



Population: Approx 59 million



Languages: 11 Official Languages:
English | Afrikaans | Xhosa | Zulu |
Pedi | Sotho | Swati | Tsonga |
Tswana | Venda | Ndebele



Size: 1,219,912 km² (471,011 sq mi)
Twice the size of France | Five times
the size of the UK.



Time Zone: 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +2



Currency: South African Rand (ZAR)



National Bird: Blue Crane

3 Capital Cities: Executive Pretoria
Judicial Bloemfontein
Legislative Cape Town



Inbound Airlines: Emirates | Qatar Airways | Turkish Airlines | Ethiopian Airlines | Kenya Airways | British Airways | Virgin Atlantic | KLM | Lufthansa | Air France | Swiss International | Austrian airlines | TAP | Alitalia | Iberia

CLIMATE

South Africa is a year-round destination and the climate varies across the country! There is the Mediterranean Western Cape, the sub-tropical and arid Eastern Cape and the sub-tropical Kruger regions. They all have hot summers (December - March), and the coldest months are July and August. The Western Cape has a winter rainfall while the Eastern Cape and Kruger regions have summer rainfall.

Summer is the perfect time to visit Cape Town and the Garden Route, while the winter brings mild, dry temperatures to the tropical north east coast making it perfect time to visit the Kruger National Park and KwaZulu-Natal. However, each season brings something different to enjoy, you just need to pack accordingly

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Cape Town Minstrel Carnival

02 January | Annual | Cape Town

A cultural tradition dating back to the early years of colonisation & slavery in the Cape. Musicians, performers & families from all walks of life take to the streets in colourful uniforms to sing, dance & play music for the crowds as they parade the streets.

Cape Town International Jazz Festival

March | Annual | Cape Town

Postponed to 2022. Affectionately referred to as "Africa's Grandest Gathering", the CPIJF is the largest music event in sub-Saharan Africa. Famous for its star-studded line up of local and international artists. Will satisfy lovers of all forms of jazz

Sardine Run

May - July | Annual

Millions of sardines migrate north, off the coast of KZN, following cold winter currents towards the warm Indian Ocean attracting thousands of marine predators. Dolphins, sharks, seals & game fish create a feeding frenzy, driving the shoals to the surface where they fall prey to dive bombing avian predators.

Whale Watching Season

June - December | Annual | Cape Coast

Southern Right: June - November
Humpback: June - August is their migratory season along the coastline to Mozambique. Returning in December.
Bryde's: Year Round. Sightings are rare.

Knysna Oyster Festival

July | Annual | Knysna

10 days of festivities with a full programme of activities celebrating the natural beauty of the Knysna area and local cuisine.

Bastille Festival

July | Annual | Franschhoek

Postponed to 2022, the Bastille Festival celebrates Franschhoek's centuries-old French Huguenot heritage with a wonderful feast of food, wine and entertainment. Fun for all ages.

Spring Wild Flowers

August - September | Annual |
Capes West Coast

For a few short weeks each year the fields, farms, wetlands and dunes of the Western Cape burst into a magnificent riot of colour as the wildflowers come into bloom. Blink and you will miss it. A sensational collection of colour.

