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FACT SHEET

The Kingdom of Swaziland

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| Head of State: | King Mswati III |
| Capital: | Mbabane |
| Region: | Swaziland is one of the smallest countries on the African continent. It is home to 1.1 million and is ruled as an absolute monarchy. Swaziland is divided into four regional administrative districts: Hhohho, Manzini, Lubombo and Shiselweni. |
| Currency: | Swaziland Lilangeni (plural Emalangeni): 1USD=7.47 SZL or \$1=E7.47 (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) Rain is more frequent from October to May. |
| Languages: | Swati and English are the official languages. |
| Major religions: | Protestant, 35 percent; Zionist, 30 percent; Catholic, 25%; Islamic, 1 percent; the remaining 9 percent divided among other beliefs. Zionism, a blend of Christianity and indigenous ancestral worship, is the predominant religion in rural areas. |
| Rules of the Road: | Swazis 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 required unless the stay exceeds 60 days. |
| International Airports: | Matsapha Airport, outside of Manzini Larger buses provide service from Johannesburg, Durban or Cape Town in South Africa, as well as Maputo in Mozambique. |
| Electricity: | 220/230 volts AC, 50Hz |
| HIV/AIDS Awareness: | 38% of the Swaziland population (or 4 in 10 adults) is living with HIV/AIDS. Women account for over half of the adults estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS, and in 2003 there were an estimated 65,000 AIDS orphans.* |
| Neighboring Countries: | Swaziland is surrounded by South Africa to the north, west and south and Mozambique to the east. |

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