

SOUTH AFRICA



OVERVIEW

With Portuguese, Dutch and British invasions and colonialization, South Africa has a rich and varied history. Fought over for its natural resources including diamonds and gold as well as being a strategic port on the Silk Route, South Africa has been colonised since the 1600s. Current population stands at around 56 million and tourism forms a key part of the economy. The wildlife and landscapes are unparalleled and draw millions of tourists per year.



KEY FACTS

LANGUAGE	Afrikaans
RELIGION	Christian
CURRENCY	Rand
TIME ZONE	GMT +2hrs
FLIGHT TIME	London 11h30m New York 16h Singapore 11h



KNOWN FOR

Year-round destination
Animals & birdlife
Big 5 safaris
Marine Experiences
Adrenaline-fuelled activities
Peaceful escapes
Beautiful beaches
Winelands
World-class dining
Cultural appreciation



ACCESSIBILITY

Air | International airports at Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban

Roads/self drive | South Africa has an extensive, well maintained road network around South Africa provides access between attractions



WHO FOR

Honeymooners
Adrenaline junkies
Animal & bird lovers
Photography enthusiasts
Multi-generational travel



WHEN TO GO

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
The Winelands & Cape Town	Best	Best	Best	Best	Better	Better	Better	Better	Better	Better	Best	Best
Eastern Cape	Best	Best	Best	Best	Better	Better	Better	Better	Better	Better	Best	Best
KwaZulu-Natal	Better	Better	Better	Best	Best	Best	Better	Better	Best	Best	Better	Better
Kruger National Park & Sabi Sands	Better	Better	Better	Better	Best	Best	Best	Best	Best	Best	Better	Better
Madikwe & The Waterberg	Better	Better	Better	Better	Best	Best	Best	Best	Best	Best	Better	Better

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PACKING

From November to March travellers should be prepared for warmer weather while April to October evenings in particular can be much cooler. Travellers should check with a healthcare professional for vaccination recommendations and if the regions they are travelling to require anti-malaria medication.

KEY REGIONS

WINELANDS

Just one hours drive east of Cape Town lies the winelands; a gourmand's dream with endless fine restaurants, acres of vineyards and an amazing array of hotels to choose from. This was one of the first areas of South Africa settled by Europeans and the region's three main towns — Franschhoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl — form a triangle that you can easily visit all in one trip.

THE GARDEN ROUTE

The Garden Route is a stunning 200km stretch of coastline in the Eastern and Western Cape Provinces and is a popular self-drive route. Most drives will start in Cape Town in the west & the full length of the route reaches Port Elizabeth in the east, a distance of around 800kms if sticking to the N2 motorway. The road is flanked by a picturesque mountainous back drop on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other with numerous lovely towns, beautiful beaches, indigenous forests and beautiful flowers (hence the name).

EASTERN CAPE

The Eastern Cape is the province at the eastern end of the Garden Route. The main hub and airport is Port Elizabeth but the province is most famous for its excellent private game reserves. These are between 1-2 hours drive from Port Elizabeth and are a fantastic end to a Garden Route self-drive & perfect for families due to the fact that they are malaria free.

KWAZULU-NATAL

KwaZulu-Natal, a coastal South African province, is known for its beaches, mountains and savannah populated by big game. The safari destination Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, in the northeast, is home to black and white rhinos, lions and giraffes. Going on safari in KZN is a natural extension to visiting the Zulu Battlefields, Umhlanga Rocks beaches or even the Drakensberg Escarpment. Durban is an Indian-influenced harbor city and a popular surfing spot. Cultural villages around the town of Eshowe showcase the traditions of the indigenous Zulu people.

KRUGER & NATIONAL PARK

Kruger National Park, in northeastern South Africa, is one of Africa's largest game reserves. Nearly 2 million hectares of land that stretch for 352 kilometres (20 000 square kilometres) from north to south along the Mozambique border, and has a high density of wild animals includes the Big 5: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalos. Kruger now forms part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park - a peace park that links Kruger National Park with game parks in Zimbabwe and Mozambique

GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

The vast Greater Kruger Area comprises the main Kruger National Park and the private game reserves that are situated along the unfenced border. Due to the lack of fences between the national park and the private reserves the wildlife is free to roam. One of the main advantages of a safari in the private reserves is that there are limited number of people as one has to be staying in one of the private lodges and for this reason, you will experience a less crowded safari with no more than two game vehicles per sighting.

MADIKWE / PILANESBERG

The Madikwe is the fifth largest game reserve and is also one of the lesser-known parks in SA. This hidden-gem is regarded as one of the best conservation areas in SA offering the Big 5 in an 680km² park. The Pilanesberg National Park is only a 2 hour drive from Johannesburg meaning guests can enjoy a safari experience at a relatively short distance from the city and its international airport. Both of these areas are in a non-malarial area which makes them ideal for families.