

South Africa

South Africa information:

Population: 54 million

Capitals: Pretoria (Executive), Bloemfontein (Judicial), Cape Town (Legislative)

National animal: Springbok

National flower: Protea

National anthem: Nkosi Sikelel' Afrika



National Languages

Afrikaans
English
Ndebele
Northern Sotho (Sepedi)
Southern Sotho
Swazi
Tsonga
Tswana
Venda
Xhosa
Zulu



Food

South Africa has a variety of traditional foods due to the cultural diversity.

- Koeksisters
- Biltong
- Maize(pap)
- Sheba
- Milk tart
- Samp
- Marie Biscuits
- Jelly Tots
- Boerewors



Sport

Rugby (World Cup winner 1995 & 2007)

Soccer (Hosted World Cup 2010)

Cricket (Only country in the world to be top of the T20, ODI and Test Cricket at the same time)

Swimming (Chad le Clos, Natalie du Toit, Cameron van der Burgh, Penny Heyns, Ryk Neethling and Roland Schoeman are all Olympic gold medalists)

Rowing (Olympic gold medal men's quad)

Flag Symbolism

The colours of the flag are the colours of the ANC, the UK, the old Transvaal "Vierkleur" and the Dutch Tricolour, hence symbolizing diversity and unity.

Nelson Mandela - Born In 18th July 1918

First Black president of South Africa 1994-1999. Brought equality into South Africa.

Died 5 December 2013.

A memorable man and role model to everyone.



"It always seems impossible until it's done"

Received the Nobel Peace Prize along with the president **FW De Klerk** in 1993

"for their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa".

National Holidays

Our national Holidays include, Human rights day, Freedom day, Youth day, National Women's day, Heritage day, Day of Reconciliation.

The Big Five: South Africa is lucky enough to be home to the Big Five which are the most prestigious animals in Africa. These are the Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, Rhinoceros and Elephant.



Places to Visit

Kruger National Park – one of the largest reserves in Africa, hosts the Big 5 and 505 different species of birds and 148 species of mammals.

The Cradle of Humankind – Fossil Hominid Site.

Gods Window – A spectacular view.

Table Mountain – world heritage.



Robben Island – where Nelson Mandela was held captive.

Cango Caves – 20 million years old.

Wine routes – taste excellent South African wine

Pretoria Union Buildings (pic below)

