

Eritrea

Information for applicants

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Eritrea, which gained its independence in 1993, is located on the banks of the Red Sea in north-east Africa. Covering an area of 121,144 km², the country is approximately one third the size of Germany. Eritrea borders Sudan to the north and west, Ethiopia and Djibouti to the south, and the Red Sea to the east. The Dahlak Archipelago, consisting of around 200 islands situated off the coast of the Red Sea, is also part of Eritrean territory.

Medical care

Medical care provision is minimal, even in the capital Asmara. Only Orotta Referral Hospital has nine intensive care beds, and Halibet Hospital operates a small burns unit. Private medical treatment is extremely rare and there are very few specialists in the country as a whole. The range of available medication is extremely limited. All travellers are strongly advised to take out an international health insurance policy with repatriation cover for emergencies. Supplies of even basic medication are unreliable in Eritrea and you may thus need to bring sufficient supplies of your own with you.

Climate

The Eritrean climate is arid in some places and wet-dry tropical in others, varying depending on altitude. The central highlands (approximately 2,000 m to

2,500 m above sea level) have a temperate climate with mean temperatures in the region of 22°C. Daily maximums of 30°C can be reached in summer and daily minimums of around 0°C in winter. The highlands experience two rainy seasons, one lasting from March to April and the other from June to December. Annual rainfall averages around 500 mm.

Find out more

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