

IZINDABA

Welcome to Izindaba (which is Zulu for news in case you were wondering).

This is our new monthly trade newsletter where we will update you on the latest news, product developments, hints and important pieces of information from SAA.

Read on and learn more!

2 Continents in 1!

SOUTH AMERICA & SOUTH AFRICA COMBINED

You can visit South America and South Africa all in one easy itinerary, on a single ticket, with checked baggage flowing all the way through, and all for incredible value? That's right – thanks to SAA, your clients can experience the vibrance of São Paulo, the beauty of Cape Town, and the soul of Johannesburg, all in one seamless journey, departing straight from Australia.

Sample Itinerary - Explore Brazil & South Africa

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5	SA 227	L	02SEP	2	GRUCPT	HK1	1715	3	1815	0640+1
6	SA 354	В	16SEP	2	CPTJNB	HK1	1645		1725	1925
7	SA 280	W	16SEP	2	JNBPER	HK1	1955	В	2055	1220+1
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AUD 3106.64 including taxes. (please note fare valid on 13JUN2025, but is subject to change without prior notice)

What Makes This Trip Unmissable?

** Two incredible continents in one journey – soak up the Latin rhythm of Brazil and the natural beauty and culture of South Africa.

- One seamless ticket multiple cities, no extra stress. Checked bags flow through, and connections are easy.
- **Wild & world-class** explore vibrant São Paulo and beyond, discover Table Mountain in Cape Town, and maybe even add a safari or wine region experience.
- For curious travellers great for adventurers, and those chasing a 'trip of a lifetime'
- Amazing value

This is bucket-list travel without the bucket-list price tag. Two continents, one unforgettable adventure, one unbeatable fare.



Mixed Cabin Fare - Reminder

As we announced last month, SAA has released a mixed cabin fare between BNE/SYD/ADL/MEL and JNB/CPT/DUR/PLZ/HRE/WDH/VFA/DAR. This fare allows travel in Economy class on the Australian Domestic sectors and Business Class on SAA flights between Perth & Johannesburg and connecting flights within Africa (where SAA offers Business class).

The base fares are shown below to the various destinations, and for detailed instruction on how to price the mixed-cabin Itinerary's click here

We have also created a separate presentation to explain the benefits of the product in a little more in depth. To view that presentation click <u>here</u>



Important Reminder - Please avoid Holding

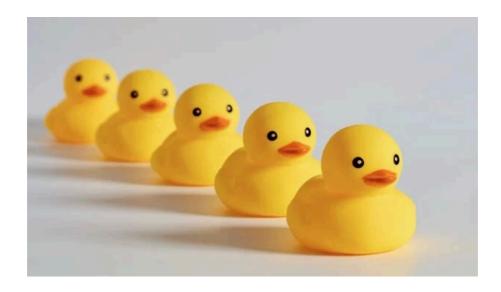
Duplicate HK Sectors

Unfortunately, we've recently seen an increase in duplicate HK sectors being held within the same PNR.

Please be reminded that holding duplicate confirmed segments will trigger an automatic HX (cancellation) by the system.

This can have serious consequences, as reinstating the original seats may not be possible. Any attempts to recover seats must be escalated to our Revenue Management team in Johannesburg, which can lead to delays — particularly problematic for urgent or time-sensitive travel.

We appreciate your continued support and attention to this matter. Please double-check all PNRs to ensure accuracy and avoid disruption to your clients' travel plans.



Refund Processing Fees via BSP

Please note a fee of AU\$60/NZ\$60 is charged on all Voluntary Refunds, processed via BSP, where the refundable value is AU\$250/NZ\$250 or above.



Travelling to Namibia? VISA now required!

As of April 1, 2025, both Australian and New Zealand citizens require a visa to enter Namibia for tourism, even if they were previously exempt. This applies to all tourists, including those visiting for 90 days, and it's recommended to apply for an e-visa online in advance via the mhaiss e-services website. While Visa on Arrival is still available at some entry points, it's best to avoid potential delays by applying online beforehand. Some more details;

Visa Requirement:

Citizens of Australia and New Zealand now need a visa to enter Namibia for tourism, regardless of the length of stay.

Visa Types:

You can apply for a visa on arrival at certain entry points, or you can apply for an e-visa online VIA <u>mhaiss e-services website</u>.

Visa Application:

For both visa on arrival and e-visas, you'll need to provide your passport details, proof of onward/return tickets, and proof of sufficient funds.

Entry Points:

Visa on arrival is available at Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport, Trans Kalahari Border Posts, and other specified border crossings and ports.

Travel with Children:

When traveling with children under 18, you'll need to provide their full birth certificate and potentially an affidavit, depending on the circumstances.

Travel Documents:

You'll need a valid passport with at least one blank page, and possibly two blank pages if traveling from Namibia to South Africa.

Yellow Fever Vaccination:

If you are coming from a country with a risk of yellow fever, you'll need to present a yellow fever vaccination certificate.

Visa Validity:

Visas are generally valid for 3 months from the date of issue.

E-Services: Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security | E-Services Portal



Postcards from Indhaba 2025 New Horizons Across South Africa

Exploring Regional Gems and Emerging Opportunities

Jacqui Walshe – Executive Chair of The Walshe Group, recently attended **Indaba 2025**, Africa's leading travel trade show, where the spotlight was firmly on regional diversity, conservation innovation, and new product development. Here are just a few standout destinations and insights worth sharing with your clients or network:

Eastern Cape - Coastal Adventures & Canal Cruising

St Francis Tourism is drawing attention with its idyllic mix of rivers, canals, and ocean. From sport fishing and whale watching to golf and scenic canal cruises, it's a nature-rich extension of the Garden Route. Nearby, Bettys Bay and Beach Break guesthouses offer five-star reserves and coastal hikes ideal for eco-luxury seekers.

Visit Knysna – Wellness Meets Waterways

At the heart of the Garden Route, Knysna offers access to an ungated national park, perfect for wellness travellers and nature lovers. Think lakes, rivers, estuaries, and forests, all within reach of the coast.

For younger, experience-driven travellers, Island Vibe in Jeffreys Bay provides surf culture, backpacking, and volunteer options. Meanwhile, Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve (a predator-free game reserve) is a unique post-safari retreat with just 12 rooms – perfect to unwind at the end of a South African itinerary.

Contact: Visit Knysna - info@visitknysna.co.za

The Free State - The Planetarium of South Africa

Often overlooked, the Free State is a hidden gem. Just a four-hour drive from Johannesburg, it boasts the Vredefort Dome, the largest visible meteor-impact site on Earth. Bloemfontein serves as the access hub to this under-discovered province, rich in geological and cultural significance.

Battlefield Route - History & Heritage

Step into the stories of the Anglo-Boer War and Zulu legacy with the Fugitives' Drift and Royal Natal National Park. Best accessed from Johannesburg (approx. 4-hour drive), the route offers deep historical context for heritage-focused travellers. Look to the African Safari Collective for curated park stays and local guides.

South African National Parks - Vision 2040

SANParks unveiled its **Vision 2040**: a bold move from "fortress conservation" to inclusive, community-based models like "Mega Living Landscapes." This initiative reimagines conservation to embrace local communities, female-led enterprises, and job creation while protecting biodiversity. With backing from WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and a focus on long-term sustainability, this shift marks a new era in eco-tourism leadership for the continent.

Northern Cape - Wild, Vast & Underrated

Australia has already shown interest in this rugged and road-trip-worthy region, and with good reason. The Northern Cape features malaria-free parks, the sixth-largest waterfall in the world, and vivid wildflower blooms from July to October. With cross-border packages into Namibia and Botswana, this region is ripe for adventure, culture, and nature.

A highlight? The Kalahari Lion, roaming within one of Africa's largest transfrontier parks, and a proud preservation of Bushman culture. Add in UNESCO-recognised botanical diversity, and the Northern Cape becomes a must for those seeking the road less travelled.

South African Airways continues to support trade engagement across every province and is proud to connect travellers to the real stories and rich experiences that define South Africa. Would you like a tailored South Africa itinerary or product toolkit for your clients? Get in touch.

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