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South Africa may be a fully developed country even so they still experience poverty. South Africa's Cape Town was once a place tourists wished to travel to, however because of violent car thefts during the day and a high rate of crime, visitors are a little more careful of where they go in Africa. These days it is suggested that some form of [travel health insurance](#) be obtained, whether it is [adventure travel insurance](#) or [backpacking travel insurance](#).

While South Africa doesn't demand that you have a traveler's insurance policy, they do want to see proof of your vaccinations. You need to have vaccination before you travel to South Africa since Yellow Fever still remains a problem there. They are familiar with the World Health Organization (WHO) but having other forms of proof that you already have vaccination would be enough. Should a traveler fail to prove that they already have had proper vaccination, they may be asked to stay at the airport until they will get one there. This is not the most convenient way to travel, and can cause a lot of frustration for you and your travel companions.

Make sure that before you fly to South Africa, you have checked their country's laws, and any new laws that may have come into effect. If you aren't sure, you can call the Department of State and they can point you in the proper direction of finding the information.

Apart from health-related concerns, another thing South Africa would ask of you is extra copies of your passport photos and passport bio sheet to be kept with you at all times. This would be valuable if ever something happens, like if you become ill they could help you get treatment. Doing this could also help them so you could easily be identified. South Africa also requires there is one additional blank page in the passport which could serve as a place to make note of additional information related to emergencies.

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