

Frequently Asked Question

Entry
VISA'S: PLEASE CHECK WETHER YOU NEED A VISA DEPENDING ON YOUR HOME COUNTRY. MOST COUNTRIES ARE ISSUED A TOURIST VISA STAMP AT THE AIRPORT, VALID FOR 90 DAYS. PASSPORT INFORMATION IMMIGRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA NOW REQUIRES YOU HAVE 2 COMPLETELY EMPTY PAGES IN YOUR PASSPORT ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER.

PASSPORTS: MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE CURRENCY IN SOUTH AFRICA IS SOUTH AFRICAN RAND (ZAR)

New since 1st of July:

Required Online Traveller Declarations from 1 July 2026

1 July 2026 – From 1 July 2026, all travellers entering or leaving South Africa through air, land, sea and rail ports of entry are required to submit an online traveller declaration before travelling. The implementation adopts a whole-of-government approach to strengthen data integration and facilitate Inter-agency risk management, thereby enhancing the monitoring, analysis, and reporting of cross-border activities. The South African Traveller Management System (SATMS) enables travellers to meet their legal obligation to declare goods in their possession, including currency through convenient digital channels such as the SARS Customs Online Traveller Declaration Portal, the SATMS mobile application, and Scan-to-Declare QR codes. Through convenience and digital accessibility, SATMS promotes voluntary compliance to simplify the declaration process and enhance the overall traveller border experience.

Travellers will not be denied entry into or departure from South Africa solely because they have not completed a declaration before arriving at a port of entry. SARS Customs officials, supported by self-service declaration terminals, will be available to assist travellers who were unable to submit their declarations before travelling. SARS encourages all travellers to familiarise themselves with the new requirements and complete their declarations in advance to ensure a seamless and efficient travel experience. For more information and clarity, travellers can access our [FAQs for the Required Online Traveller Declarations from 1 July 2026 webpage](#).

Visit the [Customs Online Declaration webpage](#).

Go directly to the [online Traveller Management System tool](#).

Watch our easy [step-by-step video on how to declare](#).



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Seasons

January- SUMMER Hot with afternoon thunderstorms; lush green landscapes.

February- SUMMER Hot and humid with regular afternoon rain showers.

March- AUTUMN Warm days with decreasing rainfall.

April - AUTUMN Warm, dry, and comfortable weather.

May - AUTUMN Mild days, cool mornings and evenings; start of the dry season.

June - WINTER Sunny, dry days with cold mornings and nights.

July - WINTER Cool, dry weather; excellent wildlife viewing.

August - WINTER Mild sunny days and cool nights; very little rainfall.

September - SPRING Warm days, dry conditions, and blooming vegetation

October - SPRING Hotter temperatures with the first seasonal rains.

November - SPRING Warm to hot with increasing humidity and afternoon thunderstorms.

December - SUMMER Hot, green, and vibrant with frequent afternoon thunderstorms.

