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Country report

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About South Africa



South Africa prides itself in its multiple cultures, traditions and talents. The South African economy is the second largest in the African continent, the country boasts the most industrialised, technologically advanced, and diversified economy.

South Africa is an upper-middle-income economy. Although the natural resource extraction industry remains one of the largest in the country with an annual contribution to the GDP of US\$13.5 billion, the economy of South Africa has diversified since the end of apartheid, particularly towards services. In 2019, the financial industry contributed US\$41.4 billion to South Africa's GDP. In 2021, South Africa-based financial institutions managed more than US\$1.41 trillion in assets. The total market capitalisation of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange stood at US\$1.28 trillion as of October 2021.

The country's banking sector is rated as a strongly positive feature of the economy. South Africa has a good core infrastructure network such as a transport system, power, communications network, sewage and water. However, while there is a good core network, the country is working tirelessly to ensure that previously disadvantaged areas and rural areas have the same adequate infrastructure as developed communities.

When it comes to infrastructure spending, ICT is an important addition that South Africa prioritises. The digital space continues to improve and grow, and for South Africa to compete and trade effectively with other countries, there needs to be adequate infrastructure development. South Africa recognises that digital infrastructure provides the backbone for information and communications technology (ICT) services, and that it is a key factor in supporting economic growth.

South Africa's broadband vision is driven by a strategic plan called South Africa Connect, which focuses on providing connectivity services to government facilities such as schools, health facilities, police stations and post offices.

South Africa Time Zone: is abbreviated as SAST (South Africa Standard Time)

International Telephone Dialling: Int. Code +27

Local Time: UCT + 2.00 hours (Pretoria)

Language

South Africa has 11 official namely English, Setswana; IsiNdebele; Siswati; IsiXhosa; Tshivenda; IsiZulu; Xitsonga; Sepedi; Afrikaans; Sesotho. English is the official business language.

Currency

Official currency denoted in Rands

Notes: R200, R100, R50, R20, R10

Coins: R5.00, R2.00, R1.00, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c

Currency Exchange Rates as at 11 October 2022

1 Pound = R 19.98

1 Euro = R17.57

1 Dollar = R 18.10

1 Pula = R 1.35

***Please note that the exchange rate may change at any time. For the latest exchange rates please visit: www.xe.com**

Major credit cards are widely accepted, and ATMs are commonly available

Health Protocols – COVID 19

South Africa has reopened its borders to international travellers, and coronavirus entry restrictions have now been removed. This includes the need to take a COVID-19 PCR test before departure.

Overseas visitors are now welcome regardless of whether they have been vaccinated or not. Unvaccinated travellers no longer need to have a COVID-19 test before going to South Africa.

About the Mother City (Cape Town)

Famous for its scenery, Cape Town is simply a stunning, proudly multicultural, with flourishing arts, dining, and nightlife scenes that are proof that this modern metropolis' creativity and innovative spirit is what keeps the city alive. With its tourism offerings like the Table mountain, Cape point, the beaches, wine farms and food, it is no surprise that this coastal gem has been voted the best city in the world seven-years-running.

The CTICC is the leading international convention centre on the African continent and they always strive to set the benchmark in conferencing as they actively live their values. Furthermore, the CTICC is committed to contributing to the City of Cape Town's vision of being Africa's business events destination.

Average weather in November in Cape Town (Western Cape), South Africa

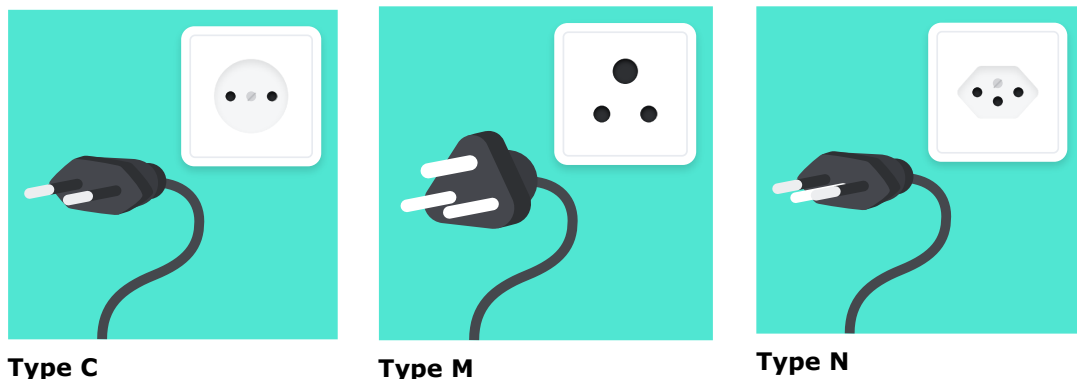
The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Cape Town in November is 15°C (59°F). The amount of rain in November is normal with an average of 61mm (2.4in). It rains on average a total of 10 days. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 26°C (78.8°F).

Projected Weather for November, 01 - 04



South African adaptors/plug pointers:

In South Africa there are four associated plug types, types C, D, M and N. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins, plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern and plug types M and N both have three round pins.



Ground transportation in Cape Town

MyCiTi bus Airport Service

Delegates can catch a MyCiTi bus between the MyCiTi Airport bus station right outside the main Airport terminal, and the city centre, and transfer seamlessly to another MyCiTi route to reach their destination. Buses on the A01 Airport - Civic Centre route depart every 20 minutes. In addition, getting one of MyCiTi's multi-day travel packages also offers the opportunity to visit many of Cape Town's top tourism sites and leisure destinations.

Kindly follow the link to the guide that will help delegates catch a MyCiTi bus between the MyCiTi Airport bus station right outside the main Airport terminal, and the city

centre. https://www.myciti.org.za/docs/categories/3890/HR_MyCiTi_Airport%20DL_2022_32023_07062022.pdf

E-Hailing services

E-hailing services are available from the Cape Town Aripport in the form of an Uber and Bolt