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Vaccinations, Visas and Tips – A Guide



PASSPORTS & VISAS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

To enter South Africa, you will need a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after your final departure date from South Africa that has at least 2 blank pages for entry stamps. Our recommendation is that, if you are travelling through more than one country on safari, to ensure that you have 4 or more clean, blank pages.

If there are insufficient pages, entry could be denied.

If you intend to travel between South Africa and its neighbouring countries, we recommend that you apply for **multiple entry visas** if required. Visa formalities may vary according to your nationality and the passport on which you will be travelling. For a full list please go to the Department of Home Affairs website:

<http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/countries-exempt-from-sa-visas>

If you are traveling with Children under 18, please note that Botswana and South Africa have STRICT child anti trafficking regulations. Please check our website which will give you more information or go to:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/files/Brochures/Immigrationleaflet.pdf>



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR SOUTH AFRICA

The currency of South Africa is the Rand ZAR. ATMs are widely available in South Africa and you can convert foreign currency in all towns.

BANKING HOURS

- ✓ Monday – Friday 09:00 AM – 15:30 PM
- ✓ Saturday 08:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- ✓ Sunday Closed

Travelers taking goods out of South Africa are able to reclaim VAT. VAT is currently at 14%. VAT Reclaim Offices are found at Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town International Airports. All major credit cards are accepted in the country, particularly MasterCard and Visa.

TIPPING

Tipping during your holiday is not compulsory. If, however, you want to tip because you have received good service, we have enclosed a brief guideline to assist you:

TRANSFERS

We recommend about ZAR20.00 per guest for the driver per movement.

TOURING (excluding Camp/Game Lodge) Driver and/or Guides

For half day tours we recommend about ZAR80.00 per guest and for a full day tour we recommend ZAR160.00 per guest.

SAFARI GUIDES | Trackers at Game Lodges

We recommend about ZAR200.00 per guest per day for the guide and ZAR100.00 per guest per day for the tracker.

PORTERAGE

We recommend about ZAR20.00 per guest per movement.

HOTEL | Guest House & Game Lodge Staff

We recommend about ZAR80.00 per guest per day for hotel staff i.e. housekeeping etc.



BLUE TRAIN & ROVOS RAIL

Cabin attendant ZAR120.00 per guest per day; Waiter, Dining Car ZAR80.00 per guest per journey.

RESTAURANTS | HOTELS

10% is customary on meal accounts if you are satisfied with the service. For bigger groups of 10 people or more, some restaurants charge a mandatory service fee to the final bill.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The International Dialling Code for South Africa is +27, followed by the destination's phone number. Calling from South Africa, you dial 00 plus the relevant country code (0044 for the Great Britain, 001 for the States).

The South African telecommunication infrastructure is good and efficient. Mobile phone coverage or mobile phone is widespread and reception is generally good in urban areas. Mobile phones can be hired at all international airports and you can purchase SIM Cards.

TIME

South Africa is two hours in the advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2)



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PASSPORTS & VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is essential for you to check and comply with the necessary visa requirements with your respective Consulates, Embassies or High Commissions. Although we try to set out the basic requirements, we are not responsible for visa matters.

ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA

- ✓ Visas and Passport – Please have 4 clean **blank pages** in your valid passport with no expiry date less than 6 months ***after your date of departure from the country***
- ✓ Must bring **cash** for tipping and entry-visa payment
- ✓ In South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia you are able to obtain a VISA at your port of entry. (Probably the most convenient method.)
- ✓ If entering Zambia and Zimbabwe, please ask for the **KAZA Visa**



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VACCINATIONS

Please consult your family doctor in your at least one month prior to departure for medical advice on vaccinations and malaria medications on your adventure.

The most important defences against malaria are:

- ✓ Apply insect repellent to exposed skin
- ✓ Wear long-sleeved cotton clothing from dusk into the evening
- ✓ Tabard and Peaceful Sleep are commonly used insect repellents

If you are travelling from a Yellow Fever-infected country, **you will be required to produce a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate. Please check with your physician.**

Please see below a few travel recommendations links on respective countries from UK & USA Travel Advisories.

UK

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/botswana>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/south-africa>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/zambia>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/zimbabwe>

USA

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/botswana>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/south-africa>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/zambia>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/zimbabwe>



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TIPPING GUIDELINES | BOTSWANA & MOZAMBIQUE NAMIBIA & ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

- ✓ Must bring **cash** for tipping and entry-visa payment
- ✓ USD20 per person per day for your professional guides
- ✓ USD15 per person per day for your general staff tip box on leaving
- ✓ USD10 for day guides & pilots
- ✓ USD5 per family per transfer driver
- ✓ USD2 for drivers
- ✓ 10% at restaurants and bars
- ✓ ***All tipping is completely at your discretion, generally no service fees are levied in these countries.***

Immigration officials may not always be in a position to issue large amounts of change, so please carry small denominations of cash where possible.

If you're travelling to a country not listed here please don't hesitate to call or contact us for further details.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that all travelers obtain comprehensive travel insurance prior to departure date. The Berkshire Hathaway (USA) travel protection insurance plans come independently recommended.

Phone **1-844-411-2487**

Email **assist@bhttp.com for customer service and policy questions.**

Visit **www.bhttp.com to view their products to purchase.**

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ConsumerprotectionBC Travel Assurance Fund

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The details of the Travel Assurance Fund and the role of Consumer Protection BC in respect of regulating Travel Agents and wholesalers located in British Columbia is available at this website address:

<https://www.consumerprotectionbc.ca/businesses-travel-services-home/businesses-travel-assurance-fund>

Should the details from this website be in any way unclear please contact Sikeleli Africa Safaris at the numbers listed below and we shall do our very best to ensure that you are completely clear as to the protections and compensation potentially offered by the travel insurance fund.

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