

AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan (literary means the land of Afghan), the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is a sovereign state in central Asia which is bordered to Pakistan in south and southern east, Iran in west, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan in north and China in northern east, with a total land-measurement of 160,000 square miles. Its diverse topography and landscape ranges from fruitful forests, tropical deserts, inner plains and valleys, spectacular hills and firmamental mountains. Although Afghanistan is a landlocked country but its miscellaneous seasonal weather makes a marvelous life where spring brings about a humid weather with colorful scenery, a hot summer and arid autumn and freezing cold winter with the special beauty of snowfall.

This territory comprises thirty four provinces and Kabul as its capital city. Afghani (money) is used as a means of currency. It is a multilingual country of which Pashto and Dari (Afghani-Persian) are the official languages which are more commonly spoken in and beyond the country. Attan (dance) is our ancestral inheritance and is remarked as the national dance; Buzkashy as the national athletic play and QabuliPalaw and Shorba as the national dishes of the country. Afghanistan has rich cultural heritage, historical antiquity, and legendary hospitality which are on the tip of tongues across the globe. The Buddha idol and Amir recreational water dam in central Bamyān province are the ancient monuments and touristic spots of Afghanistan which grabs the attention of the world tourists.

Afghanistan has an economy based on agriculture, handicraft industries, precious stones and mines and its domestic products such as textiles, apparel, hand woven rugs, non-alcoholic beverages, mineral water, food and so on. Afghanistan is one of the famous producers of fresh and dry fruits like pomegranate, grapes, apples, figs, pistachio, almond etc, which has thrived its exports thought the world. Although Afghanistan is a war-torn country but once it has legendaries like Ahmad Shah Durani who had boosted Afghanistan's boundaries from eastern Iran to Indian capital Delhi which was called at the time "The Great Empire of Afghanistan." Its recent changes, relations and strives seem to be preserving its integrity and pave the way for a new future.