



South Africa

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

British and Irish citizens don't need to obtain a visa for stays of up to 90 days. Requirements for children travelling through South African ports might apply, check full information at www.dha.gov.za.

Visit www.ftfortravel.nhs.uk for travel health advice and individual requirements.

TIME ZONE

Time Zone GMT+2 (1 hour in our summer, 2 hours in our winter) No jet lag!

LANGUAGES

South Africa has 11 official languages. English is widely spoken throughout the country.

AIRLIFT

Direct flights: British Airways and Virgin Atlantic (11 Hours).

Indirect flights: Emirates, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, KLM, Lufthansa, Air France, Swiss International, TAP.

DRIVING

As in the UK, South Africans drive on the left-hand side of the road. Hiring a vehicle is one of the most affordable options for getting around and also one of the best ways to experience the nation's breathtaking scenery. Speed limits are 120kmph (about 74mph) on the open road, 100kmph (62mph) on smaller roads and between 60-80kmph (37-50mph) in towns.

TAXIS

Metered taxis are widely available throughout the country, especially in urban areas. Popular taxi apps – such as Uber – are great for getting around cities. Pre-booked transfers offer a relaxing way of seeing the country.

CURRENCY

The Pound and the Euro remain strong against the Rand (local currency). ATM's are frequently available, cards are accepted widely, but always carry cash for tipping and small purchases.

TOP TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

- If travelling to a game reserve or national park, book a walking safari.
- Include a locally guided visit to local communities in your itinerary.
- Stop by local craft stalls, shebeens and food stands.
- Learn about and support the conservation efforts of the national parks and conservancies.
- Stay in a traditional homestead or dine with locals.
- Tip your guides directly.
- Bring your own bottle, tap water is safe to drink.
- Avoid experiences that offer human interaction with wildlife.
- Sightseeing the area you are visiting on an eco-bike.

PACKING LIST

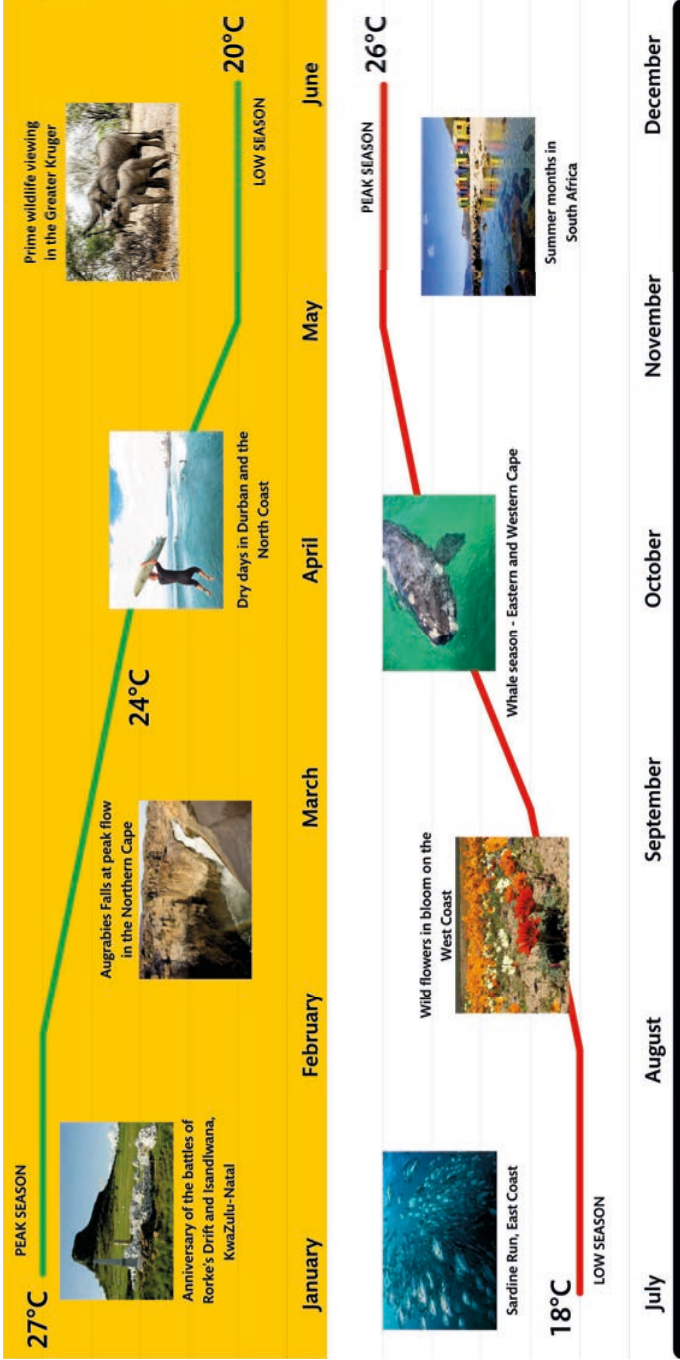
- Good walking shoes.
- 'Warm clothes of neutral colours if going on safari'. Morning and evening game drives can get a little chilly, even in summer.
- Insect repellent that contains DEET for safari areas.
- Antimalarial tablets for affected safari areas.
- Binoculars – essential for safaris.
- Adapter – South Africa operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz - you will need an adapter: plug types, C, D, M and N.



Nelson Mandela Capture Site, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal

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LOCAL DISHES

South Africa's melting pot of cultures has given rise to a plethora of national dishes.

Must try: Koeksisters, Bunny Chow, Shisanyama or Braai (BBQ), Potjiekos, Biltong and Boerewors (in the picture).



ACCESSIBILITY

An increasing number of hotels and lodges have wheelchair-friendly facilities. Almost every national park has at least one accessible chalet and most public buildings also offer wheelchair access.

TIPPING

Most restaurants do not add a service charge to bills; thus it is customary to leave a 10 to 15 percent tip. Most city hotels charge a service fee automatically for groups. Parking and petrol station attendants should be given whatever small change you have available.



Panoramic view of Cape Town, Western Cape

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

	Beaufort West	Bloemfontein	Cape Town	Colesberg	Durban	East London	George	Johannesburg	Kimberley	Komatiport	Mossel Bay	Nelburg	Outshoorn	Phalaborwa	Port Elizabeth	Pretoria	Stellenbosch
Beaufort West																	
Bloemfontein	535																
Cape Town	463	998															
Colesberg	316	219	779														
Durban	1225	667	1660	881													
East London	597	575	1042	218	667												
George	237	764	456	54	1240	630											
Johannesburg	951	417	1405	623	598	992	1168										
Kimberley	497	175	960	284	842	750	734	467									
Komatiport	1386	854	1886	1058	774	1308	1603	465	939								
Mossel Bay	273	808	392	608	1306	696	66	1234	770	7669							
Nelburg	1293	771	1770	964	689	1214	1509	358	832	87	1575						
Outshoorn	179	714	422	495	1244	689	63	1130	676	1565	94	1472					
Phalaborwa	1486	952	1940	1150	910	1391	1686	555	1009	308	1726	221	1391				
Port Elizabeth	405	635	756	454	927	360	330	1062	752	1484	396	1373	358	1524			
Pretoria	1009	475	1463	681	656	1050	1226	58	54	332	429	1292	342	1188	477		
Stellenbosch	1403	808	1888	1073	809	1334	1616	5478	952	1087	1695	120	1561	232	1480	462	
Stellenbosch	440	975	49	756	1594	1070	392	1391	937	1826	363	1733	399	1866	739	1449	1842

This distance table is in miles. The distances given are those over the shortest, practical routes; these are not necessarily the best or the fastest.