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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – SOUTH AFRICA

*Please review and inform your guests*

### Arrival requirements – South Africa

- Travellers intending to visit the country will be expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If they are not vaccinated they will need to produce a printed copy of a negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test that is not older than 72 hours from the time of departure from the country of origin to South Africa. This test must be conducted by a certified medical practitioner and should have the name and signature of the practitioner who conducted such test.
- Upon arrival in the port of entry, the traveller will be screened for any COVID-19 symptoms or for contact with people who have been infected with the COVID-19 virus.
- Should the traveller display any COVID-19-related symptoms or been in contact with an infected person(s), they will be expected to take a mandatory COVID-19 test. This test will be at the traveller's cost. If the COVID-19 test comes back positive, the traveller will be subjected to a 10-day quarantine at a designated site. The accommodation at a quarantine site will be at the traveller's cost.
- A person must wear a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place, or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth.
- No person will be allowed to use any form of public transport, or enter a building, place or premises, if they do not wear a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place, or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth.
- Hand sanitisers are available throughout the terminal and must be used regularly after coming in contact with commonly touched surfaces or objects.

### Passport Validity / Visas

You will need the following if you wish to visit South Africa:

- A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your intended stay. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your stay.
- At least one blank page in your passport for endorsements.
- A valid visa, if required. Please make sure to check the requirements for each tourist. Please let us know if you need any assistance in checking the requirements for your residency.
- Sufficient funds to pay for your day-to-day expenses during your stay (a copy of 3 months bank statements might be a requirement).
- A return or onward ticket.
- Yellow fever certificates if your journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America. Please see the link for countries which a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for entry into South Africa:  
<https://www.southafrica.net/gl/en/travel/article/yellow-fever-entry-requirements>
- All minors (under the age of 18) travelling through any South African port of entry must have an unabridged birth certificate or an equivalent document. An unabridged birth



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certificate is a document that contains information about a person's two biological parents or legal guardians.

- If a child (under the age of 18 years) is accompanied by only one parent / legal guardian, then a parental consent letter is needed, including a copy of the passport and contact details of the absent parent / legal guardian.
- In South Africa, a minor is a person under the age of 18 years old.

### Additional tests during your stay

Any person who is a confirmed laboratory positive COVID-19 case and is asymptomatic is not required to isolate.

Any person who is a confirmed laboratory positive COVID-19 case and is symptomatic must isolate for a period of 7 days, unless a longer period is recommended by a medical practitioner.

Any person who is a confirmed laboratory positive COVID-19 case and is symptomatic must comply with the requirements of self-isolation in order to contain the transmission of COVID-19.

### Airport Lounges and additional services

Fireblade Aviation is located at in the Denel Precinct at OR Tambo International Airport. Guests are welcomed by a hostess upon arrival for International and domestic arrivals and departures. Assistance with customs and immigration is provided. The lounge facilities include open and private lounges, showers, a gym, spa treatments, luggage storage, a fully-equipped meeting room, laundry, TV's and WiFi.

### Important to know

- On arrival at a South African airport, you have to pass through customs control, where you may be questioned and your baggage may be scanned or searched for dutiable, restricted or prohibited goods.
- Travellers with goods to declare must complete a Traveller Card and make a verbal declaration of their goods to a customs officer, who will then generate a Traveller Declaration. If you're found with undeclared, restricted or prohibited goods, you could be fined or even face prosecution. Travellers cards can be accessed on the plane prior to landing in South Africa or online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/Ops/Forms/TC01-Traveller-Card-External-Form.pdf>
- Certain goods are restricted, and may only be brought into South Africa if you have the necessary authority or permit, and these must be declared on arrival. They include any firearms, as well as Species of plants or animals that are listed as endangered, whether they are alive or dead, as well as any parts of or articles made from them.
- All plants and plant products are restricted, such as seeds, flowers, fruit, honey, margarine and vegetable oils. Also animals, birds, poultry and products thereof, such as dairy products, butter and eggs. Further Information can be found on the South African Revenue Service website: <https://www.sars.gov.za/customs-and-excise/travellers/arrival-in-sa/>
- **South African Time** - UTC/GMT +2.
- While most of South Africa is **malaria**-free, this mosquito-borne disease is prevalent throughout the year in the Kruger National Park and the low-lying areas of the northern



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KwaZulu-Natal. Consult a healthcare professional about suitable prophylactic. Your choice of drug will depend on how long you are visiting the malaria area, the time of year and your personal health. Find out more on South Africa's government website:

<https://www.gov.za/faq/health/where-does-malaria-occur-south-africa-and-how-can-i-prevent-infection>

- South Africa requires all travellers journeying from or transiting through yellow fever risk countries to show proof of **yellow fever vaccination** by means of a valid yellow fever certificate. To find out whether you need a yellow fever injection, follow this link: <https://www.southafrica.net/gl/en/travel/article/yellow-fever-entry-requirements>
- Most game lodges follow a no drone policy on their property.
- Most hotels and lodges, settle extras upon departure as well as a deposit prior to arrival as a guarantee for extra costs.
- Hotels and Pure Escapes reserve the right to request guests' passport copies prior to arrival.

### Insurance

We recommend that all tourists purchase travel insurance covering transfer delays and COVID-19 related expenses in advance. None of the parties will be able to compensate guests for the expenses associated with weather and other force majeure.

Pure Escapes is not offering insurance plans or international flights.