



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES °C				High / Low
Location	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Cape Town	24	27	21	18
Durban	25	27	24	22
Johannesburg	25	26	19	18
Kimberley	30	31	22	22
Port Elizabeth	22	25	22	20

AT A GLANCE

Currency

South African Rand (ZAR, or simply R).
Current exchange rate:
R11.11 = £1.00 sterling

Cost of living

Loaf of bread: £0.35
Bottle of wine: £1.50–£2.00

Time zones

Two hours ahead of GMT

Business hours

Post offices:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday,
and 8:00 am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Banks:

9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday,
and 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturdays.

Shops and supermarkets:

Most shops open 8:00 am to 5:30 pm,
Monday to Saturday.

Sunday opening is 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
(metropolitan areas only).

Shopping centres:

9:00 am to 9:00 pm, seven days, plus
bank holidays

Population

Approximately 47 million

Languages

Official languages are English, Afrikaans,
Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga,
Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu

Religions

Christian: 67 per cent
Indigenous beliefs: 29.5 per cent
Islamic: 2 per cent
Hindu: 1.5 per cent

Driving

Driving is on the left. To rent a car, drivers
must be aged at least 20 (age may vary
by car category and location) and have
held a licence for a minimum of a year.
An International Driving Permit may also
be required.

Property prices:

From around £35,000 to £1 million plus,
depending on size, location, etc. £68,000
is the average for major urban centre.