

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Driving

- An International Driving Permit is required for foreigners driving in South Africa.
- In Finland, this permit can be obtained from the local Automobile and Touring Club.
- For further information, visit www.autoliitto.fi.
- Driving is on the leftside of the road and speed limits are in kilometers and are 120 km/h on the highways and 60 km/h in built-up areas.
- In most cases, cash is required to pay for fuel.
- There are toll roads on certain main highways and “N” roads. Drivers should ensure they have a supply of small denomination notes and coins before setting out on these routes.

Firearms

Visitors who wish to import firearms for a limited time for the purposes of hunting, target shooting and personal protection, can obtain a temporary import permit from the South African Police Service. The permit will be valid for 90 to 180 days depending on the temporary visitor's permit. [More information](#)
Please visit also South Africa Police Service at www.saps.org.za

Health

- Yellow fever:

No vaccination certificates are required from visitors coming directly from Finland and the Baltic States, however visitors arriving from a yellow fever zone must have a valid certificate.

- Malaria:

Visitors to the eastern lowveld of Mpumalanga and Limpopo, the Kruger National Park and the game reserves in KwaZulu-Natal should take a course of anti-malaria tablets before entering these zones. Consult your doctor for appropriate medication.

In a malaria region, avoid wearing perfume or after-shave and wear long sleeves and long trousers at night.

Other possible infection dangers:

- Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Cholera, Polio.
- The bilharzias parasite is present in streams, rivers, lakes and dams in some of the northern and eastern parts of the country, so visitors should not drink from or bathe in these waters.
- The Eastern Cape is bilharzias free.
- It is safe to drink the tap water throughout South Africa, and health regulations control the hygiene of street food vendors.
- While South Africa boasts excellent medical facilities, visitors should ensure they take out insurance to cover the cost of treatment should the need arise. Most hotels have a list of doctors, whose names may also be found in the medical section of telephone directories.

For further medical information for travelers, visit:

Kansanterveyslaitos - Matkailijan terveystiedot

<http://www.ktl.fi/oppaita/matkailijan/> (in Finnish) or

www.who.int (in English).

Hunting Permits

Enquiries pertaining to the acquisition of permits / licences for tourists wishing to hunt in South Africa should be directed to Inspector Conroy at Border Police:

Fax +27 11 570 9306

E-mail: JHB-AIRSAPS@saps.org.za

Pets

Before any pet may be brought into the country, an import permit must be obtained from:
The Director of Animal Health, Tel: +27 12 319 7514 or Fax: +27 12 329 8292.

[More information](#)