



Travel in Southern Africa

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The AA's advice to suit all your cross-border travelling needs, including:

Key tips for travelling cross border:

When travelling, there are so many things that need to be remembered. Here are some tips on documents to remember:

- [Third Party Insurance](#)

Third Party Insurance is compulsory for all countries in Africa, with the exception of a few. Mozambique and Zimbabwe third party insurance can be purchased from the AA at any of our retail outlets and Travel Experience Stores. For the rest of Africa, it is advisable to purchase the "Comesa Yellow Card Insurance"

For all your cross border information and contact details, please select the relevant region:

- [Central Africa](#)
- [East & North Africa](#)
- [South Africa](#)

Recommended currency

It is in your best interest to remember that the preferred currency to use when travelling in Africa, is the US\$. Remember to carry small denominations, as not all outlets will have change to issue. VISA credit cards are also preferred to MasterCard.

Visas and Passports

Ensuring your passport is in order seems obvious, but allow the necessary time for the Department of Home Affairs to issue a new or temporary passport if it has expired or run out of pages. It is also a good idea to make copies of your passport and travel documents such as insurance documents, proof of vehicle ownership, airline tickets, driver's license, relevant travel visas and any other important documents. Also keep a record of the number of traveller's cheques, both used and unused.

Letter of authorisation

If you are not the registered owner of the vehicle you are driving across the border, you will need a letter of authorisation to use the vehicle from the relevant owner, as well as the financial institution if the vehicle is currently under hire purchase or lease agreement.

Medical issues

Health issues are also an extremely important concern and shouldn't be taken lightly, more so in malaria zones. Taking the necessary preventative medication before your trip is vital. For updated medical travel advice and vaccinations contact any Netcare Travel Clinic. Visit www.travelclinic.co.za for branch details.