

Tourism 1999

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This annual report presents data on arrivals to and departures from South Africa during 1999.

During 1999 the number of foreign travellers to South Africa was 6 026 086, an increase of 2% compared to 1998. The highest number of foreign arrivals was recorded in December, while the lowest number of foreign arrivals was recorded in June.

Of travellers arriving by air, the vast majority, 1 174 312, used Johannesburg International Airport, followed by Cape Town International Airport, 312 838, and Durban International Airport, 17 934. Of foreign travellers arriving by sea, 13 410 came through Cape Town harbour, while 7 449 used Durban harbour. Travellers arriving by road totalled 4 337 372, and by road 782, of which 164 passed through the Lesotho border.

Foreign travellers give many reasons for coming to South Africa. The report indicates that 83% of foreign travellers gave holidays as the main purpose of their visit, followed by business (10%). The number of travellers coming for work was less than 4%, while those coming specifically as contract workers numbered only 1%.

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