

Rise with us
The time is now



South Africa

Inspiring new ways



“My sincere thanks go to the City of Durban and to the South African Government for their tireless work both in terms of logistics and in terms of substance. Madame President, Mayor Nxumalo, through you may I thank each and every member of your very committed teams for the detailed and most effective preparations.”
-Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

SOUTH AFRICA

Delivering World-Class Conventions

Every event hosted in South Africa is extraordinary. Not only does South Africa have incredible settings, world-class facilities and provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences, your convention will meet your specific needs and exceed your expectations.

South Africa has hosted some of the world’s most important global events and meetings including COP 17 and the fifth BRICS Summit. In 2016 South Africa will host (for the second time) the 21st International AIDS Conference. It offers world-class business and conference facilities, excellent leisure tourism attractions and hospitable, welcoming, and skilled people.

Who can forget the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, which solidified South Africa’s position as a capable and accessible big event destination? It also showed

the world that South Africa is the warmest, most welcoming nation on earth. South Africa enjoys the legacy of that event: the benefit of multibillion dollar investment by both private and public sectors resulting in an outstanding accommodation sector and excellent public transport (including the high-speed Gautrain that links hubs in Johannesburg and Pretoria; and airports that are among the best in the world and certainly the best in Africa).

When you hold your convention in South Africa you are giving your delegates the chance to experience one of the world’s top hot spots. Africa is home to some of the fastest-growing economies in the world and is expected to have the largest economic growth of any continent over the next decade. South Africa combines access to the continent with world-class service for business

travellers. Fly on an award-winning airline, meet in internationally renowned conference centres and be supported by a government that wants your event to succeed. The South African National Convention Bureau is a central, strategic platform to share all that South Africa has to offer in the global marketplace. Through them, and with support from local bureaus, associations, and the industry, South Africa delivers on its promise to make your convention special.

South Africa has secured 88 international association meetings over the next five years to 2017. In 2011, according to a departure survey, it welcomed 392 000 business travellers, of which 140 000 were pure Meetings Incentive Conference and Events (MICE) delegates. Be inspired, hold your convention in South Africa.

Coming Soon to South Africa

Convention	Year	Location	Delegates
16th IUPHAR World Congress Of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology	2014	Cape Town/CTICC	10 000 (est)
Congress of the International Union of Architects	2014	Durban/ICCD	5 000 (est)
World Small Animal Veterinary Conference 2014	2014	Cape Town/CTICC	4 000 (est)
21st Baptist World Congress	2015	Durban/ICCD	10 000 (est)
World Congress of Nephrology 2015	2015	Cape Town/CTICC	3 500 (est)
World Congress on Public Relations	2015	Johannesburg	600
35th International Geological Congress (IGC)	2016	Cape Town/CTICC	15 000 (est)

Cape Town



Durban



Fast Facts about South Africa

Q: Do delegates need a **visa** to travel to South Africa?

A: It is easy to travel to South Africa. Delegates from many countries don't require visas. Visit the South African Department of Home Affairs website www.dha.gov.za for information on visa requirements.

Q: What **languages** are spoken in South Africa?

A: There are 11 official languages spoken in South Africa and many unofficial ones. However, English is the official language of business, politics and media. Most South Africans are multilingual and often mix languages together so you'll hear IsiZulu, for example, peppered with English or Afrikaans phrases.

Q: Is it easy to **travel by air** to South Africa?

A: Getting to South Africa is simple. The country boasts 3 international airports- OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, Cape Town International Airport, and King Shaka International Airport in Durban. OR Tambo International Airport is one of the busiest in Africa. For more information visit www.airports.co.za.

Q: When is the **best time to visit** South Africa?

A: Any time is a good time to visit South Africa. With a temperate climate year-round, your decision about the best time to visit will not be based on the weather but on what else you want to do while you visit. South Africa's winter months (June, July, August) – have the least rainfall, except for the Western Cape.

South Africa: On the Go!

Africa is bursting with opportunity, growth and energy. It is home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world. South Africa's key industries include: mining (world's largest producer of platinum, gold, chromium), automobile assembly, metalworking, machinery, textiles, iron and steel, chemicals, fertilizer, foodstuffs, commercial ship repair.



Johannesburg

World Class Venues

Venue	Location	Number Of Meeting Rooms	Theatre/ Plenary Max	Banquet Max	Exhibition Max	Reception Max	Website
CSIR International Convention Centre	Pretoria	13	450	600	600 - 650	1 000	www.csir.co.za
Cape Town International Convention Centre	Cape Town	38	6 500	3 500	45 000 - 60 000	6 000	www.cticc.co.za
Durban International Convention Centre	KwaZulu-Natal	25	12 000	4 000	100 000	4 000	www.icc.co.za
Sandton Convention Centre	Johannesburg	15	4 000	2 900	4 100	5 000	www.saconvention.co.za



20+ international airlines offer flights to South Africa and there are multiple daily flights to all the major airports within the country.



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