

Country note



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About South Africa

South Africa, is the southern most country in Africa. Its nine provinces are bounded to the south by 2,798 kilometres (1,739 mi) of coastline that stretches along the South Atlantic and Indian Ocean to the north by the neighbouring countries of Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe; and to the east and northeast by Mozambique and Eswatini. It also completely enclaves Lesotho

South Africa is the second most populous nation after Tanzania, with a population of over 62 million people, and covers an area of 1,221,037 km² (471,445 sq mi).

South Africa has three capital cities:

- Pretoria – Administrative capital
- Cape Town – Legislative capital (seat of Parliament)
- Bloemfontein – Judicial capital (traditionally); the Constitutional Court, however, is located in Johannesburg.

About Sandton

Sandton is a financial, commercial, and residential hub in the northern part of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality. Formerly an independent municipality, its name is derived from two suburbs: Sandown and Bryanston.

Sandton is home to Sandton City, one of the largest shopping centres in Africa, with 144,000 m² of retail space. Together with Nelson Mandela Square, it forms one of the largest shopping complexes in the Southern Hemisphere. The area is a key centre for business tourism, with several 5-star hotels under international brands such as Southern Sun, Hilton, Radisson, and Protea. Various 5-star hotels under the Southern Sun, Hilton, Radisson and Protea brands.

South Africa Time Zone: is abbreviated as SAST (South Africa Standard Time)

International Dialling Code: Int. Code +27

Local Time: UCT + 2(Pretoria)

Languages

South Africa has 11 official languages, namely English, Setswana; IsiNdebele; Siswati; IsiXhosa ; Tshivenda; IsiZulu ; Xitsonga; Sepedi ; Afrikaans; Sesotho. English is the official business language.

Currency

Official currency denoted in Rands

Notes: R200, R100, R50, R20, R10

Coins: R5.00, R2.00, R1.00, 50c, 20c,

Currency Exchange Rates as at 02 September 2025

1 Pound = R 23.78

1 Euro = R20.64

1 Dollar = R 17.62

1 Pula = R 1.30

***Please note that the exchange rate may change at any time. For the latest exchange rates please visit: www.xe.com**

Major credit cards are widely accepted, and ATMs are commonly available.

Transport

Participants are responsible for making their travel arrangements to and from South Africa. Transport will be provided for pickups and drop offs from the airport – delegates are requested to provide all travel information, including flight number, arrival and departure dates and times by completing registration on the link provided by CRASA.

Climate

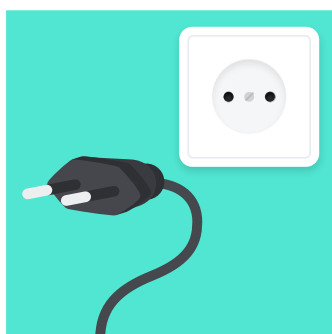
Average weather in September in Sandton (Gauteng), South Africa. The temperatures in Sandton in September are comfortable, with a low of 14°C and a high of up to 29°C.

Attendees may wish to refer to the following link for weather forecasting:

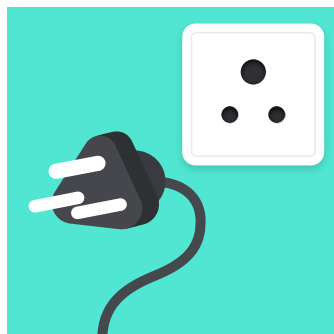
[Johannesburg weather in September 2025 | Weather25.com](https://www.weather25.com/za/johannesburg-weather-in-september-2025)

South African adaptors/plug pointers:

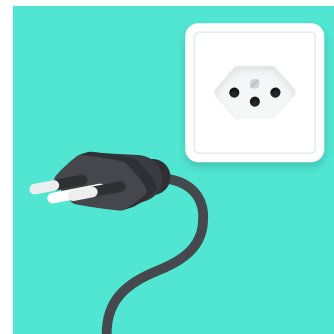
In South Africa there are four associated plug types, types C, D, M and N. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins, plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern and plug types M and N both have three round pins.



Type C



Type M



Type N

List of Recommended Hotels

The rates for the hotels vary based on availability; the rates have not been negotiated by the Travel Management Company

No	Hotel & grading	Rate	Distance to venue	Contact details
1.	The Capital on the Park 4*	R 1 900.00 Standard Room	Venue	+2710 443 0000 https://thecapital.co.za/
2.	The Capital Empire *4	R 1 900.00 Standard Room	1.3 Kms	+2711 911 5000 https://thecapital.co.za/empire/
3.	Southern Sun Sandton 4*	R 1 900.00 Standard Room	0.4 Kms	+2711 780 5000 www.southernsun.com/southern-sun-sandton
4.	Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton 5*	R 2 200.00 Standard Room	0.3 Kms	+2711 245 8000 https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-johannesburg-sandton
5.	Onomo Hotel Sandton 3*	R 1 100.00	0.7 Kms	+2711 085 9500 https://www.onomohotels.com/
6.	Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel 4*	R2 500	0.4 Kms	+2711 245 8000 https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-johannesburg-sandton
7.	Garden Court Sandton City 3*	R1 400	0.7 Kms	+2711 269 7000 https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-sandton-city
8.	Protea Hotel Johannesburg Balalaika Sandton 4*	R 2 100	0.6 Kms	+2711 322 5000 https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/jnbba-protea-hotel-johannesburg-balalaika-sandton/
9.	Road Lodge Sandton-Grayston Drive 3*	R 1 000	1.2 Kms	+2711 784 8850 https://clhg.com/hotels/225/Road-Lodge-Sandton
10.	The Catalyst Apartment Hotel by Newmark 3*	R 1 500	0.3 Kms	+27 10 110 1100 The Catalyst Hotel - Premium Sandton Accommodation