



# AND KNOW THE SCORE

For those lucky enough to be travelling to South Africa to watch the FIFA 2010 World Cup, we have some top tips to help you plan your trip and avoid hassles when you get there.

As with all major international sporting events, there are certain issues to be aware of. By planning your tactics now you can make the most of what promises to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for travelling England fans.

For the latest travel updates, information about specific locations in South Africa and useful contact details, visit the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's World Cup pages at: [www.fco.gov.uk/worldcup](http://www.fco.gov.uk/worldcup)

## TOP 10 TRAVEL TACTICS



### Accommodation

Make sure you have confirmed accommodation before travelling. Plan where you need to stay and book it early. Take into account your personal security when choosing your accommodation options, and remember it will be winter in South Africa so expect cold temperatures.



### Travel Insurance

Not having insurance could leave you having to find thousands of pounds for medical bills or an ambulance in the event of an accident so ensure you are covered. With high crime levels, you'll also want to think about insuring any possessions you take with you.



### Road Safety

Check the local rules of the road. For example, at four way intersections the car that arrives first has the right of way, and be vigilant about your surroundings at all times. Be aware that traffic lights are often only situated on the opposite side of a junction.



### Transport

There are only so many hire cars in South Africa, so ensure that you book early and if you miss out use only licensed and branded taxis or official public transport. If the latter, try and travel as a group and stay vigilant at all times particularly if travelling during peak times.



### Health

Check which vaccinations and medication you need before you travel by visiting [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org). There is a much higher incidence of HIV/Aids in South Africa than in the UK, so avoid putting yourself at risk.



### Ticketing

Fake or invalid tickets are likely to be prevalent. Tickets may be ID specific, so be prepared to produce photo ID and the credit or debit card used to purchase the ticket. Check [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com) for the latest information.



### Entry Documents

You will not need a visa to enter South Africa unless you plan on staying longer than 90 days. However, make sure your passport is valid for at least 30 days from your return travel date and that it has at least two blank pages. Once you have your documents, photocopy them all and store separately from the originals.



### Match Day

Arrive early at matches to avoid problems at the gate. If there are too many fans turning up late it could jeopardise your entry for kick off.



### South African Laws and Customs

Understand that there are different laws and policing in South Africa. There is no tolerance of racist or xenophobic material. Fans deemed too intoxicated may be refused entry to the stadium. Outside of designated areas, it can be illegal to drink alcohol in public areas.



### Locate

Register your journey details with the Foreign Office's online Locate system which informs us where you are going so we can provide help more quickly in an emergency. Please see [www.fco.gov.uk/locate](http://www.fco.gov.uk/locate) for further information.

**In an emergency in South Africa:** Please call the Police on 10111 from a landline or 112 from a mobile phone. Or contact the British High Commission: Pretoria, Liberty Life Place, Block B, 256 Glyn Street, Hatfield, Pretoria 0083. Tel: (27) (12) 421 7500

**More tips and information can be found at [www.fco.gov.uk/worldcup](http://www.fco.gov.uk/worldcup).**

Please regularly check the website as you plan your trip and before you depart, to get the most up to date travel advice.

Don't let alcohol leave you vulnerable. Ensure you plan where you're going and how you're going to get back, stick with your friends and keep enough money spare to return to your accommodation safely. Drink responsibly to get the most out of your World Cup experience.

**[drinkaware.co.uk](http://drinkaware.co.uk) for the facts about alcohol**



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**Enjoy World Cup 2010 and 'Be On The Ball'!**