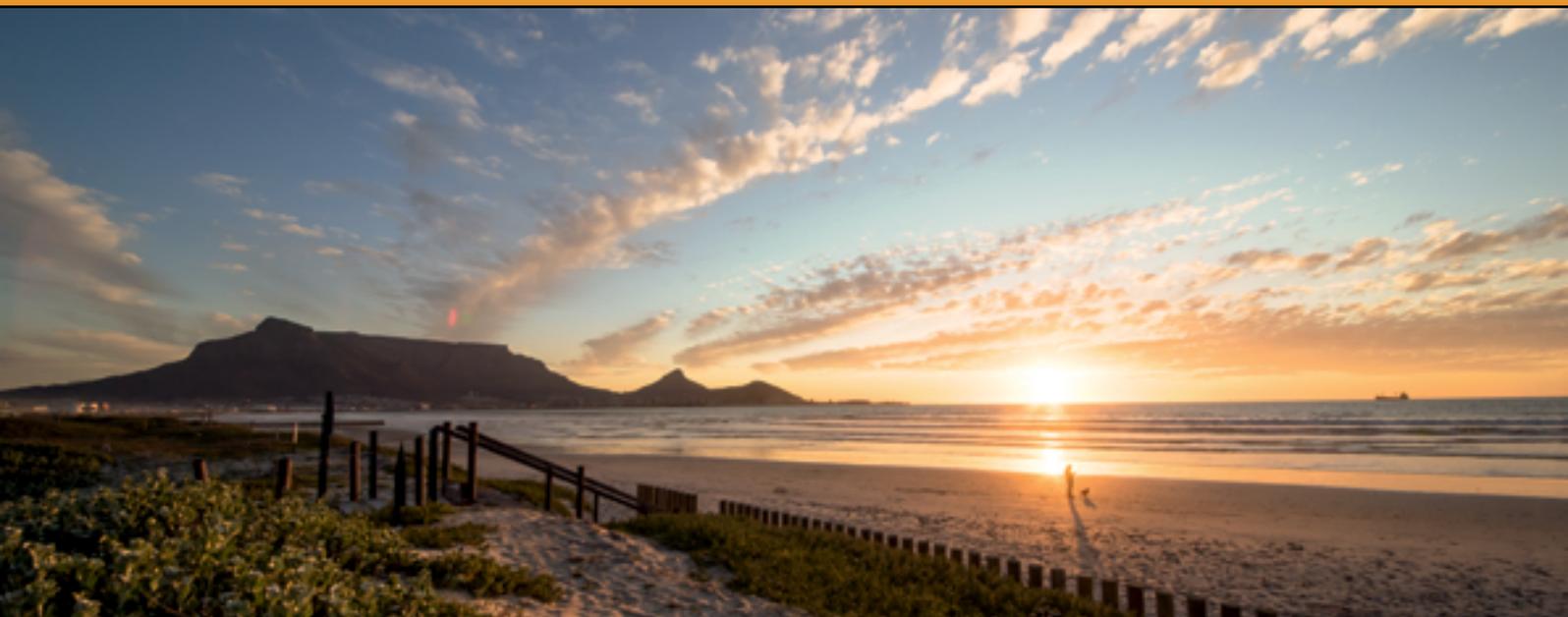


# Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 17 July 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



## Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 16 July 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	226 181	13 378 853	5 579	580 045
Africa	17 279	523 403	172	8 819
Americas	132 700	7 016 851	3 627	294 301
Eastern Med	14 815	1 331 893	482	32 776
Europe	21 183	2 987 256	552	205 006
Sout East Asia	37 909	1 268 923	727	31 297
Western Pacific	2 295	249 786	19	7 833



### South Africa:

(National Department of Health statistics on 14 July)

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	324 221		4 669	165 591
Eastern Cape	57 186	17.6%	763	39 865
Free State	7 312	2.3%	45	1 033
Gauteng	117 895	36.4%	853	45 743
KwaZulu-Natal	35 684	11%	358	8 968
Limpopo	3 883	1.2%	33	1 492
Mpumalanga	5 572	1.7%	40	1 464
North West	11 891	3.7%	48	2 694
Northern Cape	1 831	0.6%	15	601
Western Cape	82 986	25.6%	2 514	63 731

Visit: [www.sacoronavirus.co.za](http://www.sacoronavirus.co.za) for the latest updates. SA Tourism will make updates available on [www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net).

## SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

### TOURISM RELATED ARTICLES

- [Cape Town Tourism recently conducted a survey across the country to assess the lockdown's effect on consumers. The survey shows that even when national and international travel opens up, it will take a while for the sector to recover as consumers have little or no disposable income to use on leisure travel due the financial knock-on effect of the pandemic. Of the 5,485 responses received, 24% of respondents said that they had disposable income and only 5% would consider spending that income on leisure travel](#)
- [New report reveals many SA travellers won't have money for post-Covid-19 travel. Cape Town Tourism released the first in a series of reports which highlights the impact that Covid-19 and the lockdown has had on consumers. The report takes a deep dive into the macroeconomic and socioeconomic factors of Covid-19 on South African consumers and the travel industry](#)
- [Are South African holidays way too expensive for locals? When they choose destinations, affordability is key. They want great experiences at affordable prices, which they often get at international destinations. This is something that local tourism business should revisit post-Covid-19, especially since local travel would be first to resume](#)
- [The City Lodge Hotel Group \(CLHG\) and The Bespoke Amenities Company \(TBAC\), will launch an all-new range of bathroom amenities that will strip out single-use plastic from guest bedrooms](#)
- [A recent survey conducted by the Flight Centre Travel Group showed that South Africans are ready to travel again. 86 percent of respondents would consider travelling to a perceived safe destination in 2020/2021. International travel versus local travel was neck and neck with 43 percent of South Africans saying that they would be comfortable travelling internationally](#)
- [Tourism KwaZulu-Natal revealed that KZN hotels, holiday resorts, casinos and restaurants have embraced a can-do attitude in the face of the adversity wreaked by the coronavirus pandemic as part of its 360-degree Tourism Recovery Marketing Strategy, an initiative aimed to attract lost prospects in time for the approaching summer season. While people can't travel due to South African travel restrictions, the organisation hopes to keep people interested in the province](#)
- [The Western Cape has launched the Tourism Product Development Fund, which commits R5m \(€263 335\) to support new or existing tourism experiences in the province. Western Cape Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities, David Maynier, said product and market diversification were of great importance now as tourism businesses tried to build resilience, adding that offering tourism experiences that differentiate the Western Cape from other destinations would be important to economic recovery](#)
- [The banning, again, of alcohol – all of it – this week knocked an already-reeling hospitality industry for six, and has brought an outpouring of grief and heartache as hundreds of thousands of workers have lost their jobs, and many restaurants face permanent closure, and bankruptcy. And that's before we factor in the export losses for our wine farms](#)
- [To take "leisure" bookings or not to take "leisure" bookings ... that, for much of the travel sector, has been this month's burning question. Now, after weeks of confusion and one extreme case of flip-flopping, the ministry of co-operative governance and traditional affairs has laid down the law: leisure travel is NOT allowed under the relaxed level 3 regulations](#)
- [The South African government has provided its commitment to support and source the funding of R10,3 billion needed to restructure South African Airways \(SAA\). A letter of support, in which government makes this commitment to raise the requisite funding was signed by both the Minister of Finance Tito Mboweni and the Minister of Public Enterprises Pravin Gordhan on July 15, the deadline set in the business rescue plan. Government has committed to mobilising funding for the "short, medium and long term requirements to create a viable and sustainable national airline"](#)



## GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [Taxis, transport, buses, e-hailing cabs, meter taxis, shuttle services and chauffeur-driven vehicles can now also operate at 100% of capacity. This only applies to trips not regarded as "long-distance" defined as any trip of 200km or more. Taxis on long-distance journeys can still only operate at 70% of capacity](#)
- [The Western Cape metropolises are possibly over the worst of the Covid-19 hump, but smaller towns and rural areas might still be facing the full onslaught. Hospitalisations, in both the public and private sector have stabilised in the province over the past 10 days. Total Covid-19 admissions reached a daily maximum of 1,900 patients, and now currently stand at 1,600 to 1,700 patients suggesting that the Western Cape's urban areas are on a better footing than before, but the department of health remains cautious about declaring that the province is past the peak](#)
- In April, SA was praised by the [World Health Organisation \(WHO\) executive secretary Dr Michael Ryan](#). He praised the deployment of community health-care workers and said this helped bring the disease under control. In the past three days, international publications such as BBC, Al Jazeera and Sky News reported on the negative side of [SA's fight against Covid-19](#)
- [The Nids-Cram survey suggests Covid-19 has had a much greater impact on employment than expected: an estimated 3-million jobs lost, and 1.5-million employees furloughed. The jobs bloodbath traces the contours of inequality in SA and has important implications for hunger among the country's poorer people](#)

## GLOBAL NEWS

- [Emirates airline it was unrealistic to establish social distancing on aircraft by leaving seats empty to curb the spread of coronavirus, as the cost would be too high to bear](#)
- [The coronavirus pandemic has seen the demand for air travel reduced due to border restrictions and lockdowns around the world. As a result, the jobs of many flight attendants hang in the balance. Some of these flight attendants have taken to YouTube to discuss the future of their jobs. Most of them seek new careers if the airlines decide to furlough them in a few months](#)
- [The French tourist industry received a further boost Wednesday with the partial reopening of Disneyland Paris and the opening up of the top floor of the Eiffel Tower](#)
- Kenya announced a phased reopening of the country, including the resumption of international flights from August 1. Domestic flights will resume on July 15
- The Seychelles will open its borders to visitors from low- and medium-risk countries from August 1. For visitors from low-risk countries, either a negative COVID test or a rapid antigen test must be provided – but for those from medium-risk countries, only a negative COVID test will be accepted.
- Maldives reopened to international tourism on July 15. Travellers will not have to enter into mandatory quarantine on arrival, nor will they need to produce proof they have tested negative for COVID-19.
- Norway reopened its borders for tourism on July 15 for most European countries, including the UK. However, residents of Portugal, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria and Luxembourg are excluded due to the high rate of COVID-19 infection in those countries.
- Puerto Rico formally reopened for inbound tourism on July 15, and travellers are required to present a negative COVID-19 test to enter.
- Malta reopened for tourism on July 1, allowing visitors from a number of countries to enter without an isolation period or testing. As of July 11, many more countries have been added to the approved list.
- Dubai reopened to international travellers on July 7. Tourists are required to present a recent COVID-19 PCR test negative certificate done within 96 hours of departure, or undergo testing at the airport on arrival.
- Turks and Caicos will reopen to tourism on July 22. Travellers will be required to take a COVID-19 PCR test within five days of travel. Children under the age of 10 do not have to be tested.