

## **MOST FOREIGN TRAVELLERS CAME TO THE RSA FOR HOLIDAYS**

*Of the total foreign travellers visiting the RSA in 1996, the most popular purpose of visit was holiday (77%), followed by business (12%). The number of travellers coming for work was less than 3% while those coming specifically as contract workers also numbered less than 3%.*

A total of 5 186 221 foreign travellers came to the RSA in 1996, 10% higher than the 1995 figure of 4 684 064. The peak period in tourists' visits to the RSA was during the winter months of July and April while May was the month in which the least number of travellers came. Foreign travellers arrived in South Africa mostly by road (75%), followed by air (24%). Those who came by rail or sea were less than 1%.

The leading source country for travellers from mainland Africa was Lesotho (36%), followed by Zimbabwe (19%), Swaziland (18%), Botswana (12%), Namibia (5%) and Mozambique (8%).

Most foreign travellers who visited the RSA from overseas countries during 1996 came from the UK (14%), followed by Germany (11%), and the USA (7%).

For those who are interested in statistics around tourism and migration, South Africa's most topical issues to date, this information is comprehensively outlined in a recent publication by Stats SA, TOURISM AND MIGRATION 1996, (Report No. 03-51-01 1996).

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