

# SOUTH AFRICA

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South Africa is one of the most extraordinary countries on the African continent. Its population, traditions, and culture are a colorful mosaic. 80% of the population of South Africa is black African. About 8% of the population are descendants of European colonists, mainly from the Netherlands (Afrikaners) and Great Britain. Also in South Africa, there are mestizos and descendants of immigrants from India. The heterogeneity of the population is complemented by linguistic diversity – 11 languages have official status. The most common languages are Zulu and English, as well as Xhosa and Afrikaans.

South Africa is located in the extreme South of the African continent. It is bordered to the Northwest by Namibia, to the North by Botswana and Zimbabwe, and the Northeast by Mozambique and Swaziland.

Pretoria is officially considered the main capital of South Africa, as the country's government is located there. The other two branches of government are located in two other cities: the Parliament in Cape Town, and the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein.

The currency of South Africa is the South African Rand. The domain is .za and the country code is +27.

Full freedom of religion is enshrined in the law of South Africa. More than 80% of the population is Christian (most Protestants). Some Africans adhere to traditional African beliefs (animalism, fetishism, the cult of ancestors, guardians of the hearth, the forces of nature, etc.). The Muslim community (most profess Sunni Islam) includes Cape Malays, Indians, immigrants from northern Mozambique, etc.

National symbols of South Africa are the flag, National anthem, National Orders, Real yellowwood, blue crane, and King Protea. In addition, the national symbols of South Africa include springbuck.

The Springbuck, South Africa's national animal, is the most abundant antelope in the central and western parts of South Africa. Some herds are still free roaming within some of its natural range, but most are now confined to farmlands and reserves. They are a common feature in most of South Africa's national, provincial, and private reserves.

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