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Alcohol and travel: Countries where you can’t drink alcohol

India
Several Indian states have laws to limit or prevent the sale and consumption of alcohol, with Bihar becoming the latest to do so on April 1.

USA
Although prohibition was repealed more than 80 years ago, a number of counties remain "dry", including (as of 2004) 36 in Mississippi, 83 in Alaska, three in Florida, and many in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama and Kentucky.

Maldives
Yes, you can booze to your heart’s content on your holiday resort, but consumption of alcohol is not permitted in Malé, the capital, or any other non-resort islands.

UAE
While alcohol is widely available in hotels and certain restaurants and supermarkets, it is illegal to drink, or be under the influence of alcohol, in all other public places. And in the emirate of Sharjah, alcohol is completely banned.

Brunei
While the sale and public consumption of alcohol is banned in Brunei, non-Muslim visitors can bring in up to two litres of spirits or twelve cans of beer every 48 hours, and must declare them. They must also buy a permit to drink.

Bangladesh
The sale of alcohol is heavily restricted in Bangladesh, and can only be purchased by non-Muslims in certain bars, restaurants and hotels.

Pakistan
Non-Muslims can buy alcohol in Pakistan, but only at four- and five-star hotels in major cities.

Iran
Non-Muslims can bring alcohol into the country, but it must be consumed privately.

Libya
While banned, alcohol is available through a black market. But penalties for anyone caught are stiff and tainted homemade alcohol has been blamed for many deaths.
Yemen
Alcohol is banned, but non-Muslims can bring a limited amount into the country, for consumption on private property.

Kuwait
In Kuwait, alcohol is only available at certain foreign embassies, and is not for general purchase.

Thailand/Philippines/Venezuela
Drinking is not a problem in Thailand, as you'll discover on any given evening on the Khaosan Road, nor the Philippines or Venezuela. However, there are restrictions during election time. In the Philippines the sale of alcohol is prohibited for up to two days prior to voting; in Thailand it is banned from 6pm the day before; in Venezuela restrictions last 21 hours.

Alcohol is also prohibited in Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Somalia and Sudan.

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Festivities celebrating the seventh annual International Sauvignon Blanc Day will kick off on Friday May 6 in New Zealand before continuing around the globe, following the sun.

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Italy is considering implementing "wine lessons" for kids as young as six.

The lessons would teach kids how wine should be drunk responsibly, with a meal, with friends and family.

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