

Using Global Road Warrior

To find country information for travel or school reports

Use this database to:

- locate key facts for travel to any country
- Find practical transportation and communication information
- Get data on support services for travelers

About this database

Global Road Warrior is a wide-ranging database for business (especially) and leisure travelers, as well as students. 175 countries are covered in articles, maps, photos, tables, statistics and glossaries. Information is arranged in categories such as security, money, transportation, society and culture and demographics. Within these categories, there are articles on cell phone coverage, medical care, postal service, tipping, Internet service providers and about a hundred other topics.

Searching the database

Most users will simply choose a country from the Global Road Warrior home page. At the country page choose one of the 21 categories. As you run your mouse over the broad categories, dozens of specific topics appear. For example, under the subject of *Businesswomen*, such topics as *Business Attire*, *Safety Tips* and *Cultural Considerations* are available. Maps, photos and a table of useful words are also available for each country.

Searching tips

- Some but not all languages in the Essential Terms sections have an audio component.

- Click on *Embassies /Consulates* to see a list of embassies and consulates in the country of interest. Contact information, including many email addresses, is listed for each.
- Links to online business directories are found in the Communications menu under *Quickstart*.
- Search for specific words in a country report either from the home page or from the search box on every page.

Sample Searches

Question: How do I greet a stranger in Iceland?

Search Procedure: Select Iceland from the alphabetical menu of countries. Move your mouse down the list of subjects. You will notice Greetings and Courtesies in the menu for Society and Culture. (Icelanders tend not to use last names in introductions.)

Question: I am doing a report on Azerbaijan and I need to know their holidays.

Search Procedure: Select *Azerbaijan* from the *Select a Country* menu. Click on *Society and Culture*, and then on *Holidays and Festivals*. Or, if you don't want to guess what category to look in, type *holidays* in the search box at the top of the Azerbaijan page. You will get a list of every mention of holidays in the Azerbaijan entry—including the section called *Holidays and Festivals*.

Question: What's the taxi situation in Algeria? Are car rentals a possibility?

Search Procedure: Select Algeria from the alphabetical menu of countries. Scroll down to the Transportation area and you will find articles named Taxi and Auto. Several rental agencies are listed—with telephone numbers and email addresses.

Similar databases

Numerous websites offer travel-related information on particular destinations. None provide the breadth of basic, practical facts and tips found in Global Road Warrior.

The travel guide publishers Frommer's (www.Frommers.com) and Lonely Planet (www.lonelyplanet.com) make a portion of their printed books available online. Mostly they complement Road Warrior with information on sites, restaurants and accommodations.

Home Access

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