

Fun Facts about South Africa

#1 - Youth Day

It's a national day of remembrance for all the brave students and young citizens who took part in the Soweto Uprising protests in 1975.

#2 - Johannesburg - Urban Jungle

With more than 6 million trees in Johannesburg, it is believed to be the site of the largest man-made forest on earth.

#3 - The Comrades

The biggest and oldest one-day marathon in the world, the Comrades Marathon, is run between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, in Kwazulu Natal.

#4 - Rooibos tea

Rooibos/Redbush tea is naturally caffeine-free and is only found in the Western Cape.

#5 - South is Bigger Than Spain

2.5 times bigger - it covers Spain and half of France, with about 57 million people

#6 - 2 Countries Inside of SA

Lesotho and Swaziland - Eswatini

#7 - The Big 5

Five animals: the lion, elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros and leopard. It was originally a hunting term used by the so-called 'great white hunters' in the hunting heyday of the 19th and early 20th centuries, when professional hunters bagged as many trophies as possible in as short a time as possible.

#8 Johannesburg - City of Gold

Founded in 1880s with the discovery of gold, richest city in Africa, so big it's considered a megacity.

#9 - Cradle of Humankind

A World Heritage Site, home to the largest concentration of human ancestral remains anywhere in the world from 100 000 years ago. Famous fossils "Mrs Ples" and "Little Foot" were found there, millions of years old..

#10 - 3 Capital Cities

There are three capital cities in South Africa, namely the Executive Capital of Pretoria, the Judicial Capital of Bloemfontein, and the Legislative Capital of Cape Town.

#11 - We Love Sport

Besides the football world cup in 2010, South Africa is the only country in the world to have played host to the rugby, soccer, and cricket World Cups.

And, as of 2023, it's the only country in the world to hold the 4th rugby world cup title .

#12 - 11 Official Languages

Sepedi (also known as Sesotho sa Leboa), Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa and isiZulu.

#13 - SA Democracy is Still New

Apartheid ended in 1994

#14 - First Heart-Transplant was in SA

In 1967, Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant in Cape Town.

#15 - We drive on the Left

We drive manual cars, on the left side of the road. Road trips are fantastic because the landscapes of the country are amazing, with big wide roads to travel on. Just be careful of the pot holes!