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Visa-free Destinations for South African Travellers

With the world opening for travel again in an unprecedented way, South African travellers have visa-free access to more than 103 countries around the globe.

If there's one thing travellers love, it is a visa-free destination. No queuing for a visa, no hassles, no additional costs means more money to spend on experiences and making memories.

South African travellers have yet to discover a world of destinations that either do not require a visa for travel, or will issue one on arrival. We've curated a list of our top five visa-free countries – or where one will be issued on arrival – for South African passport holders.

ARGENTINA

Situated on the southwestern coast of South America is the vibrant nation of Argentina. The country is home to over 44 million residents, and is famous for tango, fútbol (soccer) and scrumptious South American cuisine. Major attractions include Garganta del Diablo in Puerto Iguazu, Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires, and Pasarelas Perito Moreno in El Calafate.

Start finalising your holiday plans, as flights to Argentina are available now. Buenos Aires is the home of Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE), a 30-minute drive or a scenic

three-hour train ride from the city centre. EZE serves Qatar Airways, Aerolineas Argentinas and LATAM. Popular connecting flights to Buenos Aires depart from Johannesburg and Cape Town. Flight duration from Johannesburg to Buenos Aires is approximately 15 hours 50 minutes.

BAHAMAS

An oasis in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, the Bahamas is a playground like no other. With crystal-clear waters, sandy bays, and the most enticing freshly-grilled seafood, you're bound to fall in love with this destination. Attractions include Castaway Cay (Sandy Point), Pink Sands Beach (Harbour Island) and Marine Habitat at Atlantis on Paradise Island.

Bahamas' capital city, Nassau, is home to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS), located a 20-minute drive from the city centre. Lynden Pindling International Airport serves several airlines, including American Airlines, Delta Airlines, British Airways and BahamasAir. Popular connecting flights depart from Johannesburg and Cape Town. The flight duration is approximately 21 hours.



Puerto Madero, CABA, Argentina



The Atlantis, Bahamas



Old City, Jerusalem, Israel



View of Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park, Kenya

ISRAEL

Deeply sacred and alive with spectacular natural wonders, ancient archaeological treasures, enchanting attractions and cosmopolitan energy, Israel is one of the most fascinating countries in the world. With over eight million residents, Israel is the second-most populous country in the world. Popular attractions include the Old City of Jerusalem, Bahá'í Gardens in Haifa, and the Dead Sea.

The hub airport is Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV), a 30-minute drive from the Tel Aviv city centre. The airport serves EL AL Airlines, Turkish Airways and Ethiopian Airlines. Non-stop flights to Tel Aviv depart from Johannesburg, and popular connecting flights depart from Cape Town. Flight duration from Johannesburg is approximately 9 hours 10 minutes.

KENYA

Kenya is the safari capital of the African continent. It is humbly nestled on the equator, with its terrain extending roughly from Lake Victoria to Lake Turkana, and south-east to the Indian Ocean. This beautiful and nourishing land is home to approximately 48 million people. Popular

attractions include Fort Jesus in Mombasa and Karura Forest in Malindi.


Nairobi is the home of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO), a 30-minute drive from the city centre. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport serves many airlines – including South African Airways, Kenya Airways and Ethiopian Airways. Non-stop international flights to Nairobi depart from Johannesburg. The flight duration from Johannesburg to Nairobi is approximately 4 hours.

MAURITIUS

Situated in East Africa is the charming Indian Ocean island nation – Mauritius. It is home to over 1.2 million residents, and is known for its picturesque beaches, reefs, and lagoons.

Mauritius offers breathtaking nature, international influences, and exceptional wildlife. Popular attractions include Seven Coloured Earths in Riviere Noire, Île aux Cerfs island and L’Aventure du Sucre Museum in Pamplemousses.

A visitor visa will be granted upon arrival at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport (MRU), a 45-minute drive from the centre of the capital, Port Louis. MRU serves several airlines, including South African Airways, British Airways and Air Mauritius. Direct flights to Port Louis are available from Johannesburg. The flight duration to Port Louis is approximately 3 hours 55 minutes.

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