

# **Locating South Africa**



## **Travelling from Sydney to South Africa**

Qantas and Virgin Australia fly from Sydney to Johannesburg.

The flights to Johannesburg from Sydney take about 14 hours 10 minutes.



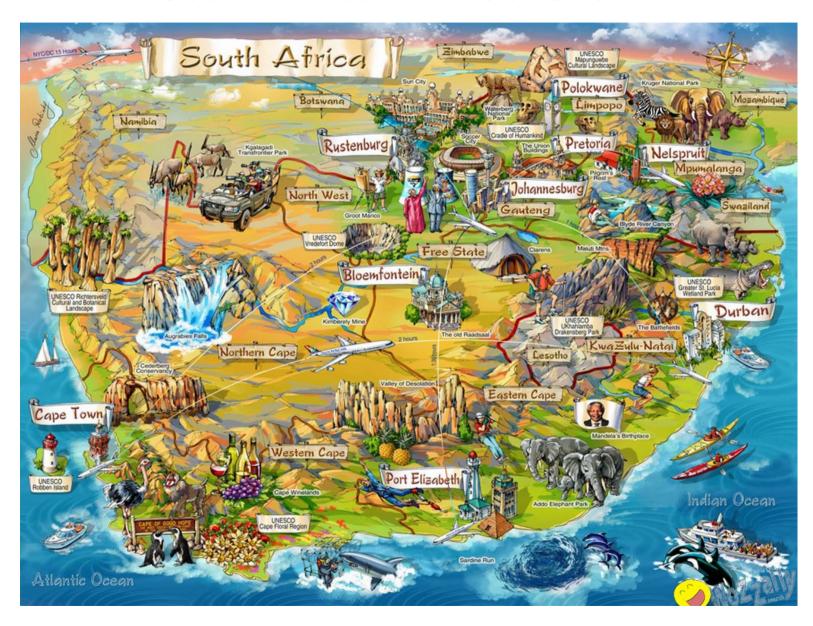
### **South Africa Quick Facts**

- South Africa is located at the southern tip of the African continent.
- The official name of South Africa is the Republic of South Africa.
- South Africa's population was 57 million in early 2018.
- South Africa has three capital cities, Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Pretoria.
- The largest city in South Africa is Johannesburg.
   Other major cities include Soweto and Durban.
- South Africa has 11 official languages, including Zulu, Afrikaans, Xhosa and English.
- South Africa's economy is the largest in Africa.
- South Africa's coastline stretches over 2500 kilometres (1553 miles) in length.
- South Africa is home to a wide variety of animals including giraffes, hippopotamus, leopards and lions.



South Africa's flag

### **South African Attractions**



## **Major Attractions**

The majority of South Africa's tourist attractions are features of the natural environment, especially its landscapes and wildlife.

- Kruger National Park,
   Mpumalanga and
   Limpopo Provinces
- Kgalagadi Transfrontier
   National Park, Northern
   Cape
- iSimangaliso Wetland Park, KwaZulu-Natal







# South Africa's national parks and other major attractions





Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve,

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Stellenbosch is one of the most picturesque towns in South Africa. It features farms, old oak trees, and white-washed Cape Dutch dwellings. It one of the best preserved towns from the times of the Dutch East India Company.



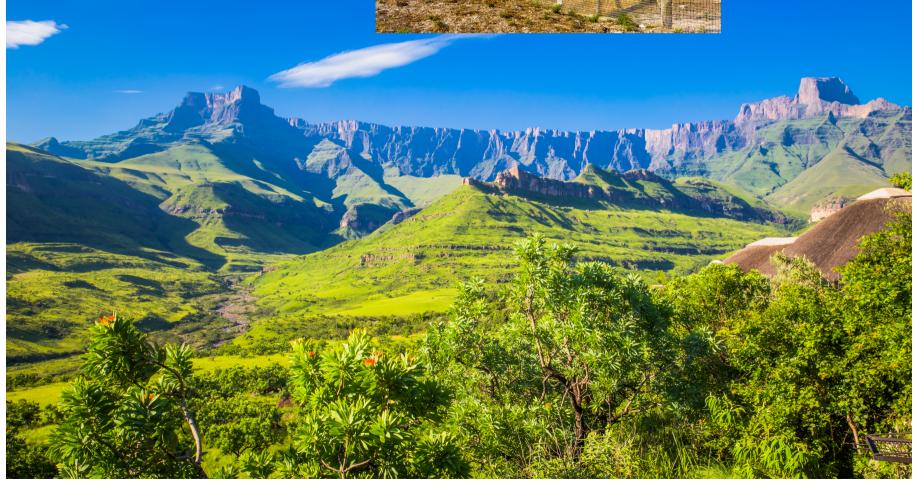
# Cape Town, Western Cape



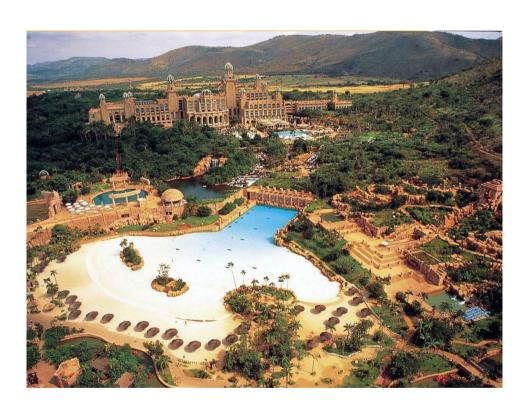
The Drakensberg, KwaZulu-Natal. The Drakenberg is the eastern portion of the Great Escarpment, which forms the edge of the central Southern African plateau.



Robben Island, Western Cape. The island on which Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.



### The Palace of the Lost City at Sun City





The Lost City Resort, in the North West Province, is one of South Africa's most famous tourist attractions. The vast resort includes luxury hotels, golf course, wave pools, casino, an animal world and bird sanctuary and a water park.



#### **South African Foods**

Boerewors: A long sausage containing meat (mainly beef) and spices.





Koeksisters:
Deep fried
dough rich in
syrup or
honey.

and spices

**Bobotie:** 

Spiced minced meat baked with an egg-based topping.





Chakalaka: A spicy vegetable relish, traditionally served with bread, pap, stews or curries

**Biltong:** A form of dried, cured meat that is chewed as a snack.





Mealie pap: A coarse flour made from maize. Usually served as a porridge or with chakalaka.

### **South African Celebrations**

Freedom Day (April 27): A celebration of South Africa's successful fight for freedom and democracy.

Heritage Day (September 24): Celebrating the cultural heritage of many ethnic groups that make up the 'Rainbow Nation'.

Sports! Rugby, Soccer, Cricket

Mandela Day (July 18):
Nelson Mandela's birthday is celebrated and people are suppose to donate 67 minutes of their time to a charitable or community activity.

Day of Reconciliation (December 16): A day to foster national unity and reconciliation.