



### Hotels

- SHERATO**
- MERIDIEN HOTEL**
- BAGHDAD HOTEL**
- AL-RASHID HOTEL**

It is not recommended to stay in any of the famous hotels, since they are targeted by Fundamentalist Muslims, or the National Forces. For your safety it is recommended that you stay at a hotel of the lowest possible quality.

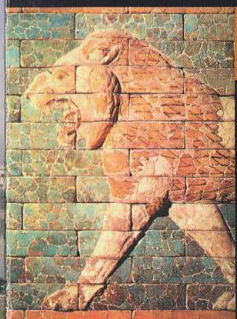
Contact hotels in districts such as:  
*Al-Bataween or Al-Maidan*

#### Recommended Hotels:

- The Hotel Saad*
- The Hotel Mohammed*
- The Hotel Tunis*
- The Hotel Ali*
- The Hotel Al-Mahabah*

### Weather

Summer: hi 70 °C – lo 45 °C  
Winter: hi 35 °C – lo 10 °C



### Museums & Galleries

**Museums:**  
*Iraq National Museum, Al-Salhia / Closed*  
*Baghdad Museum, Risafi Square / Closed*  
*Al-Abasi Museum, Risafi Square / Closed*  
*Al-Wasiti Museum, Tayaran Square*  
*National Museum of Modern Art, Haifa St / Closed*

**Galleries:**  
*Inaa Art Gallery, next to the Sheraton Hotel*  
*Athar for Contemporary Art, Al-Waziria, next to the Academy of Fine Arts*  
*Madarat Gallery, Al-Waziria*  
*Hlwar Art Gallery, next to the Turkish Embassy*

Most museums have either been closed or looted. They are probably not worth visiting.



### Languages spoken

Arabic, Kurdish, English

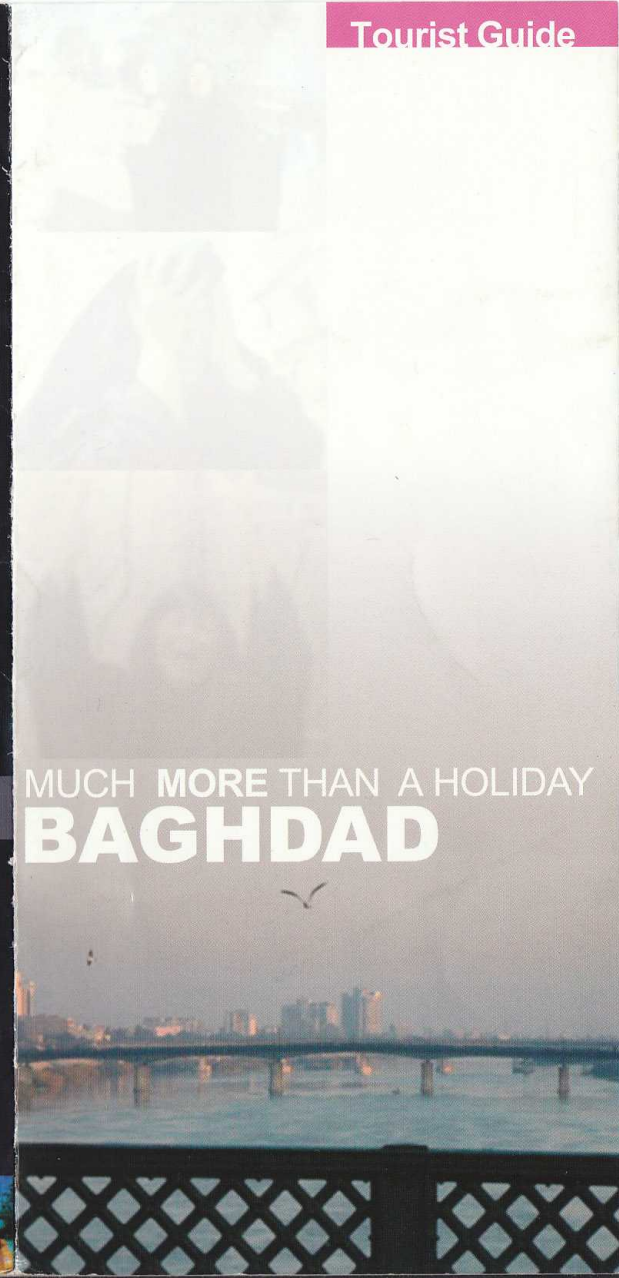
### Nonverbal communication

Crying may be due to grief, anger or pain. Smiling can mean that you are about to be robbed, murdered or that there is safety in numbers.

**DO NOT** trust anyone!



# MUCH MORE THAN A HOLIDAY BAGHDAD





## Welcome to Baghdad



## Travel info

Dear Tourist!

When visiting Baghdad, please remember the following safety instructions:

### Traveling by airplane: (NOT RECOMMENDED)

- 1- There are direct flights to Baghdad only from Jordan or Syria.
- 2- Flights are expensive.
- 3- Some residue of atomic radiation might still be a problem in the area around the Baghdad airport, but only if you are susceptible to various kinds of cancer.
- 4- All aircrafts flying over the airports are targeted either by Fundamentalist Muslims or the National Forces. Or both.
- 5- The road from the airport to the centre of Baghdad is heavily mined.

### Traveling by taxi:

- 1- You should be prepared to spend at least a day at the Iraqi border. It is recommended that you bring a blanket and a pillow. Nights in the desert are cold.
- 2- Once you have cleared the border and are on your way to Baghdad, you had better hide your cash. You are sure to be stopped by robbers. **(DO NOT TRY TO BE SMART, THEY MIGHT KILL YOU)**
- 3- At the checkpoint be prepared to queue for an hour or more because of an explosion or because the Americans or the National Forces are passing by. Your blanket and pillow will again come in handy here.

WE WISH YOU A SAFE & ENJOYABLE VISIT.  
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

## Sightseeing

- 1- All the beautiful places that you might have read about have either been destroyed or looted. There really are no sights left.
- 2- **DO NOT** walk on sidewalks, they are filled with mines. **MIND THE TANKS**
- 3- **DO NOT** imagine that you are in Europe, you cannot go jogging in the morning. That is the most dangerous time in Baghdad, since that's when the suicide bombers are most active.

### Extra tip:

The suicide bombers believe that practicing Jihad in the morning means they can eat breakfast with the prophet Mohammed.

If there is an explosion in your vicinity, **DO NOT** remain an onlooker. Above all, **DO NOT** run or you will be targeted as a terrorist. It is suggested that you hurt yourself in some way so that you will look like a victim and be taken to hospital.

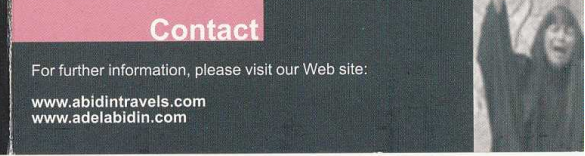
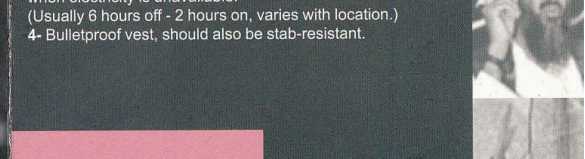
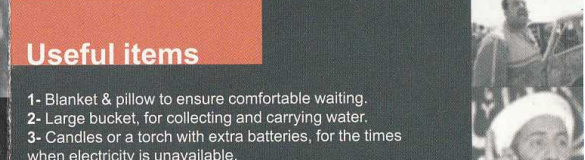
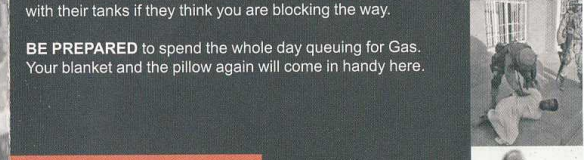
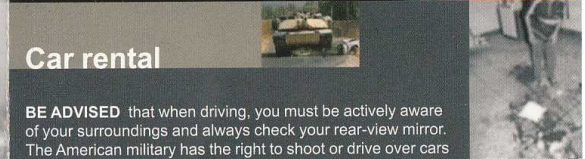
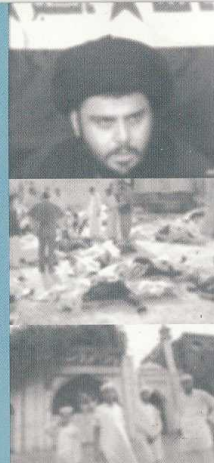
## Where to eat

- 1- If you want to go for breakfast somewhere, try to **AVOID** popular or crowded places. Go to the hidden cafes. We believe the best place to have breakfast is in your hotel room.
- 2- At lunchtime, **AVOID** the famous restaurants such as: Qasim Abu-AL-Qas Al-Reif. All good-quality restaurants are targeted. Again, go for the low-quality, hidden restaurants.
- 3- If you visit Baghdad during Ramadan. Never eat in public, it may be your last meal.

**AVOID** discussing religion in any form.

**DO NOT** entertain the thought of visiting a Mosque; you might be considered a spy for the opposing religious group.

## Religion



## Car rental

**BE ADVISED** that when driving, you must be actively aware of your surroundings and always check your rear-view mirror. The American military has the right to shoot or drive over cars with their tanks if they think you are blocking the way.

**BE PREPARED** to spend the whole day queuing for Gas. Your blanket and the pillow again will come in handy here.

## Useful items

- 1- Blanket & pillow to ensure comfortable waiting.
- 2- Large bucket, for collecting and carrying water.
- 3- Candles or a torch with extra batteries, for the times when electricity is unavailable. (Usually 6 hours off - 2 hours on, varies with location.)
- 4- Bulletproof vest, should also be stab-resistant.

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