

Earthwatch No Go List

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Afghanistan

Albania – North east border areas, specifically the districts of Kukes, Has and Tropoje between Albania and Kosovo because of the risk of unexploded ordnance placed during the 1999 Kosovo crisis and the poor condition of the roads.

Algeria – The administrative districts (wilayas) of Boumerdès, Bouira, Tizi Ouzou and Bejaia, east of Algiers. Blida and Médéa south of Algiers, Chlef to the west, Ain Defla and Bourj Bou Arreridj to the south east of Algiers, and Tamanrasset and Djanet in southern Algeria. Areas bordering Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Libya and Tunisia.

Angola – The interior of Cabinda Province, and the North and South Lunda Provinces.

Armenia – Area near the border with Azerbaijan. Particularly the border areas of Tavush and the Gegharkunik regions. Tavush Marz and the road from Ijevan to Noyemberyan, as well as the roads beyond Berd.

Azerbaijan – Nagorno - Karabach and surrounding regions.

Bangladesh – Chittagong Hill Tracts (this does not include the city of Chittagong).

Burkina Faso – North of the town of Boulsa.

Burundi – Bujumbura Rural, Bubanza, Citiboke and Ruyigi Provinces, as well as the border areas with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Cambodia – Preah Vihear (Khaoi Pra Viharn in Thai) temple area.

Cameroon – The area bordering the Central African Republic and Chad and the area bordering Nigeria in the region of the Bakassi Peninsula.

Central African Republic – Vakaga and Bamingui-Bangoran provinces in the north east and Mbomou and Haut Mbomou provinces in the south east. Ouham Péné, Ouham and Nana-Gribizi provinces in the west and the Haute-Kotto Province in the north.

Chad

Chechnya

Colombia – From rural areas bordering Panama, Venezuela and Ecuador, to the towns of Buenaventura and San José del Guaviare and the areas surrounding them; and to the Parque Nacional Natural de La Macarena in the department of Meta. Areas of intensive coca cultivation including the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

Congo – Likouala Province bordering Équateur Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Pool region. This includes using the Brazzaville-Pointe Noire road and railway.

Democratic Republic of Congo – Eastern and North Eastern areas.

Djibouti – Border with Eritrea.

Ecuador – Areas bordering Colombia in the Province of Sucumbios. Also areas immediately bordering Colombia in the Carchi Province and the town of San Lorenzo located in the north of the Province of Esmeraldas.

Eritrea – Areas within 25 kms of Eritrea's border with Ethiopia and Djibouti. Also, Eritrea's border with Sudan, including the town of Teseney; and the area north and west of Nakfa, Agordat and Barentu.

Ethiopia – Areas within 50 kms of the borders with Eritrea and Somalia. Areas off the principal roads/towns within 50 kms of the borders with Sudan and Kenya; to the Danakil desert area bounded by the Dessie-Adigrat road, the Dessie-Djibouti road; and to the Gambella region outside of the Gambella town itself.

Georgia – Regions of South Ossetia, Abkhazia and the Pankisi Gorge north of Akhmeta.

Guinea

Haiti

India – The areas of Jammu and Kashmir other than Ladakh. All travel in the immediate vicinity of the border with Pakistan, and all travel in Srinagar, Manipur, and Imphal.

Iran – Borders with Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. All travel east of the line running from Bam to Jask. This includes all travel to Bam.

Iraq

Israel (West Bank, Gaza Strip)

Ivory Coast - Areas north of Bouaké and west along a line from the towns of Séguéla and Guiglo. Abidjan and areas of the country south of Bouaké and East along a line from the towns of Seguela and Guiglo.

Japan – Coastal areas of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

Kenya – Border regions with Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia, Gambella region. Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean.

Kosovo – North Kosovska Mitrovica area.

Kyrgyzstan – Oblasts (provinces) of Osh and Jalal-Abad.

Lebanon – Palestinian refugee camps, and travel to South of the Litani River.

Liberia – All areas outside Monrovia.

Libya – All areas until further notice.

Mali – Northern provinces of Mali. This includes the provinces of Kidal, Gao, Koulikoro (north of Mourdiah), Ségou (north of Niono), Tombouctou (including the city of Tombouctou (Timbuktu), Mopti, and areas bordering Mauritania east of Nioro in the Kayes Province.

Mauritania

Mexico – Ciudad Juarez, the northern states of Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, including in and around the border areas of Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa and Tampico.

Morocco – Western Sahara.

Niger – Areas of the country north of the city of Abalak, including the Aïr Massif region; the province of Agadez (including the road linking Assamakato Agadez and the city of Agadez); areas of Tahoua Province north of the city of Tahoua, including the city itself; and the area of Tillabéri Province north of Niamey, including the road from Niamey to Gao and the road from Niamey to Menaka.

Nigeria – Borno State, Bauchi State, Jos and Plateau State, and Niger Delta States of Bayelsa. Delta and Rivers (including Port Harcourt). Akwa Ibom State, and the area bordering Cameroon in the region of the Bakassi Peninsula.

Pakistan

Panama – Darien Province.

Philippines – Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago. Sulu archipelago including Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Jolo.

Russian Federation – Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan. North Ossetia, Karachai-Cherkessia and Kabardino-Balkaria (including the Elbrus area).

Rwanda - Rural border areas with Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), except to the towns of Gisenyi, Kibuye and Cyangugu. All travel to Eastern DRC, Goma and Bukavu. Rural border areas of Burundi.

Somalia**South Sudan****Sudan****Syria**

Tajikistan – Rasht region.

Tanzania – Border regions with Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda.

Thailand – Preah Vihear, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Songkhla.

Turkey – Provinces of Hakkari, Sirnak, Siirt and Tunceli.

Uganda – Karamoja region in north eastern Uganda (Kotido, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Katakwi, Kaabong, Abim, Kapchorwa and Bukwa Distriacts), with the exception of trips to Kidepo Valley National Park.

Uzbekistan – Areas bordering Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Oblasts (provinces) of Osh and Jalal-Abad in neighboring Kyrgyzstan.

Venezuela – Areas within 80km (50 miles) of the Colombian border in the states of Zulia, Tachira and Apure. We advise against all but essential travel to the remainder of Tachira State.

Yemen

Sources - Axiom, Sutton Winson, FCO, US State Department, CIA, Australian Govt, New Zealand Govt. and ISOS.