

SA Migration Newsletter

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1. SA Migration International

SA Migration International was created out of the need for a specialist organization to assist people wishing to immigrate, volunteer, work, bring family, study or open businesses in South Africa.

We will **guide you through the entire process** to require the appropriate permit. Once we confirm that you will qualify for the visa, we will guarantee you a successful application. This is normally done in the **first consultation - which is for free.**

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2. 1 Million tourists enter SA

Johannesburg, Home Affairs, 4th July 2010

The number of foreign visitors entering South Africa **during the FIFA World Cup** period has now risen to one million, the home affairs department said on Sunday.

"This **figure is expected to rise further** as the World Cup enters the semi-finals and the final phases of the tournament," said spokesperson Ronnie Mamoepa in a statement.

The **Movement Control System (MCS)**, which was launched by Home Affairs Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and linked to Sars and law enforcement agencies, had enabled the country to monitor movements of persons entering the country, particularly during the period leading up to and during the various phases of the World Cup.

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New Cape Town Stadium for FIFA 2010
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3. Cup gets 9/10 from tourists

AN OVERWHELMING majority of World Cup visitors

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from 13 countries have given the city and the province **almost full marks**, with more than half indicating their desire to return with their families after the tournament, a snapshot exit poll by the provincial government has found.

But the province also said yesterday that **negative pre-Cup coverage, particularly by overseas media, had cost the province and the country.**

Addressing the media on the poll results, the province's 2010 co-ordinator, Laurine Platsky, described the **media** as the country and the province's "**worst enemies**" in the run-up to the tournament.

Despite the negative portrayal of South Africa before the Cup, **visitors found a different reality**, and rated their experience **9.06 out of 10.**

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4. South Africa safer place than Spain, Thailand or even Germany

By Audra 25 March 2010, by Kristen van Schie

South Africa is a safer place for British tourists than Spain, Thailand or even Germany.

A British Foreign and Commonwealth Office report on the period from April 2008 to March 2009 found there were 23 arrests, 23 hospitalisations and 48 deaths, due to either accidents, natural causes, or murder, involving the 451 580 British visitors - and a further 212 000 living here. **No rape or sexual assault cases were reported.**

About **115 000 Britons were living in Germany**, with their 2006 World Cup having attracting an extra three million. A total of **438 deaths were reported - nearly 10 times more than in South Africa.**

With its reported 761 000 British residents and an extra 17 million British tourists each year, Spain registered 2 290 arrests, 1 825 deaths, 22 rapes and 35 sexual assaults.

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The first rays of morning sun glint from the two Pacific steam locomotives with a train departing Thaba Nchu towards Bloemfontain, South Africa. 2nd June 1998. According to the latest figures,



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Knysna Lagoon



Zulu Village

foreigners are loving the sights and sounds of South Africa.

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5. Breaking Visa News

07.07.2010, by Rod Maxwell, CEO, SA Migration

Home Affairs changing interpretation of current procedures / processes with respect to

- a) Nationals from countries that require visas to SA with visa conditions, that wish to extend their stay whilst in SA.
- b) Delays for visitors wishing to extend their visas / permits whilst in SA
- c) Volunteer permits and the extensions thereof in SA

a) Nationals from countries that require visas to SA with visa conditions, that wish to extend their stay whilst in SA.

It would appear that there seems to be some confusion with respect to the interpretation of a recent instruction from Head Office, Home Affairs, that any visitor issued with a visa abroad at an SA Embassy or consulate with sub-conditions, i.e. “**not to alter purpose / duration of visit**” or “**strictly no extension or change of condition**”. After discussions with the SA Embassy / Consulate it would appear that the intention behind the instruction and the guidelines issued was that the Regional Offices, District Offices in SA should take in the application for the visa extension in SA and contact the relevant issuing SA Embassy / Consulate to request if they have any objection to the extension being granted. [Full Story](#)

6. Visit South Africa? Latest Tourist Visa Info

SAinfo reporter,

Source: Department of Home Affairs 12.03.2010

Want to visit South Africa? Here's information on the basic requirements for entering South Africa, as well as links to full information on visas – what they are, who needs them, and when, where and how to apply for them.

- [What's a visa?](#)
- [What are requirements for entering South Africa?](#)
- [Do I need a visa to visit South Africa?](#)
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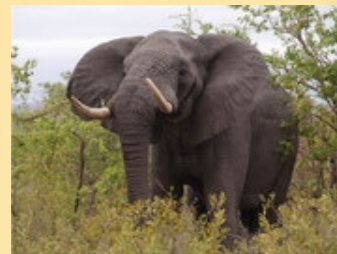
NOTE: Requirements for entry into South Africa differ from country to country, and are subject to change. Always make inquiries before travelling to South Africa.

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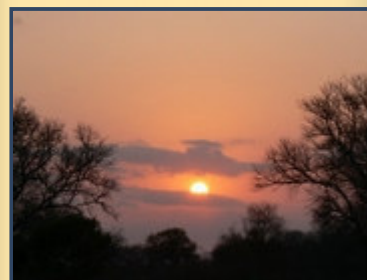
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World Cup fans blowing the now world famous vuvuzelas

7. A World Cup to remember - FIFA 2010

FIFA.COM (LOC), Monday 12 July 2010

The 2010 FIFA World Cup concluded in fine style with the Spanish national side raising the coveted trophy as champions for the first time. As the curtain falls on this historic event, fans reflect on what made the tournament so special for them.

Results aside, many visiting fans have travelled to South Africa for the first time and will return home with fond memories of the hospitable nature of the country. "South Africans have welcomed us all over," said Spaniard Raul Rodriguez. "It is an incredible country. The atmosphere is fantastic, the landscape is beautiful and people are really friendly. South Africa is on the right path to become a greater country."

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World Cup fans blowing the now world famous vuvuzelas
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8. Leaving the UK, or already left? Don't abandon your UK pension!

It is now possible to transfer your UK Company or Personal Pension to an offshore pensions vehicle, known as a QROPS. There are many reasons why this can be a very good idea.

A transfer to a QROPS is normally possible regardless of whether you are in receipt of a pension or not, unless an annuity has been purchased.

As the final whistle blows on Africa's first FIFA World Cup, fans reflect on what they will take away from the historic tournament.



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The closing ceremony, prior to the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Final match between Netherlands and Spain at Soccer City Stadium on July 11, 2010 in Johannesburg, South Africa.
Getty Images



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Johannesburg, South Africa
Fernando Torres of Spain (C), and the Spain team celebrate victory with the World Cup trophy following the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Final match between Netherlands and Spain at Soccer City Stadium on July 11, 2010 in Johannesburg, South Africa.
(Photo by Laurence Griffiths/Getty Images)



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2010 World Cup fans

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Spanish goalkeeper, Iker CASILLAS and Spanish defender, Carles PUYOL collide as Dutch forward, Robin VAN PERSIE looks on during the 2010 Fifa World Cup final game between the Netherlands and Spain at Soccer City in Johannesburg.

Picture: Shayne Robinson

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