

Holidays and public holidays

The best times to go

The seasons are reversed making South Africa a wonderful summer destination during the European winter period. However, December and January are the summer vacation months in South Africa resulting in higher prices and reservations must be made well in advance for both vehicles and campsites.

South Africa is one of the few countries that Europeans can visit without the hassle of jetlag and the climate is sunny almost all year round. Spring and autumn are ideal periods to go to get the best value for money.

Holidays and public holidays in South Africa

Although most rental centres are open on public in South Africa, some administration offices may be closed.

Public holidays in South Africa

		2020	2021
New Year's Day	Jour de l'an	January 1st	Friday, January 1st
Human rights day	Journée des droits de l'homme	March 21th	Sunday, March 21th
National Day	Fête nationale	April 27th	Tuesday, April 27th
Labour Day	Fête du travail	Mai 1st	Saturday, Mai 1st
Youth Day	Journée de la jeunesse	June 16th	Wednesday, June 16th
National Woman Day	Journée nationale de la femme	August 9th	Monday, August 9th
Heritage Day	Journée du patrimoine	September 24th	Friday, September 24th
Reconciliation Day	Journée de la reconciliation	December 16th	Thursday, September 16th
Christmas Day	Jour de Noël	December 25th	Saturday, December 25th
Boxing Day	Lendemain de Noël	December 26th	Sunday, December 26th

School holidays in South Africa

From 8/12 to 12/01

From 19/03 to 4/04

From 25/06 to 17/07

From 1/10 to 9/10

From 8/12 to 01/12/17