

## VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRIAN PASSPORT NATIONALS

For holiday purposes Austrian passport holders are exempted from visas for period up to 90 days. It is furthermore important to note that in order to enter South Africa the passports must be valid for at least 30 days on leaving the RSA (§2(3) Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002) and should contain at least two unused pages (§2(1)(d) Immigration Regulations of Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002) for the endorsement at Passport control. Visitors permits will be endorsed into the passports at Passport Control at the South African Port of Entry.

Further requirements are that a person should also be in possession of a valid return ticket, proof of accommodation and proof of financial means which shall be in the form of a recently issued bank certified statement, for the last three (3) months.

For an enquiry regarding the possibility of extending a visa, contact should be made with the nearest Visa Facilitation Centre in South Africa at least 60 days before the visa expires.

(see under <http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/> )

Note: A visitor's permit may be issued at a South African port of entry by an immigration officer to an Austrian passport holder in respect of the following purposes:

- i. holiday visits
- ii. business visits
- iii. to attend conferences, seminars or sports events
- iv. to join fiancé/ spouse
- v. as an accompanying spouse and/or dependent children of a foreigner, who holds a valid visitor's permit, study permit, treaty permit, business permit, medical treatment permit, work permit, or exchange permit.
- vi. studies not exceeding three (3) months
- vii. medical treatment not exceeding three (3) months
- viii. academic sabbaticals not exceeding three (3) months
- ix. voluntary and charitable activities not exceeding three (3) months
- x. research not exceeding three (3) months

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