



Country Profile: Tajikistan

Tajikistan remains the poorest of the former Soviet republics in Central Asia. It is a nominally constitutional, democratic, and secular republic, dominated by President Emomali Rahmon who has been in power since 1992. Tourist facilities are undeveloped and many goods and services usually available in other countries are unavailable. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Tajikistan for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Tajikistan
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Dushanbe
Boundary Countries:	Afghanistan, China, Kyrgystan, Uzbekistan.
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	City Clinical Hospital No. 2 (Dushanbe).
Main Cities:	Dushanbe, Khorugh, Kulob, Panjakent, Kujand, Konibodom, Gham, Kofamihon, Tursunzoda, Qurghonteppa, Istaravshan
Country Size:	143,100 sq km
Population:	7,211,884

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business.
Currency:	Somoni (TJS)
Predominant Religions:	Sunni Muslim 85%, Shia Muslim 5%, Other 10%
National Holidays:	Independence Day (or National Day), 9 September (1991)
Economic Status:	Tajikistan has one of the lowest per capita GDPs among the 15 former Soviet republics. Only 7% of the land area is arable. Cotton is the most important crop, but this sector is burdened with debt and an obsolete infrastructure.
Security:	Ground Forces, Air and Air Defense Forces, Mobile Force.
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