



Travel information

(Please note that rules and regulations may change without us having time to update and Unzwa Safaris will not be held responsible in the event of changes)



VISA: From most Western countries, there is no visa requirement to enter South Africa. When entering, you must have a passport that is valid for 30 days after returning home and there must be at least one blank page in the passport. At the passport control you get a stamp / VISA that is valid for a maximum of 90 days. Feel free to take a copy of your passport and save a picture on your phone as a "back-up". Please also have a copy of the plane tickets. More info here: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/types-of-visas>



VACCINES: There is no requirement for a vaccine when entering SA. None of our destinations are in the typical malaria area and we have had no problems with malaria. It is recommended to take tetanus and hepatitis, but it is something many people already have. We cannot give any recommendations as we do not have medical expertise and if you are in doubt you should contact your local doctor. Having a Covid-19 vaccination certificate can be safe and useful. Bring proof of travel insurance and any documentation of illnesses that may require emergency treatment. Hospital services and medical services are of a good standard and are easily accessible.



CURRENCY: South Africa uses the RAND as its currency. Exchange rates can change and we recommend using online currency calculators. The need for cash is not great. Most of the places we visit take cards and several destinations such as national parks are cashless. We will tell you if cash is necessary and ATMs are found "everywhere", There is no point in bringing EUR or USD as these are not used at outlets and cause problems.



ELEKTRISITET: South Africa uses 220 V and the connectors are a proprietary "three-pin plug" system. Do not buy universal adapters at the airport or in Europe. They won't work. We have adapters available upon arrival. The electricity grid can sometimes be unstable and power cuts can occur in blocks of 2-4 hours at a time. Bringing a Powerbank and/or extra batteries is a good solution.



DRESS CODE / OUTFIT No need to bring heavy, warm mountain boots from Europe. Good trainers or hiking boots with a good sole are excellent. If there is a need, or if you want something African, we are happy to make a stop on the way to buy safari shirts, short and long safari trousers, hats and caps or anything else you need. Although we often visit good restaurants, there are no requirements for a dress code other than neat and clean casual clothes. At Unzwa we also have our own shop with some clothes and equipment.



FOOD & BEVERAGES: One of the things that surprises most on arrival in South Africa is the quality of food and drink. Access to natural pasture and soil that receives nourishment from natural groundwater forms the basis for good quality both when it comes to meat and vegetables. The authorities are also making demands on the food sector. At Unzwa and several other places, the water can be drunk straight from the tap. During our stay, we will eat both from the grill by the campfire and from the menu at good restaurants. The quality is excellent anyway. South Africa does not have a specific national dish or a very "typical" dish, but its own ways of preparing the food, which is exciting.

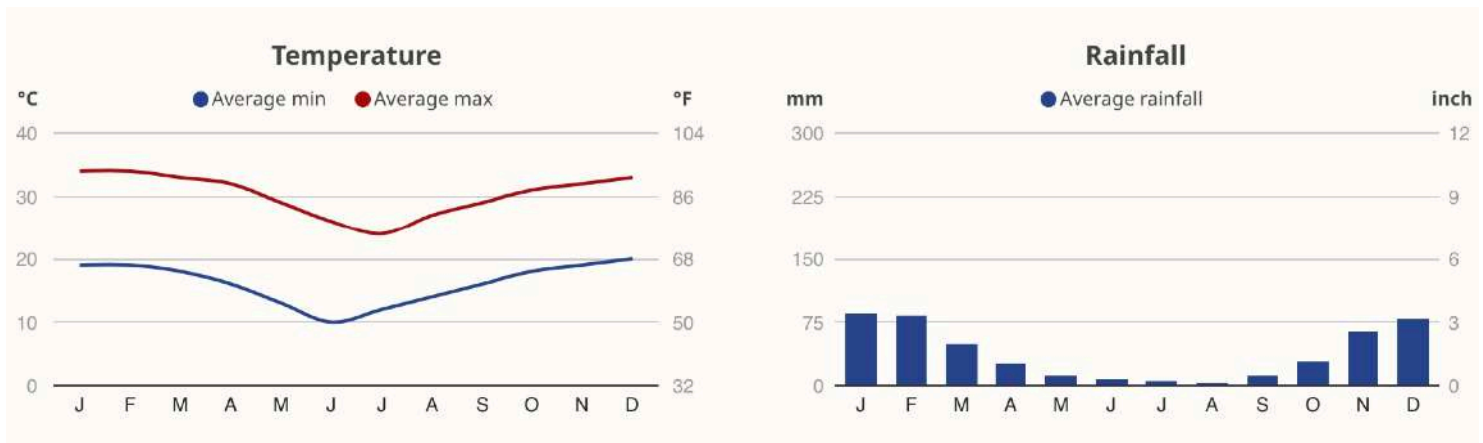


There is a lot of meat dishes in the hinterland and fish dishes by the sea. When it comes to wine, South Africa is the world's 7th largest producer with a history dating back to 1688 and the wine is known for very good quality. Allergies and eating habits such as vegetarian and vegan are taken care of at Unzwa, our partners and at the vast majority of restaurants. Welcome to the table.

WEATHER & CLIMATE: Since South Africa is south of the equator, we have "opposite" seasons compared to Europe. December and January are the warmest months with the most rainfall, while June and July are the coldest and driest. The rain usually comes from November to March, but it is not a typical "rainy season" where it rains for days on end. South Africa is also different in climate and you should remember that Johannesburg is located at about 1,600 meters above sea level, which gives a cooler climate. In July, it can get a few degrees colder at night, while the days are nice and warm with temperatures up to 25 degrees.

Water and rain characterize nature and December - April are months where the bush and savannah are very green with a lot of water. The other months the bush is drier, but the advantage then is that rain hardly occurs. In terms of seeing animals, the "dry" months are also somewhat easier since leaves and foliage provide better visibility and the animals move more to find water. All seasons have their charm and their pluses and minuses. The nature and wildlife are unique anyway.

This is a climate table for Limpopo Province where Unzwa Safaris is located and where we also have many of our activities. Max / min temperatures are shown on the left and precipitation on the right.



DANGER: A question we often get is the dangers from insects, snakes and wild animals. Our answer is that we have over 20 years of experience from the South African nature, we know the game and know what precautions to take. It is actually the case that the vast majority of animals do not pose any danger to humans, that snakes are something around which myths and legends have been created. In our staff we have guides who have training and licenses as professional hunters and training and licenses in relation to handling snakes.

Many of our guides have training and licenses as Professional hunters or Safari guides as well as training in snakes and reptiles. We give talks about this to add knowledge and dispel fear. Crime is a problem in South Africa, but we in Unzwa are taking our precautions. The problem is often linked to particular geographical areas and specific times of the day. We know demographics and geography well and avoid the areas with the highest risk. None of our customers have been exposed to serious crime. We advise our customers to exercise caution, for example when using cards and withdrawing from ATMs, while also not exposing cash.

On the positive side, the risk of natural disasters and terrorist attacks is very low in South Africa. WE feel safe when we travel both in the city and in the bush and we want our customers to have the same feeling.



PACKING LIST.

Of course, we won't get into what our guests take with them on safari, but we will give some tips so that you get what you need and that it is appropriate. We often travel around and spend the night in several locations, which can lead to a lot of handling of luggage.

REMEMBER:

There is a minimum of dress code at the locations we visit.
At Unzwa we wash clothes for our guests and it can also be organized elsewhere
Think about the most necessary things in relation to being in nature and in informal surroundings.
Bring a small bag / rucksack to pack for day trips

SUGGESTION:

Documents

Passport
Flight tickets
Travel Insurance and/or Medical Aid

Clothing

2 pairs of long trousers
2 pairs of shorts
Shirts / T-shirts both with long and short sleeves.
Fleece or windbreaker
Underwear
Hat or cap
Good hiking shoes
Trainers Sandals / light footwear

First Aid / Hygiene

Bandage
Necessary medicines and prescriptions
Nasal spray
Toothbrush / Toothpaste
Shower soap Sunscreen

Others

Camera and video equipment
Binoculars
Batteries and chargers
Flashlight / headlamp





AT THE LOCATIONS

When we arrive at the locations, there are many activities where some are part of the programs and some are not. We have created a small overview to explain based on the locations we use the most.

Ukutula:

The vast majority start their safari with us at Ukutula, which is a unique location with many experiences around predators and also other game. The following applies here, unless otherwise agreed: Included is accommodation and a two-hour presentation of the place, which includes close contact with lions, cheetahs, hyenas, caracal and a number of other things. Sometimes there are surprises. All rooms have a kettle, coffee and a fridge so you can have self-catering. Food and drink are not included in the program, but can be purchased there. The meals are set menus with breakfast, lunch and dinner. This is paid on departure together with drinks from the bar. When ordering drinks, you state the name of the room you are staying in. *Walking with Lions" is a voluntary activity that is not included. This is because some do not want to implement and there is a minimum height requirement. This is a 45 minute trip in the open where you have the company of 2 - 4l lions and you can observe how the lions behave in the open.

Unzwa:

At our own lodge, accommodation and all meals are included. Guests are offered to bring their own drinks and put them in the fridge. There is a swimming pool, mini golf, Jukskei, table tennis and a small gym. All this is free. You can go hiking in the bush, drive our cars or sit at a water hole to study the wildlife. This is also free. It holds lectures on African wildlife, snakes and South African history. An Africa quiz is also a nice activity. All of these are free for our guests.

Kruger National Park / Pilanesberg National Park & Mapungubwe National Park.

One or more of these national parks are on our program and the same applies to all. Transport with our cars and our guides is included together with entrance to the park in question. If accommodation has been agreed, it is also included. Food and beverages are at the guests' own expense.

Pretoria / Johannesburg:

Here, hotel is included when the stay is in the program. Food and drink are additional. Guide is also included and will take guests sightseeing or shopping. If you choose to visit museums or places such as Mandela House or the Voortrekker Monument, this is covered by the guests. These are smaller amounts, usually under R100.