

Driving and permits in South Africa

Be aware of the distances

Avoid doing long driving distances in 1 day.

Distance calculator in South Africa

Cape Town

779	Colesberg								
1660	881	Durban							
1042	518	667	East London						
436	545	1240	630	George					
672	203	645	388	342	Graaf-Reinet				
873	370	796	185	461	274	Grahamstown			
1405	623	598	992	1168	826	987	Johannesburg		
960	284	842	750	734	501	654	467	Kimberley	
1779	964	689	1214	1509	1167	1242	358	832	
422	495	1244	686	63	312	479	1130	676	
756	454	927	300	330	251	131	1062	752	
1463	681	656	1050	1226	895	1045	58	532	
554	857	1642	788	846	911	1185	1274	800	
1181	532	436	231	851	509	360	866	779	
821	560	1243	958	857	667	844	875	401	

Basic motorhome driving regulations in South Africa

Driving is on the **left side** of the road.

It is imperative to have your **national or international drivers licence** with you.

Fatigue is a major cause of accidents because of long distances. Take **regular breaks** from driving.

Always **overtake on the right** and leave a long distance before moving back to the left, especially in front of a truck.

The speed limit in cities is **60 km/h**, **100 km/h** on national roads and **120 km/h** on highways.

The legal **alcohol limit when driving is 0.05%** maximum.

At service stations and toll gates use the truck lane.

Safe and secure driving in South Africa

Remember to **take regular breaks** from driving. The distances can be very long between two cities or two tourist sites.

Watch out for **animals** that may be crossing the road, especially at night.

Remember that your motorhome is **longer and taller than a car**. Watch out for signs indicating **height restrictions**. Also be careful of low hanging **tree branches in campsites** (be very aware of height restrictions and high objects when reversing).

Please note that a two-wheel drive vehicle can only be driven on paved roads (unless otherwise stated in our terms and conditions). The all-terrain or 4x4 vehicles can take dirt roads but there may be restrictions indicated in our

general rental conditions.

To drive in South Africa, you just need your regular license. International licenses are not required.

At 4-way cross intersections, marked by a STOP sign at each corner, it is customary that right of way is given on a 'first in-first out basis'.

Traffic lights are located ahead of you on the other side of the crossroad to you.

The road network is excellent. Major national routes are marked with the letter N and regional roads by the letter R.

Avoid driving at night and do not take any hitchhikers with you.

Driving is on the left and the **speed limit is 120km/h** on highways. Some fuel stations do not accept credit cards.

Driving in the parks

You must drive slowly in the parks. The roads are often bumpy and unsealed.

Remember to refuel before entering the parks and again in the park when possible.

You should not open the windows and do not approach the animals. Do not get out of your vehicle.

Speak to your doctor about malaria before leaving for your holiday.

Vegetation is less dense in winter (May to October) making it easier to spot animals.

Binoculars and cameras are indispensable!

There are three categories of parks in which wildlife is abundant:

Nature parks/reserves - private game reserves - national game reserves.

The best times of day to spot animals are early morning and late afternoon.