

Safety precautions

Whilst Franschoek is a relatively safe part of South Africa. If you plan on exploring some of South Africa's larger cities just be a little bit conscious that some areas tend to have an elevated crime level. So, here are a few safety and security measures we would suggest you to have a glance at;

- If you are renting a car make sure as soon as you get into it and drive off that you lock the doors. Continue this practice for the duration of your trip. Most likely, the worst area you will find yourself in on this trip is around the airport.
- After you've parked your car, make sure it is properly locked before you walk away.
- Keep your valuables out of sight, particularly your phone whilst using it for navigation. Have your co-pilot direct you discreetly by keeping the phone below window level instead of using a phone holder attached to the windscreen.
- Whilst stopped at traffic lights (or "robots" as the Capetonians call them) it is normal for beggars to approach the stopped cars – just keep your windows closed.
- Whilst out and about, don't carry phones in plain sight.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash with you, and keep it split up between different pockets.
- Muggings and violent robberies occasionally occur in South Africa, if confronted, be prepared to surrender cash or other belongings.
- Use reputable transport companies. Uber works well.
- Even short walks should preferably not be done alone.
- If you plan to go hiking, plan your route beforehand. Please don't go alone and don't carry too much cash with you. The Table Mountain National Park emergency number is +27 (0) 861106417.

- If you wish to withdraw cash from an ATM, Use ATMs in well-lit and safe places (the airport, shopping centers etc) and make sure nobody is in the vicinity at the time.
- Most importantly, maintain a low profile and always be aware of your surroundings. Avoid wearing anything flashy such as expensive jewelry and clothes/accessories with designer logos all over them.

This is a little bit extreme and you will be absolutely fine, just be mindful.