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CURRENCY		TIME DIFFERENCE	
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Japan

CAPITAL	Tokyo
CALLING CODE	+81
CURRENCY	Yen (JPY)
DRIVING	On the left
LANGUAGE	Japanese



TIME	UTC+9, no summer time
PLUGS	Types A, B • 100 V • 50/60 Hz 50 Hz in the east (Tokyo), 60 Hz in the west (Osaka). Most sockets take only Type A.
EMERGENCY	Police 110 • Fire and ambulance 119

PHRASES *in Japanese, romanized*

HELLO	Konnichiwa
THANK YOU	Arigato gozaimasu
EXCUSE ME	Sumimasen

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United Kingdom

CAPITAL	London
CALLING CODE	+44



CURRENCY	Pound sterling (GBP)
DRIVING	On the left
LANGUAGE	English
TIME	UTC+0; UTC+1 in summer Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.
PLUGS	Type G • 230 V • 50 Hz
EMERGENCY	999 or 112

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France

CAPITAL Paris
 CALLING CODE +33
 CURRENCY Euro (EUR)
 DRIVING On the right
 LANGUAGE French



TIME UTC+1; UTC+2 in summer
 Mainland France. Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.
 PLUGS Types C, E • 230 V • 50 Hz
 EMERGENCY 112 • Police 17 • Ambulance 15 • Fire 18

PHRASES in French

HELLO **Bonjour**
 THANK YOU **Merci**
 EXCUSE ME **Excusez-moi**

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Italy

CAPITAL Rome
 CALLING CODE +39
 CURRENCY Euro (EUR)
 DRIVING On the right
 LANGUAGE Italian



TIME UTC+1; UTC+2 in summer
 Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.
 PLUGS Types C, F, L • 230 V • 50 Hz
 EMERGENCY 112

PHRASES in Italian

HELLO **Salve**
 THANK YOU **Grazie**
 EXCUSE ME **Mi scusi**

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Spain

CAPITAL Madrid
 CALLING CODE +34
 CURRENCY Euro (EUR)
 DRIVING On the right



LANGUAGE Spanish
 Also Catalan, Basque and Galician in their regions.
 TIME UTC+1; UTC+2 in summer
 Canary Islands an hour behind. Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.

PLUGS Types C, F • 230 V • 50 Hz
 EMERGENCY 112

PHRASES in Spanish

HELLO **Hola**
 THANK YOU **Gracias**
 EXCUSE ME **Disculpe**

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Germany

CAPITAL Berlin
 CALLING CODE +49
 CURRENCY Euro (EUR)
 DRIVING On the right
 LANGUAGE German



TIME UTC+1; UTC+2 in summer
 Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.

PLUGS Types C, F • 230 V • 50 Hz
 EMERGENCY Police 110 • Fire and ambulance 112

PHRASES in German

HELLO **Hallo**
 THANK YOU **Danke schön**
 EXCUSE ME **Entschuldigung**

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Mexico

CAPITAL Mexico City

CALLING CODE +52

CURRENCY Mexican peso (MXN)

DRIVING On the right

LANGUAGE Spanish



TIME UTC-6 in Mexico City, no summer time
Other zones UTC-5 to UTC-8. Baja California and some places on the US border change clocks with the US.

PLUGS Types A, B • 120-127 V • 60 Hz
The same plug shapes as in the US.

EMERGENCY 911

PHRASES in Spanish

HELLO **Hola**THANK YOU **Gracias**EXCUSE ME **Disculpe**NOTES *embassy, tipping*

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Canada

CAPITAL Ottawa

CALLING CODE +1



CURRENCY Canadian dollar (CAD)

DRIVING On the right

LANGUAGE English, French

TIME UTC-3:30 (Newfoundland) to UTC-7 (British Columbia)
Some provinces change clocks in summer and some do not; several changed their rules in 2026.

PLUGS Types A, B • 120 V • 60 Hz
The same plug shapes as in the US.

EMERGENCY 911

PHRASES in French

HELLO **Bonjour**THANK YOU **Merci**EXCUSE ME **Excusez-moi**NOTES *embassy, tipping*

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South Korea

CAPITAL	Seoul
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CURRENCY	Won (KRW)
DRIVING	On the right
LANGUAGE	Korean
TIME	UTC+9, no summer time
PLUGS	Types C, F • 220 V • 60 Hz
EMERGENCY	Police 112 • Fire and ambulance 119

**PHRASES** *in Korean, romanized*

HELLO	Annyeonghaseyo
THANK YOU	Gamsahamnida
EXCUSE ME	Sillye hamnida

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Taiwan

CAPITAL	Taipei
CALLING CODE	+886
CURRENCY	New Taiwan dollar (TWD)
DRIVING	On the right
LANGUAGE	Mandarin Chinese
TIME	UTC+8, no summer time
PLUGS	Types A, B • 110 V • 60 Hz The same plug shapes as in the US.
EMERGENCY	Police 110 • Fire and ambulance 119

**PHRASES** *in Mandarin, pinyin without tone marks*

HELLO	Ni hao
THANK YOU	Xiexie
EXCUSE ME	Qing wen

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Australia

CAPITAL Canberra
CALLING CODE +61



CURRENCY Australian dollar (AUD)
DRIVING On the left
LANGUAGE English
TIME UTC+10 (Sydney), +9:30 (Adelaide), +8 (Perth)
Clocks go forward an hour from October to April in NSW, the ACT, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.
PLUGS Type I • 230 V • 50 Hz
EMERGENCY 000
112 also works from mobile phones.

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Thailand

CAPITAL Bangkok
CALLING CODE +66
CURRENCY Baht (THB)
DRIVING On the left
LANGUAGE Thai



TIME UTC+7, no summer time
PLUGS Types A, B, C, O • 230 V • 50 Hz
EMERGENCY Police 191 • Ambulance 1669 • Fire 199
Tourist police 1155.

PHRASES *in Thai, romanized*

HELLO Sa-wat-dii khrap / kha

THANK YOU Khop khun khrap / kha

EXCUSE ME Kho thot

Men end with khrap, women with kha, to be polite.

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United States

CAPITAL Washington, D.C.

CALLING CODE +1

CURRENCY US dollar (USD)

DRIVING On the right

LANGUAGE English



TIME UTC-5 (Eastern) to UTC-8 (Pacific)
Alaska UTC-9, Hawaii UTC-10. Clocks go forward an hour from March to November, except in Hawaii and most of Arizona.

PLUGS Types A, B • 120 V • 60 Hz

EMERGENCY 911
Suicide and crisis line 988.

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Türkiye

CAPITAL Ankara

CALLING CODE +90

CURRENCY Turkish lira (TRY)

DRIVING On the right

LANGUAGE Turkish



TIME UTC+3, no summer time

PLUGS Types C, F • 230 V • 50 Hz

EMERGENCY 112

PHRASES *in Turkish, plain letters*

HELLO Merhaba

THANK YOU Tesekkür ederim

EXCUSE ME Afedersiniz

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Netherlands



CAPITAL	Amsterdam
	The government sits in The Hague.
CALLING CODE	+31
CURRENCY	Euro (EUR)
DRIVING	On the right
LANGUAGE	Dutch
TIME	UTC+1; UTC+2 in summer
	Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.
PLUGS	Types C, F · 230 V · 50 Hz
EMERGENCY	112
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PHRASES *in Dutch*

HELLO	Hallo
THANK YOU	Dank u
EXCUSE ME	Pardon

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Portugal



CAPITAL	Lisbon
CALLING CODE	+351
CURRENCY	Euro (EUR)
DRIVING	On the right
LANGUAGE	Portuguese
TIME	UTC+0; UTC+1 in summer
	Mainland and Madeira; the Azores an hour behind. Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.
PLUGS	Types C, F · 230 V · 50 Hz
EMERGENCY	112

PHRASES *in Portuguese*

HELLO	Ola
THANK YOU	Obrigado / Obrigada
EXCUSE ME	Com licenca
	Men say obrigado, women obrigada.

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Greece

CAPITAL Athens
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 CURRENCY Euro (EUR)
 DRIVING On the right
 LANGUAGE Greek



TIME UTC+2; UTC+3 in summer
 Clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and back on the last Sunday in October.
 PLUGS Types C, F • 230 V • 50 Hz
 EMERGENCY 112 • Police 100 • Ambulance 166 • Fire 199

PHRASES in Greek, romanized

HELLO **Yia sas**
 THANK YOU **Efharisto**
 EXCUSE ME **Signomi**

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Vietnam

CAPITAL Hanoi
 CALLING CODE +84
 CURRENCY Dong (VND)
 DRIVING On the right
 LANGUAGE Vietnamese



TIME UTC+7, no summer time
 PLUGS Types A, B, C, F • 220 V • 50 Hz
 EMERGENCY Police 113 • Fire 114 • Ambulance 115

PHRASES in Vietnamese, without tone marks

HELLO **Xin chao**
 THANK YOU **Cam on**
 EXCUSE ME **Xin loi**

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