

# Preparing for your trip

## Some advice for your holiday preparation

### Security

Crime in South Africa is generally concentrated in the townships and in some neighborhoods of Johannesburg and Durban.

Avoid driving at night. Avoid leaving items of value in plain view in the vehicle (e.g. on the dashboard and car seats). Avoid shortcuts around large cities that can take you through townships. Make sure you have a cell phone with you.

### Packing your bags

#### The useful.....and the useless!

#### Type of bag

When travelling through South Africa by motorhome, it is advisable to make the most of the space that is available to you in the vehicle.

If you are doing a one-way trip, collecting and returning your motorhome in different cities, it is best to use **soft, flexible bags or backpacks**. These types of bags can be folded and more easily stored away in the motorhome once you have unpacked. **Hard suitcases will waste space** in the vehicle. If you are doing a round trip, collecting and returning your motorhome in the same city, you can **leave your empty bags in a storage area** at the local rental agency where you collect your motorhome.

It is also a good idea to keep a **small day bag** available so that you can carry valuables with you when you leave the motorhome to site see.

### Documents

**Passports:** Your passports must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival in South Africa. *tre passeport doit être valide 6 mois après votre arrivée dans le pays.* Please contact your local South African embassy to obtain more information.

#### Plane tickets

#### National and international drivers licences

**Vouchers** for collecting your motorhome, hotel and ferry bookings/tickets/vouchers etc.

**Credit card** (inform your bank of your trip so that your card is not blocked). Make sure you know your credit card's daily/monthly withdrawal limits

#### Travel insurance information

Advice: Leave copies of your important travel documents with family or friends so that they can be faxed to you in case of emergency and/or leave copies in a place different to the originals.

Lastest info: You will be required to present the unabridged birth certificates of your children if they are travelling with you when you arrive in the country. Please contact your local South African embassy to obtain more information.

### General

- **Mobile phone** (make sure you know the costs involved in using your phone in South Africa)
- **Camera**
- **Sun glasses**
- Travel guides
- Address book
- **CDs** for the road
- **iPod/Mp3**, chargers, speakers, earphones
- Phone, computer, camera **chargers**, etc.
- **Camera** (take extra memory cards)
- **Plug adapters**
- **Penknife**
- **Torch** and batteries
- **Medical prescriptions**, reading glasses, contact lenses
- Books (you can swop books at some of the local motorhome rental companies)
- **Watch** with alarm
- Playing cards and other **games**
- **Binoculars**
- **Water bottle**

## Toiletries

**Basic toiletries:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, razors, hair dryer, cosmetics, wipes

**Suncream** (minimum SPF 30)

**Sunglasses**

**Basic first aid kit** (bandaids, bandages, aspirin, antihistamines, antiseptic solution, scissors, etc).

**Medical prescriptions**

## Clothes

In summer take **light clothing**, with some **sweaters and jackets** for cool evenings.

In winter take **warmer clothes**, with warmer jackets or overcoats.

**Loose, comfortable clothing** is better and **raincoats and windbreakers** are useful.