

Bahrain

Asia



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- All forms of cannabis, including THC and CBD oils, are illegal in Bahrain; there is no medical cannabis program, and even topical CBD is banned.
- Bahraini Customs defines “all types of narcotic drugs (marijuana and CBD oil, hashish, etc.)” as strictly prohibited imports.
- Penalties are severe: possession can result in up to 2 years imprisonment and BD 500–10,000 in fines; trafficking may carry decades in prison or even the death penalty.

Background

- Under Law No. 15/2007, cannabis is classified as a Schedule I narcotic. All use is illegal, including medical.
- Even CBD-containing skincare products and e-cigarette cartridges are considered contraband.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- All recreational or personal use is strictly prohibited, even cosmetics or “wellness” products can trigger enforcement.
- Minor possession can lead to prison, deportation, or heavy fines; trafficking is punished harshly.



Traveling to Bahrain with Medical Cannabis

Import or Possession is strictly forbidden

- There is no legal exception, even for prescribed medical cannabis, foreign prescriptions are not recognized.
- Bahraini Customs routinely seize CBD or THC products, leading to arrest or criminal charges.
- Even trace amounts, such as in skincare, can result in prosecution.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not bring any cannabis product (THC or CBD) in any form.
2. Bring only legal prescription medications, in original pharmacy packaging.
3. Confirm no ingredient contains CBD or cannabinoids.
4. Understand: zero tolerance. Even sealed products can lead to severe legal consequences.
5. Check transit-country laws: any cannabis in the journey may trigger enforcement.

Practical Tips

- Bahrain enforces some of the world's strictest cannabis laws, medical or otherwise, CBD is banned.
- For health needs, arrange non-cannabis alternatives legally approved in Bahrain.
- Uncertain about legality? Contact the NHRA or Bahraini embassy before travel.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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