

# Syria



Syria is a country in the Middle East that is bordered by Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Israel and Lebanon. Its capital is Damascus and it has a population of 19,398,448. It has a mostly desert climate with hot, dry summers from June to August and mild, rainy winters from December to February.

## Languages

Arabic is the official language, however various other languages are widely spoken, including Kurdish, Armenian, French, English, Aramaic and Circassian.

## Nationality

Syrian

## Currency

Syrian Pound



## Ethnic Groups

The Syrian civil war has changed the demographics of the country since 2011. Currently, the largest ethnic group are Syrian Arabs which make up approximately 50% of the population. The Kurds are the largest ethnic minority, making up approximately 10% of the population. Though the Kurds have a long history in Syria, the government does not recognize them as an indigenous group and discriminates against them through policy.

Syria's national symbol is a hawk.



## Major Sites

- Krak des Chevaliers
- Aleppo Citadel
- The Omayyad Mosque
- Al Hamra Street
- Al Azem Palace
- Temple of Bel
- Bosra Amphitheater
- Beehive Houses
- Al Jaboul Lake

## Evacuation Day

April 17, 1946

Syria's national colors are red, black, white and green.

