



ALGERIA

KC MATCH DATES: JUNE 16 | 8:00 P.M. CENTRAL
JUNE 27 | 9:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Algeria National Team / المنتخب الوطني الجزائري
(al-moon-ta-khab al-wa-ta-nee al-ja-ZAI-ree)

COMMON NICKNAME

Les Fennecs / The Fennecs ("The Desert Foxes")
(leh FEH-neks)

TEAM COLORS

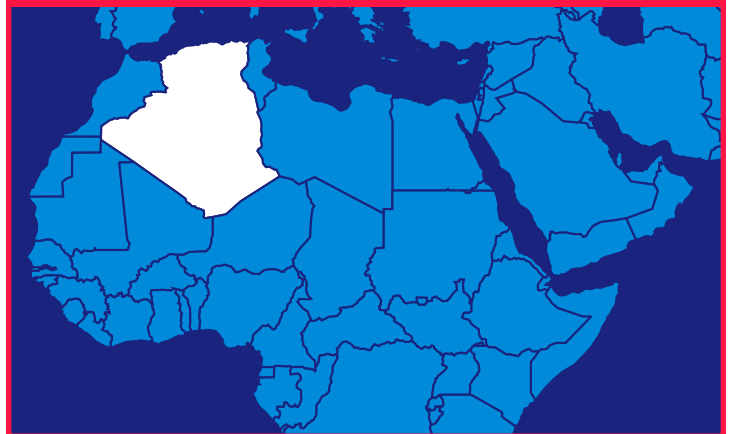
Green and white

BASE CAMP LOCATION

Rock Chalk Park
Lawrence, KS

WHERE IN THE WORLD

NORTH AFRICA



Approx. 13–18 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Arabic

Other Official Language: Amazigh (Berber)

Widely Used Language: French

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Limited to moderate. More common among younger travelers and students

HELPFUL GREETINGS

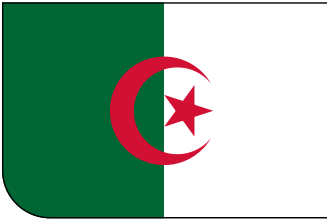
- ▶ Salam alaikum (sah-LAHM ah-LAY-koom) — Hello / Peace be upon you
- ▶ Azul (ah-ZOOL) — Hello (Amazigh greeting)
- ▶ Shukran (SHOO-kran) — Thank you
- ▶ Marhaba (mar -ha-ba) — Welcome

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Algerian football supporters are among the most passionate in the world. Fans proudly wear the national colors of green and white, wave Algerian flags, and sing powerful chants that can echo through entire streets and stadiums. Matches are often experienced as large community celebrations. Supporters gather in groups of family and friends, creating an energetic atmosphere with drums, singing, and coordinated chants that celebrate the pride and resilience of the Algerian people.

Following major victories, celebrations often extend beyond the stadium. Fans may gather in lively public spaces or organize spontaneous car caravans with flags, music, and honking horns – a joyful tradition seen in cities around the world where Algerian supporters celebrate together.



ALGERIA

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Politeness, respectful greetings, and patience are appreciated. Hospitality is an important cultural value. Visitors are generally warm and sociable and often respond positively to friendly interactions.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Daily routines are similar to the U.S., though meals may occur slightly later.

- ▶ Breakfast: light, simple, bread, pastries + milk or coffee
- ▶ Lunch: often between 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ Dinner: commonly between 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Some visitors may seek halal options; observance varies.

[Halal-Friendly Dining Guide](#) (Kansas City):

(Inclusion does not constitute endorsement by the Embassy or event organizers)

While some visitors observe halal dietary guidelines, practices vary by individual. Many visitors are also comfortable with vegetarian, seafood, or clearly labeled menu options. Coffee and tea are very popular beverages.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Visitors often travel as families, friend groups, or organized supporter groups. They are generally value-conscious but highly appreciative of welcoming and attentive service.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Some visitors may ask about nearby faith services, cultural organizations, or community gathering places during their stay. Businesses and community hosts are not expected to provide detailed guidance, but it can be helpful to be aware of trusted resources that visitors can use to locate services in the Kansas City region.

Tip for Hosts

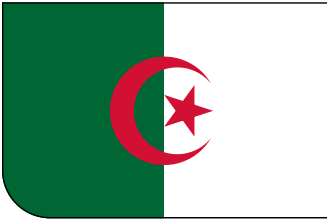
You do not need to be an expert. Simply knowing where to direct visitors for reliable information is often enough.

Faith & Prayer

A directory of local masajids (mosques) and Islamic centers serving residents and visitors is maintained by the American Muslim Coalition of Kansas City and can be found using [this website](#)

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Friendly greetings, welcoming gathering spaces, and an atmosphere that embraces celebration will resonate with Algerian supporters. Public spaces where fans can gather, sing, share food, and celebrate together help create the communal match-day experience Algerian fans enjoy.



ALGERIA

PAYMENT

Most international visitors primarily use credit or debit cards, including contactless payment methods. Businesses do not need to adopt new or specialized payment platforms. Some visitors may expect PIN-based card transactions, and occasional card declines may occur due to bank security settings. Numerous Algerian visitors may also carry cash (U.S. dollars) for smaller purchases, transportation, tipping, or as a backup payment method. Businesses able to accept both cards and cash may provide the most convenient experience for Algerian guests.

COMMUNICATION

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HELPFUL TIP

Clear signage, written confirmations, patience and friendly communication go a long way in creating a positive experience for international visitors.

ALGERIA TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Algeria have secured a berth at the FIFA World Cup™ for the first time in 12 years. Overall, this will be their fifth appearance at the tournament, having participated in 1982, 1986, 2010 and 2014.
- Their best performance came at Brazil 2014, reaching the Round of 16 for the first time. They pushed eventual champions Germany to extra time before narrowly losing 2-1.
- Algeria became the first African team to score four goals in a FIFA World Cup™ match in their 4-2 victory over Republic of Korea in 2014.
- Algeria booked their ticket to the FIFA World Cup 2026™ by claiming the top spot in Group G in the CAF qualifying tournament, with eight wins, one draw and only one defeat in ten matches. Mohamed Amoura struck ten goals in total to finish as the overall round's top scorer.



ARGENTINA

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OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Selección Argentina de Fútbol
(seh-lek-SEE-ohn ar-hen-TEE-nah deh FOOT-bol)

COMMON NICKNAME

La Albiceleste
(al-bee-seh-LES-teh)

TEAM COLORS

Sky blue and white

BASE CAMP

Sporting KC Performance Center
Kansas City, KS

WHERE IN THE WORLD SOUTH AMERICA



Approx. 11–12 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Spanish

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Moderate; more common among younger travelers and business visitors.

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hola (OH-lah) – Hello
- ▶ Buen día (BWEHN DEE-ah) – Good morning
- ▶ Gracias (GRAH-see-as) – Thank you

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Argentine supporters are deeply passionate and emotionally connected to their national team. Soccer is a central part of national identity, and fans often express support through singing, chanting, flags, jerseys and coordinated supporter traditions. Never underestimate the creativity born from the passion of an Argentine football fan!

MATCH DAY ATMOSPHERE

- ▶ Pre-match: Early gatherings in bars, cafés and public spaces.
- ▶ Post-match: Large celebrations after wins; quieter, reflective gatherings after losses.



ARGENTINA

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Interactions tend to be warm and expressive. Friendly conversation and personal engagement are common. Hospitality and shared experiences are highly valued. Individual preferences vary widely.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Daily meal structure is broadly similar to the United States, but lunch and dinner are often eaten later and at a more relaxed pace.

- ▶ Breakfast: Typically light (coffee with pastries or toast)
- ▶ Lunch: Often a substantial meal; commonly eaten 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- ▶ Dinner: Social and unhurried; commonly eaten 8:30–10:30 p.m.

Cafés play an important social role throughout the day and evening. Individual schedules and habits vary, especially among younger and international travelers. However, coffee is usually served hot and in small cups.

Mate is the traditional Argentine drink. You will see people walking around with a thermos of hot water and a small vessel called “mate” with a metal straw (“bombilla”), which they share and drink in a group. This is normal and similar to drinking tea. If you asked for hot water for mate, the temperature should be around 60°C (like for tea), not boiling.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Visitors may enjoy hearty meals and shared dining experiences. Beef and grilled foods are culturally significant, though preferences vary. Coffee is popular, and social drinking is common. Dietary preferences differ by individual.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Visitors may travel in groups of friends, supporter clubs or families, as well as independently. Spending often prioritizes shared experiences, match-day gatherings and meaningful souvenirs. Credit cards are widely used, with some cash for small purchases.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Some visitors may find community spaces, businesses or events that reflect familiar cultural traditions, including food, music and social gatherings.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Warm greetings, curiosity and enthusiasm for soccer are appreciated. Acknowledging team colors, match day and local hospitality helps visitors feel welcome and connected.



ARGENTINA

PAYMENT

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It is also common to use cash, so it would be helpful to accept cash in case a visitor does not have a card or has problems with their bank.

COMMUNICATION

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HELPFUL TIP

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ARGENTINA TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Reigning FIFA World Cup 2022™ Champions, Argentina was the first South American team to book a spot at the FIFA World Cup 2026™ having sealed qualification on March 25, 2025.
- Argentina secured their third FIFA World Cup™ title in dramatic fashion against France in the 2022 final, winning an enthralling penalty shoot-out following a 3-3 draw.
- Lionel Messi broke the record for most matches played at the FIFA World Cup™ in the 2022 final, his 26th appearance moving him one clear of Germany's Lothar Matthäus, who had held the record since 1998.
- The 2026 tournament will be Argentina's 14th successive FIFA World Cup™ appearance, with their last absence from an edition of the competition being all the way back in 1970.

AUSTRIA

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 27 | 9:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Österreichische Fußballnationalmannschaft
(*UR-shtur-rye-kish-eh FOOT-bol-nah-tsyoh-NAHL-mahn-shahft*)

COMMON NICKNAME

Das Team
(*doss-teem*)

TEAM COLORS

Red and white

WHERE IN THE WORLD CENTRAL EUROPE



Approx. 9–10 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

German

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

High

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hallo (HAH-loh) — Hello
- ▶ Danke (DAH-keh) — Thank you

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

MATCH DAY ATMOSPHERE

- ▶ Pre-match: Flags are popular. Fans will primarily wear the color red. Austrians usually favor attending outdoor public viewings on match days with friends and family; this may involve enjoying some Austrian beer in a relaxed setting.
- ▶ Post-match: Lots of celebrating with friends and family. Crowds are not very rowdy, fans are usually well-behaved at stadiums and in public settings.



AUSTRIA

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Generous hospitality and good manners are very important to Austrians. However, good manners and being polite should not be confused with being overly friendly. They are reserved with strangers generally.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Austrians are big fans of Italian and Asian food, as well as Turkish food. Informal or pub style dining is very popular. It is always great to showcase the diversity of American cuisine to visiting Austrians. Austrians are always ready to eat a good bread and cheese sandwich at any meal time. Oftentimes, Austrians will pack their own lunch on the go.

Meals are closer to U.S. timing.

- ▶ Breakfast: Generally between 7-10 a.m.
- ▶ Lunch: Around noon.
- ▶ Dinner: Early evenings around 6 p.m.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Hearty cuisine, think lots of bread and cheese/deli meats for breakfast, Viennese Schnitzel and potato salad for lunch or dinner; coffee culture is strong. Those in Vienna have lots of exposure to international food as well, since the city there is quite cosmopolitan. However, the more rural areas have less variety.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Organized groups and independent travelers; punctuality valued. More reserved when travelling and in general they are more reserved with strangers. Overly familiar attitudes with strangers can be considered impolite at times. Though more experienced travelers understand that the U.S. has a more outgoing and friendly culture than Central Europe.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Austrians will be searching out traditional public viewing points, similar to ones they experience in Europe. They may be looking for Austrian or German style of beers. However, they will also be looking to see what cuisine Kansas City has to offer.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Polite, efficient service is appreciated. Greeting people is very important. A nice hello goes a long way with Austrians. It is less common though to ask "How are you?" since that is usually a question reserved for people one knows better.



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AUSTRIA TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Austria is returning to the FIFA World Cup™ stage for the first time since 1998 and will make their eighth tournament appearance at the 2026 tournament.
- They clinched qualification on the final matchday, earning a 1-1 draw against Bosnia and Herzegovina with a late equalizer after trailing for most of the contest and facing the prospect of being overtaken in the standings by their opponents.
- Two-time semi-finalists, Das National team finished fourth in 1934 and clinched third place in 1954. Since then, they have only advanced beyond the first stage once reaching the second group phase at the 1982 edition of FIFA World Cup™ flagship tournament.
- On October 9, 2025, Austria recorded their biggest win, swatting San Marino aside in a 10-0 FIFA World Cup 26™ qualifying triumph. Marko Arnautović netted four times in that contest to surpass Toni Polster's long-standing 44-goal record and become Austria's all-time leading scorer.
- The 1954 FIFA World Cup™ quarter-final bout between Austria and host nation Switzerland remains the highest scoring match in the tournament's history. The Austrians staged a remarkable comeback, overturning a 3-0 deficit to win 7-5.



CURAÇAO

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 20 | 7:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Curaçao National Football Team
(*cure-ah-SOW*)

COMMON NICKNAME

The Blue Wave

TEAM COLORS

Blue and yellow

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Papiamentu

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English proficiency is high!

Other Widely Used Languages:

Dutch, English, Spanish

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Bon dia (bohn DEE-ah) — Hello
- ▶ Dank'i (DAHN-kee) — Thank you

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SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Curaçao supporters bring the joyful energy of the Caribbean to football. Fans proudly wear blue and yellow while celebrating with music, dancing, and rhythmic chanting that reflects the island's rich blend of Caribbean, Latin, and Dutch influences.

For many Curaçao supporters, football is a powerful expression of national pride. Representing a small island nation on the world stage is deeply meaningful, and fans travel with a spirit of celebration, unity, and connection.

WHERE IN THE WORLD

CARIBBEAN



Approx. 6-8 hours travel to Kansas City

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Visitors from Curaçao often embrace a relaxed pace and social dining culture. Meals are typically shared experiences, with conversation, music, and time spent together as important as the food itself. Evening activities and late dinners are common, particularly during celebrations or match days.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Caribbean flavors; seafood common; preferences vary.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Curaçao travelers often travel in family groups or close circles of friends, combining football with vacation-style experiences. Many visitors enjoy exploring local culture, music, and food in addition to attending matches.

Because Curaçao has strong connections with the Netherlands and a global diaspora, visiting supporters may include Caribbean-born fans traveling with friends or relatives from Europe or North America. These travelers often appreciate lively social spaces, outdoor gatherings, and welcoming community atmospheres.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cultural organizations or Caribbean-focused businesses may be of interest



CURAÇAO

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Friendly, cheerful, polite interactions; hospitality is valued.

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CURAÇAO TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Curaçao have qualified for the FIFA World Cup™ for the first time, a historic milestone for the Caribbean nation. With a population of just over 156,000, they will become the smallest country ever to feature in the tournament's history.
- They secured their place at the finals with a goalless draw to Jamaica on the final matchday. Unbeaten throughout qualifying, they recorded seven wins and three draws across ten matches.
- The team is led by veteran coach Dick Advocaat, who brings valuable FIFA World Cup™ experience. He guided the Netherlands to the quarterfinals at the 1994 FIFA World Cup™ in the U.S. and later managed Korea Republic during their group-stage campaign at the 2006 FIFA World Cup™ in Germany.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Warm greetings, friendly conversation, and lively gathering spaces help Curaçao visitors feel at home. Music, welcoming public spaces, and opportunities to celebrate together can enhance the experience for fans traveling from the island and its global diaspora.



ECUADOR

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 20 | 7:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Selección Ecuador de Fútbol
(seh-lek-SEE-ohn eh-kwah-toh-ree-AH-nah)

COMMON NICKNAME

La Tri
(lah TREE)

TEAM COLORS

Yellow, blue, and red

WHERE IN THE WORLD

SOUTH AMERICA



Approx. 8–10 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Spanish

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Limited to moderate

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hola (OH-lah) – Hello
- ▶ Gracias (GRAH-see-as) – Thank you

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Warm, family-oriented support; flags, jerseys, and group viewing are common.

- ▶ There are some regional differences within Ecuador – coast (“La Costa”), highlands (“La Sirra”), and the Amazon (“La Amazonia”) – even if the overall culture is similar.
- ▶ Reggaeton, salsa, and cumbia tend to be a big part of the atmosphere in social setting and around match days.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Later meals than the U.S.

- ▶ Lunch: 1:00–2:30 p.m.
- ▶ Dinner: 8:00–10:00 p.m.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Rice, seafood, and hearty dishes are common; preferences vary. Several typical dishes are based on potatoes, corn, and yuca.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Families, group of friends and supporter groups; value-oriented.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cultural organizations or businesses with family traditions, as well as local food places, may be of interest.



ECUADOR

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

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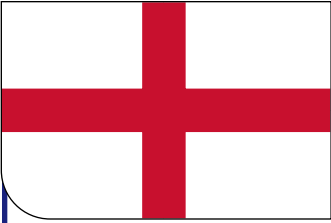
ECUADOR TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- This will be Ecuador's fifth FIFA World Cup™. Having also participated at FIFA World Cup 2022™ Qatar, they are featuring in successive editions for the second time and have only missed out on the tournament twice since making their debut at the 2002 edition.
- Their best achievement in the global competition came in 2006 when they reached the round of 16. They finished second in their group, behind host-nation Germany in a group that also included Poland and Costa Rica. They subsequently fell to a 1-0 defeat against England in the round of 16.
- Ecuador's all-time leading scorer Enner Valencia is also the record marksman for his country at the FIFA World Cup™ with a total of six goals; he notched three goals at both the 2014 and the 2022 editions.
- La Tri impressively finished in second place in the South American qualifying tournament for the 2026 finals and had the fewest defeats (two) and the fewest goals conceded (five) of all ten teams.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Guidance, warm greetings and patience are appreciated.



ENGLAND

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

England National Football Team

COMMON NICKNAME

The Three Lions

TEAM COLORS

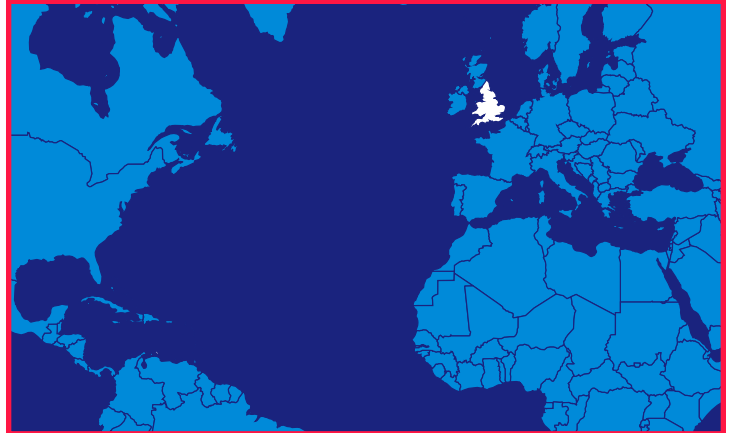
Red and white

BASE CAMP

Swope Soccer Village
Kansas City, MO

WHERE IN THE WORLD

WESTERN EUROPE



Approx. 8–10 hours travel

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

English

OTHER WIDELY USED LANGUAGE:

English

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

High

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hello (HEH-loh) – hello
- ▶ Hiya (HI-yuh) – hi
- ▶ Cheers (CHEE-rz) – thank you, goodbye

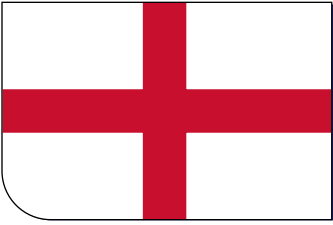
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SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Football (soccer) is deeply embedded in English culture and identity, with strong ties to local clubs and national pride. Fans are highly knowledgeable and passionate, often expressing support through jerseys, scarves, chants, and coordinated singing in stadiums and public viewing areas.

MATCH DAY ATMOSPHERE

- ▶ Pre-match: Fans gather at pubs and restaurants, often hours before kickoff, for drinks, conversation, and anticipation-building chants.
- ▶ Post-match: Celebrations or analysis continue in pubs or public spaces; atmosphere depends heavily on match result but remains highly engaged and vocal.



ENGLAND

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

English fans are generally orderly and respectful when traveling, especially in structured environments. Queuing (lining up) is an important social norm, and polite, understated interactions are valued. Humor — often dry or self-deprecating — is common in conversation.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Daily meal structure is broadly similar to the United States, but lunch and dinner are often eaten later and at a more relaxed pace.

- ▶ Breakfast (7:00–9:00 A.M.): Eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, baked beans
- ▶ Lunch (12:00–2:00 P.M.): Sandwiches, soups, light meals
- ▶ Dinner (6:00–8:00 P.M.): Meat, vegetables, potatoes; main meal of the day

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Visitors are open to a range of cuisines but gravitate toward familiar, casual dining environments. Pub-style food and settings are especially appealing, and Indian cuisine is massively popular among the English. Tea is widely consumed. Beer — particularly lager and ale — is a common social beverage, especially around matches.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

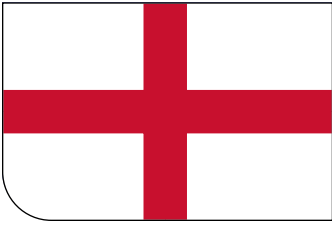
Fans often travel in groups and are experienced international travelers. They value efficiency, clear information, and reliable transportation. Interactions are friendly but may begin reserved.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Fans may seek out pub environments, watch parties, and social spaces. Many show interest in local sports culture and shared fan experiences.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Polite, efficient service is appreciated. A simple greeting goes a long way. Clear organization, well-managed lines, and reliable service enhance the experience. Providing social gathering spaces before and after matches — especially with a lively but comfortable atmosphere — will resonate.



ENGLAND

PAYMENT

Most international visitors primarily use credit or debit cards, including contactless payment methods.

Businesses do not need to adopt new or specialized payment platforms. Some visitors may expect PIN-based card transactions, and occasional card declines may occur due to bank security settings.

Tipping is not very common in the UK fans travelling for the tournament will likely know about U.S. tipping culture but might need to be reminded if a service charge isn't included. Additionally, it is common for payment to be taken at the table in the UK, rather than putting a card in a check sleeve and having the server take it to the back.

COMMUNICATION

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HELPFUL TIP

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ENGLAND TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Champions in 1966, England is set for their 17th FIFA World Cup™ appearance in 2026, continuing a streak of eight consecutive qualification their longest ever.
- The Three Lions were the first European team to earn a spot at the 2026 tournament, with a perfect record of eight wins from eight matches a feat matched only in Europe by Norway and stood alone as the only European nation not to concede a single goal.
- England's total of 13 goals at the FIFA World Cup 2022™ Qatar is their highest total in a single edition of the competition. They became only the seventh team to score 100 World Cup goals, joining Brazil, Germany, Argentina Italy, France, and Spain.
- Gary Lineker remains the only player to score ten goals for England at the FIFA World Cup™, while all-time top scorer Harry Kane is just two goals shy of matching that milestone.

NETHERLANDS

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 25 | 6:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Nederlands Elftal
(*NAY-der-lahnts ELF-tal*)

COMMON NICKNAME

Oranje
(*oh-RAHN-yeh*)

TEAM COLORS

Orange

TEAM BASE CAMP

KC Current Training Center
Riverside, MO

WHERE IN THE WORLD

WESTERN EUROPE



Approx. 8–9 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Dutch

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

High

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hallo (HAH-loh) — Hello
- ▶ Dank je wel (DAHnk yuh vel) — Thank you

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SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

One of the most recognizable traditions in global football is the Dutch “Orange Wave.” Before major matches, thousands of supporters of the Netherlands national football team gather for a fan walk, marching together through the host city toward the stadium.

Dressed head-to-toe in orange — the national color tied to the Dutch Royal House of Orange — fans sing, wave flags, beat drums, and wear playful costumes, turning the walk into a moving street festival.

Known worldwide for their energy and friendliness, Dutch supporters often welcome locals and visiting fans to join the celebration.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Meals may be slightly later than the U.S., but closer to U.S. norms than Mediterranean countries.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Wide-ranging tastes; beer culture is common.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Independent travelers and groups; experience-driven.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cultural events or social spaces may be of interest.



NETHERLANDS

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Friendly, cheerful, polite interactions; hospitality is valued.

PAYMENT

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COMMUNICATION

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HELPFUL TIP

Clear signage, written confirmations, patience and friendly communication go a long way in creating a positive experience for international visitors.

NETHERLANDS TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- The Netherlands have lined up at 11 previous editions of the FIFA World Cup™ and have been featured in seven of the last nine installments.
- They were undefeated across their eight fixtures in the 2026 qualifiers. The only occasions they failed to take maximum points were home and away draws against Poland in September and November.
- Three-time runners-up, the Dutch contested the trophy decider in back-to-back editions in 1974 and 1978 and again in 2010. No other nation has been involved in as many finals without winning the trophy.
- Remarkably, the Oranje have tasted defeat in just two of their 33 group-stage outings at the tournament (including both first and second group stages). The only teams to have got the better of them in group-stage encounters are Scotland (1978) and Belgium (1994).

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Direct communication and friendliness are appreciated.



TUNISIA

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 25 | 6:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Équipe Nationale de Tunisie
(ay-KEEP nah-syoh-NAHL duh too-NEE-zee)

COMMON NICKNAME

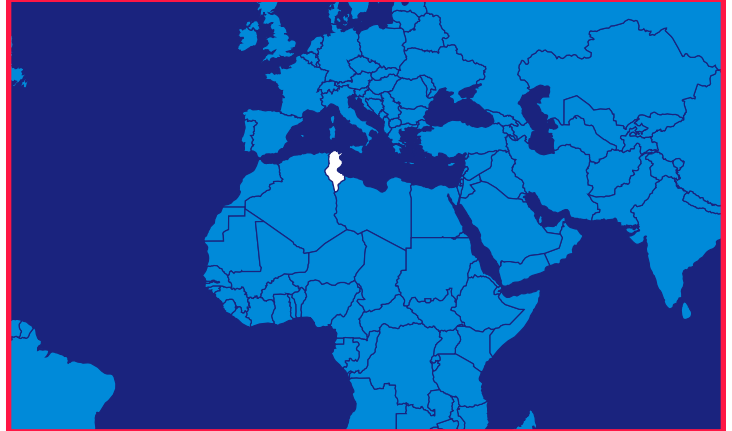
Les Aigles de Carthage
(lay ZEG-luh duh kar-TAHJ)

TEAM COLORS

Red and white

WHERE IN THE WORLD

NORTH AFRICA, MEDITERRANEAN REGION



Approx. 12-14 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Arabic

OTHER WIDELY USED LANGUAGE:

French

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Limited to moderate; more common among younger travelers and professionals

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Salam alaikum (sah-LAHM ah-LAY-koom) — Hello
- ▶ Aslema (ahs-LEH-mah) — Hi (informal)
- ▶ Shukran (SHOO-kran) — Thank you

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SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Tunisian supporters are proud, passionate, and deeply connected to their national team. Fans often gather in groups, wear team colors, and express support through chanting and flags. National pride and resilience are central themes of fan culture.

MATCH DAY ATMOSPHERE

- ▶ Pre-match: Early gatherings, socializing, following coverage.
- ▶ Post-match: Celebratory after wins; reflective and respectful after losses.



TUNISIA

CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Courtesy, patience, and respectful interaction are highly valued. Greetings are important in both social and professional settings. Hospitality is a cultural cornerstone, and visitors appreciate warmth and consideration. Individual preferences vary widely.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Daily meal structure is broadly similar to the United States, but lunch and dinner are often eaten later and at a more relaxed pace.

- ▶ Breakfast: Typically light (coffee with pastries or toast)
- ▶ Often the main meal of the day; commonly eaten 1:00–2:30 p.m.
- ▶ Dinner: Frequently social and unhurried; commonly eaten 8:00–10:00 p.m.

Café culture plays an important social role, particularly in the afternoon and evening. Individual schedules and preferences vary.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Some visitors may seek halal options; observance varies [Halal-Friendly Dinning Guide](#) (Kansas City): (Inclusion does not constitute endorsement by the Embassy or event organizers). While some visitors observe halal dietary guidelines, practices vary by individual. Many visitors are also comfortable with vegetarian, seafood, or clearly labeled menu option. Coffee and tea are very popular beverages

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Visitors may travel as families, groups of friends, or supporter groups, as well as independently. Spending tends to be value-conscious, with appreciation for welcoming service and shared experiences.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Some visitors may ask about nearby faith services, cultural organizations, or community gathering places during their stay. Businesses and community hosts are not expected to provide detailed guidance, but it can be helpful to be aware of trusted resources that visitors can use to locate services in the Kansas City region.

Tip for Hosts

You do not need to be an expert. Simply knowing where to direct visitors for reliable information is often enough.

Faith & Prayer

A directory of local masaajids (mosques) and Islamic centers serving residents and visitors is maintained by the American Muslim Coalition of Kansas City and can be found using [this website](#).

OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Respectful greetings, patience, and friendly curiosity are appreciated. Simple acknowledgments of match day, team pride, and Kansas City hospitality help visitors feel welcome.



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TUNISIA TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Tunisia will make their seventh FIFA World Cup™ appearance in 2026, marking their third consecutive qualification. They have now reached six of the last eight editions.
- The Carthage Eagles made history on their FIFA World Cup™ debut in 1978, defeating Mexico 3-1 in their opening match to become the first African team to win a game at the tournament.
- Although Tunisia has yet to progress beyond the group stage, they ended their FIFA World Cup 2022™ Qatar campaign on a high note with a 1-0 victory over reigning champions France, who went on to reach the final for a second successive time.
- Tunisia were the second African nation to qualify for the FIFA World Cup 2026™, following Morocco, securing the top spot in their group with a 1-0 win over Equatorial Guinea on September 8, 2025. They completed an exceptional qualifying campaign unbeaten, with nine wins, one draw and no goals conceded across ten matches.