

South Africa



Key Facts

Location

Southern Africa.

Time

GMT + 2.

Area

1,219,192 sq km (470,693 sq miles).

Population

47.4 million (UN estimate 2006).

Electricity

220/240 volts AC; 250 volts AC (Pretoria), 50Hz. Three-pin round plugs are in use.

Currency

Rand (ZAR; symbol R) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of R200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins are in denominations of R5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 cents.

Climate

South Africa's climate is generally sunny and pleasant. Winters are usually mild, although snow falls on the mountain ranges of the Cape and Natal and occasionally in lower-lying areas, when a brief cold spell can be expected throughout the country.

Public Holidays

Below are listed the Public Holidays for the January 2008-December 2009 period.

2008

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21 Mar: Human Rights Day.
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24 Mar: Family Day.
27 Apr: Freedom Day.
1 May: Workers' Day.
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