



## Country Profile: Bahrain

Bahrain is a hereditary kingdom governed by the Al-Khalifa family. In 2002, the country adopted a new constitution that reinstated a parliament, which consists of one elected and one appointed chamber. Islamic ideals and beliefs provide the conservative foundation of the country's customs, laws and practices. Bahrain is a modern, developed country and tourist facilities are widely available. The capital is Manama. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Bahrain for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Bahrain
Continent:	Middle East
Capital City:	Manama
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Awali Hospital, Bahrain Specialist Hospital, IBN Al Nafees Hospital, International Hospital of Bahrain American Mission Hospital, Bahrain Defense Force Hospital (West Riffa)
Main Cities:	Manama, Sitrah, Jidd Hafs, Madinat Isa, Mina Salman, Al Muharraq
Country Size:	665 sq km
Population:	708,573; note: includes 235,108 non-nationals

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu
Currency:	Bahraini dinar (BHD)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim (Shi'a and Sunni) 81.2%, Christian 9%, other 9.8%
National Holidays:	National Day, 16 December (1971); note - 15 August 1971 was the date of independence from the UK, 16 December 1971 was the date of independence from British protection
Economic Status:	With its highly developed communication and transport facilities, Bahrain is home to numerous multinational firms with business in the Gulf. Petroleum production and refining account for over 60% of Bahrain's export receipts, over 70% of government revenues, and 11% of GDP (exclusive of allied industries), underpinning Bahrain's strong economic growth in recent years.
Security:	Bahrain Defense Forces (BDF): Ground Force (includes Air Defense), Naval Force, Air Force, National Guard.
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy Manama</a> Bldg. 979, Road 3119, Block 331, Zinj P.O. Box 26431 Manama – Kingdom of Bahrain Tel: (+973) 17 242700  Fax: (+973) 17 272594 Embassy Hours of Operation: Sunday to Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (GMT +3)

<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 3, Airports with paved runways: 3  Bahrain Airport, Bahrain, PO Box 586, Manama, Bahrain Tel: +973 1732 1997, (Cargo) +973 1732 9128, (CAA) +973 1732 1103 Fax: +973 1732 4096, (Cargo) +973 1733 5308 Email: <a href="mailto:marketing@bahrainairport.com">marketing@bahrainairport.com</a> or <a href="mailto:ahameed@caa.gov.bh">ahameed@caa.gov.bh</a> Website: <a href="http://www.bahrainairport.com">www.bahrainairport.com</a> or <a href="http://bas.com.bh/cargo.htm">bas.com.bh/cargo.htm</a>
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