



Traveling to South Africa



Safety advises

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/South_Africa

Global Affairs Canada: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: <http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/south-africa>



About your destination

South Africa, officially the Republic of South Africa, is the southernmost sovereign state in Africa. It is bounded on the south by 2,798 kilometers of coastline of Southern Africa stretching along the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans, on the north by the neighbouring countries of Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe, and on the east by Mozambique and Swaziland, and surrounding the kingdom of Lesotho. South Africa is the 25th-largest country in the world by land area, and with close to 53 million people, is the world's 24th-most populous nation. It is the southernmost country on the mainland of the Old World or the Eastern Hemisphere.

South Africa is a multiethnic society encompassing a wide variety of cultures, languages, and religions. Its pluralistic makeup is reflected in the constitution's recognition of 11 official languages, which is among the highest number of any country in the world. Two of these languages are of European origin: Afrikaans developed from Dutch and serves as the first language of most white and coloured South Africans; English reflects the legacy of British colonialism, and is commonly used in public and commercial life, though it is fourth-ranked as a spoken first language.

The country is one of the few in Africa never to have had a coup d'état, and regular elections have been held for almost a century. However, the vast majority of black South Africans were not enfranchised until 1994.

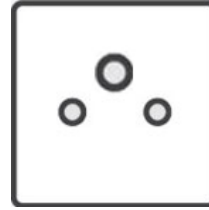
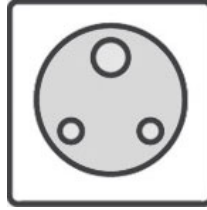
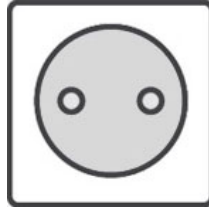


Good to know

Language	Zulu (official), Xhosa (official), Afrikaans (official), Northern Sami (official), Setswana (official), Sesotho (official), Xitsonga (official)				
Timezone	Africa/Johannesburg				
Currency	Rand				
Rates	US Dollar	Euro	Pound Sterling	Yen	Canadian Dollar
	0,066	0,058	0,046	7,021	0,084

Electricity

230 Volt
50 Herz



Health and risks

Water

Drinking tap water in South Africa is safe

Vaccinations

Malaria

Malaria occurs in some areas. Protect yourself from mosquito bites. Precautions are personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine the right actions

Hepatitis A

Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

Hepatitis B

The vaccination advice is personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine whether vaccination is useful for you

DTP

Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

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