

SOUTH AFRICA FACT FILE

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SOUTH AFRICA, OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA), IS THE SOUTHERN MOST COUNTRY IN AFRICA.

THE COASTLINE STRETCHES 1739 MILES ALONG THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND INDIAN OCEAN.



SOUTH AFRICA IS THE 24TH LARGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.
OVER 58 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE HERE.

THERE ARE 11 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEY ARE ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS, ZULU, XHOSA, NORTHERN SOTHO, TSWANA, SOUTHERN SOTHO, TSONGA, SWAZI, VENDA AND SOUTHERN NDEBELE. THE PEOPLE ARE MADE UP OF 80.7% BLACK AFRICAN, 8.8% COLOURED, 7.9% WHITE AND 2.6% ASIAN. THIS IS WHY SOUTH AFRICA IS OFTEN CALLED "THE RAINBOW NATION"

THE SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG HAS 6 DIFFERENT COLOURS



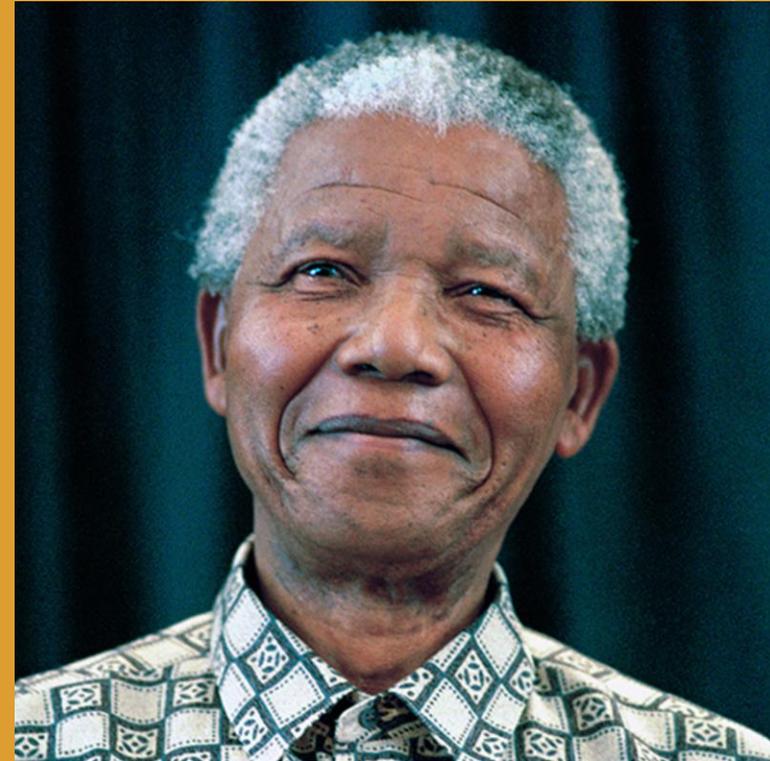
- Black = the people
- Gold = the nations mineral wealth
- Green = the grassland
- Red = the violence that led to freedom
- White = the colonial and apartheid past
- Blue = the sea and sky

SOUTH AFRICA HAS 3 CAPITAL CITIES;
PRETORIA
BLOM FONTEIN
CAPE TOWN

THE LARGEST CITY IS JOHANNESBURG.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN MOTTO IS "UNITY IN DIVERSITY"

The President is Cyril Ramas and the Vice President is David Mabuza. Probably the most famous President was Nelson Mandela.



SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL SYMBOLS

- National Flower: King Protea
- National Tree: Real Yellowwood
- National Animal: Springbok
- National Fish: Galijoen
- National Bird: Blue Crane



CURRENCY

The type of money used in South Africa is called the South African rand. The money is very colourful and has pictures of animals on them.



SPORT

The most popular sports are association football, rugby union and cricket. Recently in 2019 the rugby team beat England to win the world cup. This was very special because it was the first time the team had been captained to victory by a black person, Siya Kolisi.



ANIMALS

There are lots of different types of African animals such as lions, hippopotamuses, rhinos, leopards, cheetahs, zebras and many more. People go on safari to see the animals.



HOMES

African houses are made up of mud bricks and sticks for the walls, and straw and ropes for the roof.



CLOTHING

African people wear different clothes to us. They're traditional clothes are brightly coloured and they wear a lot of jewellery.

