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FACT SHEET

The Republic of South Africa

President:	Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki
Capital:	Pretoria
Region:	South Africa has a thriving economy. It is home to 45 million and is divided into nine provinces. Johannesburg (or Joburg) is located in the Gauteng province.
Currency:	South African Rand: 1USD=8.05 ZAR or \$1=R8.05 (visit xe.com for daily exchange rate)
Time zone:	GMT +2 hours
Temperature/Climate:	October's average high: mid 70s; low: mid 50s (some humidity)
Languages:	11 official languages: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Sepedi, Sesotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Setswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu. However, English is commonly used by most people.
Major religions:	Christianity, 79.8 percent; Muslim, 1.5 percent; Judaism 0.2 percent; Hindu, 1.2 percent* Freedom of worship is guaranteed by the Constitution.
Rules of the Road:	South Africans drive on the left-hand side of the road. The use of seatbelts is mandatory.
Visas:	All visitors require a valid passport for entry; a visa is not needed unless the stay exceeds 90 days.
International Airports:	Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth and George
Electricity:	220/230 volts AC, 50Hz
HIV/AIDS Awareness:	South Africa has the highest number of people (5.3 million) living with HIV/AIDS in the world, with an average of 1,500 people infected daily. †
Countdown to 2010:	South Africa will host the World Cup in 2010.
Neighboring Countries:	South Africa is bordered to the north by Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

*Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, figures based on 2001 census

† www.biomedcomm.com

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