

Traveller Tips for Southern Africa

Time

South Africa is an hour ahead of the UK in summer and two hours ahead in winter. GMT: +2

International Dialling Code

0027

Currency

Rand = 100 cents. Major credit cards are accepted in cities, but limited use in rural areas.

Visa

Holders of a full EU passport do not require a visa for a holiday visit. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the intended date of return and all visitors must have a return ticket.

Electricity

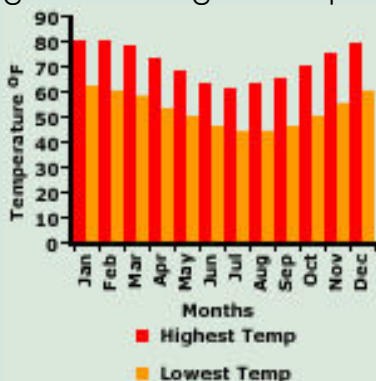
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Languages

There are 11 official languages in South Africa including English (widely spoken), Afrikaans, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu.

Climate

South Africa has Southern Hemisphere seasons. Midsummer is December/January and midwinter is June/July. Winter is mild in South Africa and is an ideal time for game viewing as the sparse vegetation makes it easier to see wildlife.



Health

Generally no vaccination certificates are required, however visitors from a yellow fever zone must have a valid certificate.

Malaria

Many of the main tourist areas are malaria free, however Kruger National Park, the Lowveld of Mpumalanga and Limpopo, and the northern part of KwaZulu-Natal do pose a malaria risk in the summer months. Please consult your doctor before travelling.