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Country Report Template

*A Local Knowledge Report
From Exhibit/Event Service Providers*



South Africa

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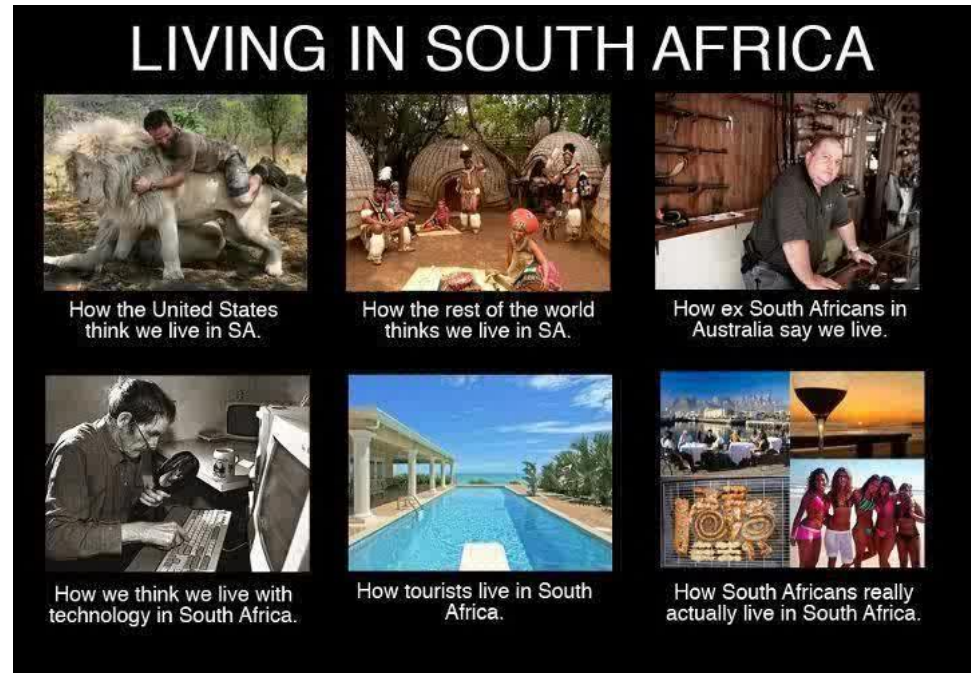
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| South Africa Facts and Figures

Facts & Figures

- Population approx: 51.77 million
- Main language(s): English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Swati, Xhosa Tswana
- Country Size 1 219 912 Km
- Other info
- Capital City - Pretoria, 698348
- Largest City - Cape Town, 3 433 441



Money Issues

- What is the standard currency? What is a standard conversion rate? Currency is Rands (R),
- Are credit cards widely accepted? Should the traveller plan on dealing with lots of cash? Credit cards are widely accepted in South Africa. VISA, Master Card & Diners are widely accepted throughout South Africa. As a standard security measure, which applies to any country you visit, carry minimal cash and rather make use of traveller cards or credit cards where possible.
- Are credit cards required (like in the US at shows for services)? No, most shows accept cards however in some cases cash is required.
- Hints regarding tipping (taxis, restaurants, bars, baggage handlers, etc.) and/or haggling? General rule of thumb for tipping a waiter at a bar/restaurant is 10% of the total bill. Taxis and baggage handlers is not a must.
- Is there a VAT? How high is it? Who needs to pay it? Is there a way for Americans to get it refunded? Is there a useful website (in English)? VAT is 14% in South Africa. Foreigners can claim VAT back however will need the original tax invoice to do so. The following website will assist with the process <http://www.taxrefunds.co.za/>

| Size and Distance Information



| Location of Major Venues

CSIR Convention Centre

www.csir.co.za

- Located in Pretoria
- Situated close to all the central amenities in Pretoria
- CSIR has conference, function and exhibition venues that can accommodate events of 500 to as little as 10 delegates, with groups as large as 1000 being accommodated at times.



Durban International Convention Centre

<http://icc.co.za/>

- Opened by former president, Nelson Mandela in 1997
- Durban ICC was South Africa's first International Convention Centre
- This multi-award winning Centre has been voted Africa's Leading Meetings and Conference Centre by the World Travel Awards no fewer than 12 times in 13 years and has been rated amongst the World's Top 15 convention centres by AIPC.
- the complex offers you 33,000m² of exhibition and meeting space.
- The largest venue, Hall 1, offers an area of 6,000m² floor space
- Hall 2 offers over 3,000m² floor space
- Main boardroom venue seating up to 14 delegates
- 12,500m² of outdoor space



Sandton Convention Centre

<http://www.saconvention.co.za/>

- Situated in northern Johannesburg, in the heart of Sandton's business,
- Southern Africa's leading and most prestigious, multi-purpose exhibition and convention centre.
- eEasy access to over 5 000 hotel rooms, is adjacent to the country's top shopping and entertainment complexes and provides nearly 11 000 secure parking bays.
- South Africa's most technologically advanced convention centre.
- SCC has over 22 000 m² of convention, exhibition and special event space.
 - The Pavilion can seat 4 500 patrons.
 - The Ballroom can seat 2 000 banquet guests
 - The 13 other meeting rooms can accommodate up to 350 delegates.
 - The two exhibition levels have a combined floor space of 11 000 m



Expo Centre, Johannesburg

<http://www.expocentre.co.za/>

- South Africa's largest purpose-built exhibition, convention and events venue
- Multipurpose exhibition halls providing over 50000 m² of space under roof.
- Over 100 000m² of outdoor exhibition space.
- Conference rooms encompassing 4 000m².
- A multi-purpose arena that can accommodate up to 20 000 people.
- More than 15 000 parking bays.
- Five star catering facilities.



Tshwane Events Centre

<http://www.tshwane-events.co.za/>

- Located in Pretoria
- boasts eleven exhibition halls varying in size, which can accommodate functions of any description from large-scale indoor exhibitions to music concerts and sporting events.
- 40000sqm indoor floor space
- 45000sqm outdoor floor space
- The venue can accommodate up to 50 000 visitors



Gallagher

<http://www.gallagher.co.za/>

- Located in Midrand,
- Gallagher Convention Centre is one of Africa's largest conference and exhibition venues.
- With five purpose-built ground floor exhibition venues offering approximately 25 000 square meters of exhibition space, nineteen multipurpose venues and state of the art facilities, Gallagher Convention Centre can accommodate anywhere from 2 to 12 000 visitors.
- Our internationally acclaimed team of chefs



Cape Town International Convention Centre

<http://www.cticc.co.za/>

- The CTICC is a multi-purpose venue of world-class standards that specialises in creating conferences and conventions
- Banquets, gala dinners, formals, functions and feasts. The CTICC can turn all these events into exceptional experiences for hosts and their guests.
- **Auditorium 1** - Seats up to 1 500
- **Auditorium 2** - Seats up to 620
- The CTICC is a flexible venue that accommodates a wide variety of functions, with the capacity to host virtually any convention, exhibition, product launch, film shoot or fashion show. If you can imagine it, we can host it.
 - 11 200m² column-free space
- **Grand Ballroom** - 2 000m² floor space
- **The Roof Terrace Room & Balcony** - Seats 300 people



| Exhibition Facts and Figures

General Information

- Who are typically the organizers - Namely Local
- Which services are typically handled by the organizers and which can you subcontract? Organizers normally handle the space sales and the show program. Services like Registration, catering, infrastructure, electrical, AV, furniture hire etc is normally subcontracted
- Are there unions to be dealt with? If so, who and where? No
- Information on Rigging? This is normally outsourced unless the venue has contracted a rigger. Note stands above a certain height or have rigging will need to get an engineers certificate.
- How are move in/move outs handled (lots of time? No time? Targeted move ins or outs? This is really show depended. Smaller shows normally have less build up and break down time however with larger shows the build up and break down times are considered to be acceptable.
- Health and Safety standards? Some countries (like the UK) require detailed Risk Assessments and Method Statements, for example. Health and Safety is taken quite seriously in South African whereby health and safety files are needed for the each show/build. Risk assessments are done, method statements, letter of good standing etc.
- Building permissions? For temporary structures we need to get approval from EMS – this means for the structure to go up an engineers certificate is required.

Electrics and Electricity

- Typical Voltage 230v
- Do you need to have certified electricians? Yes
- What are the standard plugs and sockets? Two prong and three prong plugs are the norm – see examples below



Labour Cost Estimates

- General Labourer: +-\$2/ hour (R20/hour)
- Experienced Labourer: +-\$6/ hour (R60/hour)
- Site Supervisors: +-\$12/ hour (R120/hour)
- Custom Stand Builders: +-\$7/ hour (R70/hour)

Materials Usage

- Carpet - standard types, rough prices?
 - Rolled carpet R 90sqm
 - Tiled carpet R35sqm
- Raised flooring—most common is the 16mm flooring

	16mm	32mm	100mm
Melamine	R300sqm	R350qm	R380qm
Laminate	R300qm	R350qm	R380qm
Carpet	R190qm	R230qm	R290qm

- Standard US materials available in your country? In South Africa we use the following materials:
 - Perspex (Acrylic)
 - Forex
 - Mfoam
 - MDF – compressed wood)
 - PST – plastic extruded panels
- In your experience, are any materials particularly cheaper or more expensive in your country as compared to the US?

Prices are very similar however labour in South African would be considered cheaper, materials will be the same except for wood.

Shopping Tips

- An example of a Home Improvement store where construction things can be bought (hardware, tools, paint, etc.)
 - Builders Warehouse - www.builders.co.za
 - Game – www.game.co.za
 - Mica – www.mica.co.za
- An example of an electronics store for cables, monitors, etc.
 - Builders Warehouse - www.builders.co.za
 - Game – www.game.co.za
 - Dion Wired – www.dionwired.co.za
 - Hi Fi Corporation – www.hificorp.co.za
- A general sort of store where everything can be bought,
 - Game – www.game.co.za
 - Pick 'n Pay – www.picknpay.co.za
 - Checkers - www.checkers.co.za
- Is IKEA available, if not, something similar? IKEA is not available in South Africa however one can purchase DIY furniture from Mr Price Home or Game

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