

Your African Safari Cheat Sheet



African Encounters

SAFARIS BEYOND YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Essential information when planning your dream safari!

There's so much to think of when planning a big trip like an African safari. What visas do I need?

What will the weather be like? What adaptor will I need to charge my camera?

Where can I find out more about the country I'm planning to visit?

With more than 30 years experience of travel in Africa these are questions we get asked all the time.

We hope this cheat sheet of websites we often use will help you as you plan your dream safari!



- 1. Units Plus is our favourite conversion app** - available free for both Android and iPhone. While we use it mainly for converting currency when travelling (155 world currencies updated daily) it also converts weight, temperature, length, speed and much more.
iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/unit-converter-free-best-units-currency-app/id623691968?mt=8>
Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pericamac12.unitsplus&hl=en>
- 2. Contact details of New Zealand Embassies worldwide.** The New Zealand High Commission in Pretoria, South Africa will be the relevant contact for most African destinations.
www.nzembassy.com
- 3. Check these websites for all current travel warnings**, but be aware that all Governments tend to be over-cautious. And don't believe everything in the media where negative news and sensationalism rules! Check with your tour provider or travel agent - your safety is their priority.
New Zealand: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories> Australia: <https://smartraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/>

www.africanencounters.co.nz



4. **Visas can often be purchased on arrival**, it's an easy procedure, costs less than obtaining from an Embassy in advance, and avoids the worry of sending your passport overseas as there are no African Embassies in New Zealand. Check this website for visa information.
[https://www.emirates.com/nz/english/plan_book/find_Visa_requirements/find_Visa_requirements.aspx](https://www.emirates.com/nz/english/plan_book/find Visa_requirements/find_Visa_requirements.aspx)
5. **You don't want that seat next to the toilets or the galley if you want a peaceful night!** Seatguru shows which seats to avoid with their airline seat maps and flight information. Just find your plane as shown on your booking to check the seating plan.
www.seatguru.com
6. **This website has lots of handy information for travellers** - current time anywhere in the world, weather, and even an app to download to your phone so you know what time it is at home!
www.timeanddate.com
7. **An essential app to view your itinerary anytime, on any device** - even when you're offline. The free mobile app gives you 24/7 access to your important travel plans.
www.tripit.com
8. **What type of plug do you need in Botswana?** Hint - they use two different configurations! This very handy website has a complete overview of all countries of the world and their respective plugs/outlets and voltages / frequencies used for domestic appliances. Find out which plugs / adaptors you need for your travel destinations.
www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plug-voltage-by-country/
9. **The night skies in Africa are incredible - even if you're not into star-gazing you'll be fascinated.** Just hold your phone up to the sky and the Sky Walk 2 app will tell you which stars you're looking at! Available for both iPhone and Android
<http://vitotechnology.com/star-walk.html>
10. **This world travel guide website is a great source of information about your destination.** From airport guides, history and culture to public holidays, shopping, currency and duty-free allowances, you'll find it all here.
www.worldtravelguide.net/africa

Ready to plan your dream African safari? We can help, contact us now!



PO Box 5158
Napier 4145
safari@africanencounters.co.nz
www.africanencounters.co.nz