



Southafrica Fact Sheet



Official name: Republic of South Africa

Capital: Pretoria

Total land area: 1 219 912 square kilometres (471 011 square miles)

Total coastline: 2 798 kilometres
(1 739 miles)

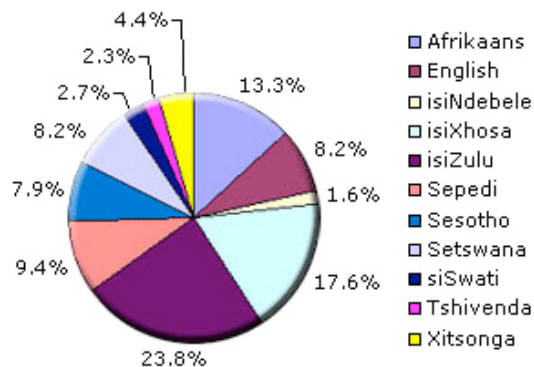
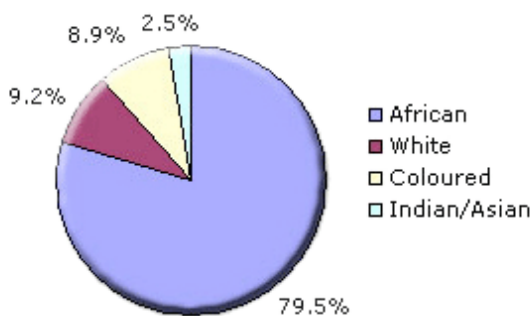
Population (2007): 47.9-million

Currency: The rand. R1 = 100 cents

Official languages: Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda and Xitsonga

Provinces: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West, Western Cape

Population & Languages



South Africa's geography and climate South Africa lies between 22 and 35 degrees south, flanked on the west by the Atlantic Ocean and on the east by the Indian Ocean, whose waters meet at the country's most southern tip, Cape Agulhas.

The long coastline stretches 2 798 kilometres from a desert border in the north-west, down the icy and treacherous Skeleton Coast to Cape Agulhas, then up along rolling green hills and wide beaches

fronting the warm Indian Ocean, to a border with subtropical Mozambique in the north east.

South Africa is famous for its sunshine. A subtropical location, moderated by ocean on three sides of the country and the altitude of the interior plateau, account for the warm temperate conditions so typical of South Africa - and so popular with its foreign visitors.

It's a relatively dry country, with an average annual rainfall of about 464mm. While the Western Cape gets most of its rainfall in winter, the rest of the country is generally a summer-rainfall region.

The **country code** for South Africa is 0034-

Orientation Camp

Unsere Schüler starten gewöhnlich mit einem Welcoming Weekend in Johannesburg, und fliegen/reisen darauf weiter zu ihren Gastfamilien.

Schools

Die Schulen sind öffentliche High Schools, an denen Weisse nicht selten zur Minderheit gehören.

All our participants are placed as guest learners in English medium schools. It is fully at the schools discretion in which grade they wish to place their guests. Our students are mostly placed in grade 9, 10 or 11. Participants are expected to wear a school uniform once they are on campus! (New or used uniforms are available locally at very affordable rates.)

Host Families

World Study Group S. A. visits every host family personally and explains all information about the program and our expectations for both the host family and the students. We screen and interview each family and send all exchange students information about their host families before their program begins. Many families host for the second or third time already or have been to a foreign country themselves and wish to now give the warm welcome they have received back to an WSG S.A. exchange student. Other families come to World Study Group because their friends or neighbors hosted a foreign student and enjoyed opening their heart, home and fridge and share their daily life with him or her. Of course our host families are as diverse as South Africa. Most of our students are placed in Black, Indian & Colored families (85%) which is a true reflection of the Rainbow Nation South Africa. Most of our families speak an African language or Afrikaans as their first language but they are all fluent English speakers as well. (Only 5% of the population speaks English as their first language. English and Afrikaans are the two most common school- and business languages.)

Spending money: Approx. € 200 (for public transport expenses, entertainment, phone calls, clothing, toiletry items, school supplies, snacks and luxury food, additional school fees, if applicable, trips and any transport conducted by the host family, entrance fees other than specified, etc.)

Departures

SEMESTER PROGRAM

Program length: Approximately 4 / 5 months

Program starts/arrival day: *1st intake*: January 29, 2009 (Program End: June 30, 2009)

2nd intake: July 29, 2009 (Program End: December 12, 2009)

-> Arrival Orientation/Seminar included! -> Optional: "Cultural Adventure Tours"!

YEAR PROGRAM

Program length: Approximately 10 months

Program starts/arrival day: *1st intake*: January 29, 2009 (Program End: December 12, 2009)

2nd intake: July 29, 2009 (Program End: June 30, 2009)

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