North) and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (South). Islamic and traditional ideals, beliefs, and practices provide the foundation of the country's customs and laws. Yemen is a developing country and modern tourist facilities are widely available only in major cities. Read the Department of State [Background Notes on Yemen for additional information](#).

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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| Country Name: | Yemen |
| Continent: | Middle East |
| Capital City: | Sana'a |
| Boundary Countries: | Oman, Saudi Arabia |
| Recommended Hospitals in Capital: | |
| Main Cities: | Sana'a, Habarut, Ta'izz, Sa'dah, Al Hudaydah, Ibb, Aden, Al Mukalla, Al Ghayday, Nishtun, Sayhut, As Salif, Say' un |
| Country Size: | 527,970 sq km |
| Population: | 23,013,376 |

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Language: | Arabic |
| Currency: | Yemeni rial (YER) |
| Predominant Religions: | Muslim including Shafi'i (Sunni) and Zaydi (Shi'a), small numbers of Jewish, Christian, and Hindu |
| National Holidays: | Unification Day, 22 May (1990) |
| Economic Status: | Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the Arab world, reported average annual growth in the range of 3-4% from 2000 through 2007. Its economic fortunes depend mostly on declining oil resources, but the country is trying to diversify its earnings. |
| Security: | Army (includes Republican Guard), Navy (includes Marines), Yemen Air Force (Al Quwwat al Jawwiya al Jamahiriya al Yemeniya; includes Air Defense Force) |
| US Presence: | U.S. Embassy in Sana'a Address: Sa'awan Street P.O. Box 22347 Telephone: (967) 1 755-2000 |
| Major Airports: | Aden International Airport (ADE/OYAA) Tel: +967 (0)2 43626, +967 (0)2 31545, +967 (0)3 21682 Fax: +967 (0)2 231383 |

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