



Congress News

**14th International Congress of the Radiation Protection Association
9 - 13 May 2016, Cape Town – South Africa**

Travel to South Africa

Dear Colleagues

With less than 6 months to go before the Congress, we are writing to let you have some information and suggestions relating to travel to Cape Town and South Africa. This will help you to prepare for your trip and assist you to have a hassle free journey.

Cape Town

Cape Town is rated by many travel organisations as one of the most beautiful and enjoyable cities in the world. Visitors are always welcome and can enjoy a host of world renowned attractions, fine cuisine and outstanding accommodation. It's an experience not to be missed.

Cape Town and South Africa have a first world, communication, transport, business and hotel infrastructure whilst maintaining a warm and friendly African identity and culture.

With the current rate of exchange at 14 Rands to 1 US Dollar, and 14.9 to the Euro, there has never been a more affordable time to visit this country.

Arrival

The Congress will officially begin on Monday, 9th May 2016. You should plan to arrive in Cape Town the day before or earlier if you wish to enjoy the attractions of the city.

Passports & Visas

All visitors to South Africa require a passport which must be valid for at least six months longer than your intended date of departure from this country. You must also have at least one blank page in your passport (free of endorsements or stamps)

Passport holders from certain countries require visas to enter South Africa and these can only be obtained from embassies, consulates or missions abroad and **not** on arrival in South Africa. Details of the

requirements and procedures for obtaining visas or entry permits can be found on the official government website <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa>

We encourage you to apply well in advance to avoid stress and disappointment.

Accommodation

The Congress organisers have arranged for preferential rates at a wide range of quality hotels in Cape Town to suit all budgets, especially for participants of IRPA14. These are conveniently located within walking or easy travel distance from the Congress venue. Some have prearranged shuttle transport. To view the accommodation, visit the website <http://www.irpa2016capetown.org.za/Accommodation.asp> where you will find full details and descriptions as well as the opportunity to book online.

Airlines

South Africa is served by numerous international and domestic airlines, all offering quality services and competitive fares. Cape Town International Airport (CPT) is the official airport of Cape Town. South African Airways (SAA) has been appointed as the preferred airline of the Congress and they have arranged preferential and flexible rates for delegates on their route network.

Airport Transfers

You may take a taxi or a bus from Cape Town international airport to your hotel or you may book a prepaid transfer through the Congress organisers and their preferred transport company at preferential rates. For more information please go to <http://www.irpa2016capetown.org.za/Transfers.asp>

Health Certificates

People travelling from declared yellow fever countries of South America and Central Africa will be required to produce certificates of inoculation. You should consult your local medical practitioner or travel clinic if you need more information.

Tours & Excursions

With so much to see and do in this beautiful city, we invite you to bring your partner or family and enjoy the wonderful sights, cultures and history of our country. Table Mountain, wine estates, the Table Bay Waterfront, safari parks and more attractions await you.

The organisers have prepared a selection of attractive half day, full day and extended tours and excursions for participants. There are also technical tours to Koeberg Power Station, Groote Schuur and Tygerberg Hospitals, iThemba LABS and the South African Nuclear Energy Association (Necsa)

Full details of tours and technical tours can be found at <http://www.irpa2016capetown.org.za/Tours/MENU.asp>

For further details please go to: <http://www.irpa2016capetown.org.za>

Welcome

We look forward to welcoming you to IRPA14, Cape Town and South Africa

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