

# SOUTH AFRICA: VISITING THE TIP OF THE WORLD



The diversity of South Africa has been drawing a lot of attention of tour operators. It may still be perceived as a fascinatingly wild and passionate region, whose culture is so different from the European and American ones.

The Republic of South Africa is a sophisticated country that has much to offer: big cities with mighty skyscrapers, five-star hotels, luxurious restaurants and modern shopping malls stand in sharp opposition to vast deserts, beautiful natural sceneries, precious wildlife and pure white rivers.

The RSA is an urban country. Over 50% of its inhabitants live in major cities like Johannesburg, Cape Town, Pretoria and Durban. Cape Town is a popular tourist attraction. Safety is a special issue here, and the tourists are advised not to wander around the suburbs on foot. However, they are very welcome to explore the city center, and visit one of the most charming attractions: the Victoria and Albert Waterfront - a multi-million-dollar development of shops and restaurants, situated around the city's original harbor. Visitors may also admire the Two Oceans Aquarium. Table Mountain offers a great view of the city. Cape Point is one of the must-see locations near the city. It is a one-and-only experience as the tourists stand at the very tip of the continent. It is also possible to watch whales from there. If tourists are ready to travel more, an ideal place to visit is the Robben Island, a UNESCO world heritage site, accessible by ferry.

Many tourists are attracted by opportunities to see the wildlife. South Africa's Kruger National Park is one of the largest game reserves in South Africa. Nowadays it stretches across South Africa's national borders to Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Exotic animals like buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion or rhino and many others can be seen there. There are also various locations for bird-watching.

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