



## SOUTH AFRICA AT A GLANCE

### Size

1 219 090 km<sup>2</sup>

### Key economic sectors

Mining services and transport, energy, manufacturing, tourism, agriculture

### Population

48,7 million (mid-2008)

### Official languages

English, isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele, Afrikaans, siSwati, Sesotho sa Leboa, Sesotho, Setswana, Tshivenda and Xitsonga

### Government

Constitutional multiparty, three-tier (local, provincial, national) democracy

### Major cities

Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, East London, Kimberley. There are nine provinces.





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**Currency**

100 cents equals one rand

**Time**

GMT +2 hours

**Distances**

Cape Town to Johannesburg 1 400 km  
(880 miles)

Johannesburg to Durban 600 km  
(380 miles)

Port Elizabeth to Bloemfontein 700 km  
(440 miles)

**Transportation**

Excellent roads, rail and air facilities  
(both domestic and international)

**Telecommunications**

World-class infrastructure. Internet access is widely available.  
There are four mobile (cellular) networks.

**Value-added tax**

Levied at 14%. Tourists may apply for tax refunds on purchases  
over R250 on departure.

**Health**

Top-quality care is available throughout the country, although  
basic in rural areas. Inoculations are only required for those trav-  
elling from yellow-fever areas. Malaria precautions are necessary  
in some areas.

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