

South Africa's New Online Traveller Declaration

Mandatory for all travellers entering or leaving South Africa from 1 July 2026

As of 1 July 2026, the South African Revenue Service (SARS) requires ALL travellers entering or leaving South Africa — by air, land, sea or rail — to complete an Online Traveller Declaration before they travel. This applies to South African citizens, residents, and foreign visitors alike, including children (a parent or guardian may complete it on their behalf).

Please read the summary below before your trip to Makutsi so your arrival goes smoothly.

What You Need to Do

- Submit your declaration online within 24 hours before departure of the final leg of your journey to South Africa.
- Complete it via the SARS Traveller Management System website, the SATMS mobile app, or a Scan-to-Declare QR code at the airport.
- Have your travel and passport details ready, along with the South African address where you'll be staying (see Makutsi's address below).
- You'll receive an email confirmation with instructions to follow on arrival — keep this handy, printed or on your phone.

Good to Know

- This applies to your departure from South Africa too, not just your arrival — everyone, including foreign visitors, must submit a declaration before flying home as well.
- No internet on departure day? No problem — if you can't get online in advance, you can complete the declaration on arrival at the airport using the airport's Wi-Fi or a self-service kiosk.
- Travellers only transiting through South Africa without leaving the airport's international transit area are exempt.
- You will not be denied entry for not completing the declaration in advance — officials and self-service kiosks are available on arrival — but completing it beforehand means a faster, smoother process.
- Ordinary personal effects for your own use do not need to be declared. Goods, currency or items above the duty-free allowance do.

Makutsi's Physical Address (for your declaration form)

Makutsi Safari Springs
Farm Harmony 133
Gravelotte 0895
South Africa

Where to Complete Your Declaration

Visit the SARS Traveller Declaration portal: www.sars.gov.za/travellerdeclaration

Questions? Get in touch with our team — we're happy to help ahead of your stay.