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The 12-Month Map:

South Africa

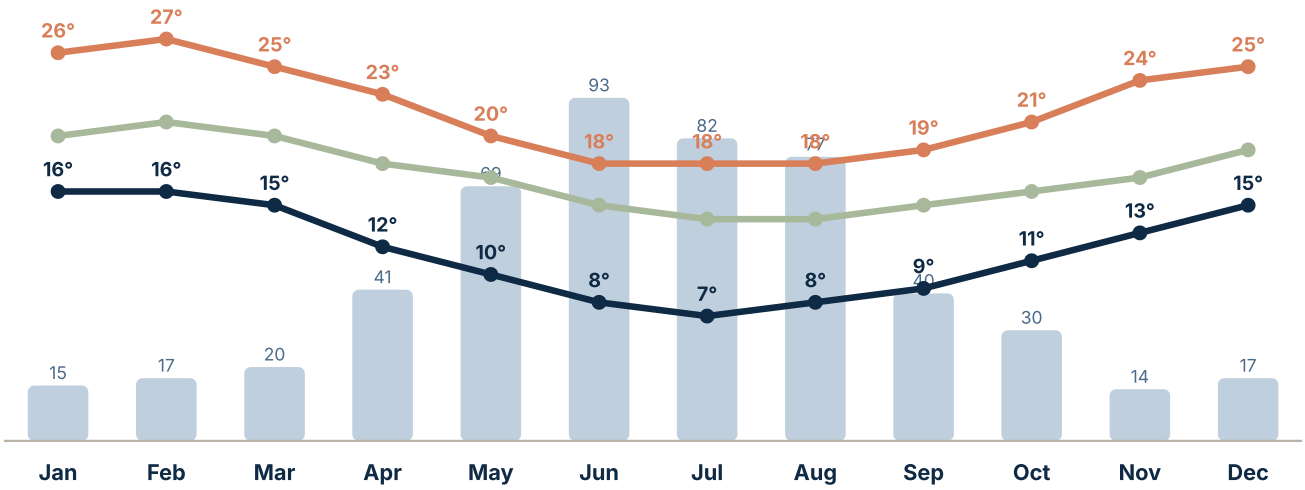
Every month of the year, rated in one look — the free companion to When to Go: South Africa.

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THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

South Africa, region by month



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Cape Town and the Winelands	G	P	P	P	G	W	W	W	G	G	P	G
The Garden Route	W	P	P	G	G	W	W	G	G	P	P	W
Kruger and safari	W	W	G	G	P	P	P	P	P	P	G	W
KwaZulu-Natal	W	W	G	P	P	P	P	P	G	G	W	W
The Drakensberg	W	W	G	P	P	G	G	G	P	P	G	W

Best Good Workable Avoid

MONTH BY MONTH

Every month in one line

January	6/10	Long dry days at the Cape, holiday crowds until mid-month, green and steamy in the east.
February	8/10	The Cape at its steadiest: warm, dry, harvest in the vines and crowds thinned.
March	8/10	Warm, calmer and golden: the late-summer sweet spot at the Cape and on the Garden Route.
April	8/10	Autumn light, cooler nights and the start of the safari window.
May	7/10	Quiet, clear and good value: dry-season safari begins as the Cape turns green.
June	6/10	Winter's opening act: whales arrive, the sardine run starts and the bush is wide open.
July	5/10	Peak safari, deep Cape winter and school holidays in every family destination.
August	7/10	Dry bush, a greening Cape and the first wildflowers on the West Coast.
September	8/10	Spring everywhere: whales close to shore, flowers in bloom, safari near its peak.
October	9/10	The best all-round month: warm Cape days, peak safari, whales still in the bays.
November	8/10	Early summer before the holidays: long days, quiet roads, the bush turning green.
December	6/10	Summer holidays at full volume: hot, long days and every coast town full.

WANT THE FULL ANSWER?

When to Go: South Africa

BEST MONTH OVERALL

October

BEST FOR SAFARI

September

BEST VALUE

May

THE CONTRARIAN PICK

Early June

WORST MONTH

July

AVOID IF YOU CAN

About 15 December to 5 January

The full guide gives you every month in four pages — weather, crowds, prices, what is open, where to be, events, a worked example and what to pack — plus regions, festivals, costs, itineraries, the booking timeline and printable worksheets.

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