

# South Africa

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in South Africa due to crime, civil unrest, and kidnapping.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[27] (12) 431-4000; US Embassy Pretoria, 877 Pretorius St, Arcadia, Pretoria, South Africa; ACSJohannesburg@state.gov;

<https://za.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

27

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 10177; Fire: 10177; Police: 10111

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for South Africa: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Mostly semiarid; subtropical along east coast; sunny days, cool nights

### Currency (Code)

Rand (ZAR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): D, M, N



Type D



Type M



Type N

### Major Languages

IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Afrikaans, Sepedi, Setswana, English, Sesotho, Xitsonga, siSwati, Tshivenda, isiNdebele

### Major Religions

Christian, African traditional, Muslim, Hindu

### Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

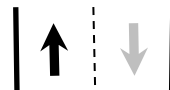
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### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Kruger National Park; Cape Town; Kgalagadi (Kalahari) Transfrontier Park; Stellenbosch; Drakensberg; Garden Route; iSimangaliso Wetland Park; Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island (Nelson Mandela's prison); Cradle of Humankind, Gauteng

### Major Sports

Rugby, cricket, soccer, boxing

### Cultural Practices

It is polite to cover your mouth when you yawn. It is rude to spit in public. Show heightened respect to anyone older than you in all situations.

### Tipping Guidelines

It is customary to tip 10-15% for good service in restaurants. For private drivers, 100 rand per person per day is appropriate.

### Souvenirs

Zulu spoons, Zulu beaded items, sheshweshwe fabric, Rooibos tea, wine and liqueur

### Traditional Cuisine

Bobotie — minced meat simmered with spices, especially curry powder, herbs, and dried fruit, then topped with a mixture of egg and milk and baked

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