

## TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA REOPENING OF BORDERS

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For all regulations and restrictions corresponding to each level, please visit

<https://www.gov.za/covid-19>

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>

South Africa International borders are open since 1 October 2020 for business and leisure travel for international travellers subject to a number of protocols and restrictions.

These restrictions included that all travellers visiting the country will be expected to abide by the regulations which, amongst others, include mandatory wearing of masks at all times, practicing social distancing in public spaces, regular washing or sanitizing of hands.

Three airports will be opened and operational for international air travel. These airports are OR Tambo International (in Johannesburg, Gauteng), Cape Town International (in Cape Town, Western Cape), King Shaka International in (Durban, KwaZulu-Natal), Kruger Mpumalanga and Lanseria airports.

### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

1. On arrival, travellers will need to present a negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test that is not older than 72 hours from the time of departure from the country of origin to South Africa. This test must be conducted by a certified medical practitioner and should have the official stamp; name and signature of the practitioner who conducted such test.
2. Where a traveller has not done a COVID-19 test prior to departure, they will be required to remain in mandatory quarantine at their own cost for the period of ten (10) days.
3. All travellers will be subjected to screening by Port Health Officials upon arrival and departure
4. All travellers detected with symptoms will be required to remain in quarantine until a repeat COVID-19 test is conducted at their own costs.
5. Travellers will need to provide proof of accommodation address should they need to self-quarantine at the time of arrival in the country.
6. All travellers must complete the Traveller Health Questionnaire prior or arrival or upon arrival at the point of entry.
7. All international travellers should possess a mandatory travel insurance which is supposed to cover the COVID-19 test and quarantine costs.

8. All travellers will be asked to install the COVID Alert South Africa mobile app.
9. All travellers should wear masks at all times whilst within the Ports of Entry controlled area.
10. Port officials will ensure that travelers adhere to social distance as part of queue management protocol.
11. **In the interest of all citizens, and the continuing public health efforts, South Africa reserves the right to deny entry of any traveller who is travelling from a high-risk country for tourism purposes.**

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### **TRANSIT THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA**

1. Transit traveler through South African **by air** or **by road** will be allowed to connect to their destinations, subject to them complying with applicable health protocols and will need to produce the 72 hours negative COVID-19 test certificate.
2. If a traveler in transit displays symptoms of COVID-19, must, upon arrival and under the direction of Port Health
  - a. be taken through primary and secondary screening, including COVID-19 testing, where applicable;
  - b. be quarantined, at own cost, if a positive test result is obtained. All Department of Health protocols and Department of Transport guidelines must be followed; and
  - c. if travelling with family, be quarantined at own cost, with the whole family.

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### **EXTENSION OF VISAS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS ALREADY IN SOUTH AFRICA**

The Department of Home Affairs has extended the validity period of legally issued visas which expired during the lockdown period to 30 September 2021.

Holders of such visas are permitted to remain in the country under the conditions of their visas until 30 September 2021. Those wishing to return to their countries within this period can depart without being declared undesirable persons.

This applies to visas or permits for visitors who have not left South Africa since the announcement of the National State of Disaster in March 2020, and who arrived with a valid visitor's visa between December 2019 and 14th March 2021.

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