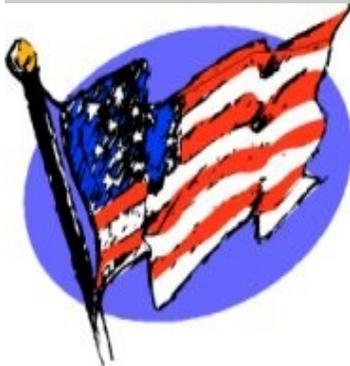




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# Consular Newsletter

**W**e are kicking off the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Consular Newsletter for 2010 with loads of information, including a Travel Alert related to the World Cup 2010, and information on some local events. We have also incorporated articles sent in response to feedback we have received, such as about the Registration and ACS (American Citizen Services) appointments systems. We hope that you take the time to read each article and find the publication useful.

Independence Day is fast approaching and I hope you are excited in planning your individual celebration. As for me and my family, this year seems to have an extra sense of purpose to the planning because it is our last July 4 celebration in Botswana and we will make the most of it. This issue is also my last publication with the Consular Section and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the wonderful time I have had in knowing and working with you in different levels and capacities ever since I started in the Con-

sular Section 5 years ago. I have found it a privilege to serve my country in serving you and meeting so many of you. Some have become close friends, almost like family. Please continue to give the same support to the next consular staff and our remaining local colleague, Gladys so that the Section can continue to serve you to the highest standard.

Salang sentle!

*Marianne*

### American Citizen Services (ACS)

General Info: <http://botswana.usembassy.gov/>

Appointments: <http://evisaforms.state.gov/ACSSchedulingSystem.asp>

#### Appointments are available online

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>

If you require immediate assistance in the case of an emergency outside of the hours listed above, please contact our Office by **e-mail**, [ConsularGaborone@state.gov](mailto:ConsularGaborone@state.gov); **phone**, +267 395-3982 ext 2322; or **fax**, +267 318-0232 first to make sure that the Consular Officer is here to see you. In the event of an emergency **After Hours**, please dial +267 395-7111

Questions? Please contact us at [ConsularGaborone@state.gov](mailto:ConsularGaborone@state.gov)

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# Consular Officer's Corner



Greetings from Gaborone,

As we prepare this month's newsletter, the whole region is in the grip of World Cup 2010 fever! Preparations for the World Cup tournament and the many American visitors expected -- including the American team players, coaches, and fans -- have certainly kept our colleagues at the U.S. diplomatic mission to South Africa very busy. They are doing their best to be ready for any emergency. Should you plan to travel to South Africa for any of the games or World Cup festivities over the coming month, we urge you to help them to help you!

Before you travel, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>. You can register your planned itinerary with the U.S. diplomatic mission in South Africa. If you are planning to drive, please note the following extension of working hours for the Tlokweng and Martin's Drift border posts for 11-30 June 2010 and on 11 July 2010 only:

- a) Martins Drift Border Gate - 0600 hours to 2400 hours
- b) Tlokweng Border Gate - 24 hours.

You can also read through the U.S. Department of State's fact sheet on the World Cup. This information is also available at the website of the U.S. diplomatic mission to South Africa:

<http://southafrica.usembassy.gov/>. Please see the important information later in this newsletter, including the contact details for our Embassy and consulates in South Africa. If you have any family or friends visiting for the World Cup (or any other reason, really!), please encourage them to register their travel at <http://travel.state.gov> as well.

I have been doing some traveling of my own and finally paid a work visit to Maun. I would like to thank the Lackey family (the emergency wardens for the Maun commu-

nity) and their wonderful colleagues and friends for arranging my schedule and introducing me to some very useful new contacts. While in Maun, I toured the new government hospital, paid a call on the police chief, and met with a medical evacuation company, among other appointments. I appreciated the chance to tour Maun and each of these meetings allowed me to understand better what emergency services are available to American citizens and what challenges conditions in Maun might present in providing such services to Americans.

This was likely my last chance to travel to Maun, and this will probably be my last Consular Newsletter greeting. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, I will be leaving Botswana in early September for Dubai, via a year of Arabic training in Washington, D.C. I have learned a lot working here in Botswana and have made some wonderful friends, especially my consular colleagues Gladys and Marianne. I've also had the opportunity to take some wonderful road trips under the clear blue African sky. There are many roads left to explore and I'm looking forward to seeing where they will take me and whom I'll meet along the way. And of course, I hope to cross paths again with my Botswana friends!

For Mr. Stephen Wilger, my successor, life's winding road will bring him back to southern Africa. He will arrive in early September and has sent some advance greetings to introduce himself. From Stephen:

**I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know how happy I am to moving to Gaborone to work at the Embassy. This is not my first time in the region as I worked at the US Consulate General in Johannesburg from 2004-2006. Although I did not have the pleasure of traveling to Botswana during my last tour, I developed a real affection for southern Africa and am anxious to return later this summer.**

**For the last year I have been seconded to the Multinational Force and Observers working as a civilian peacekeeper in the Sinai Desert of Egypt. My other State Department assignments were at the Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and the Consulate in St. Petersburg, Russia. I look forward to seeing many of you in the**

**Consular Section over the next three years and will do my best to provide you timely and quality services.**

Gladys, Marianne, and I are working to prepare the section for Stephen's arrival. We will begin prepping for the September edition of the Consular Newsletter, so as always, please email us at [ConsularGaborone@state.gov](mailto:ConsularGaborone@state.gov) or fax us at 318-0232 with any topics or questions you would like us to cover. In this month's newsletter, we've once again tried to cover subjects about which we receive the most inquiries, including registering a child as an American citizen and completing the new visa application form, the DS-160.

As Marianne mentioned in her greeting, she'll be leaving Botswana too, after many years. I know that the American citizen community will definitely miss her optimism and can-do attitude. We will both miss working with Gladys, but we're pleased to know that she will still be here to provide Stephen and the American citizen community with her calm presence and the benefit of her many years of experience.

However, do please be patient, Consular Section as we transition to a brand new staff. As part of that transition, we would stress the importance of making an appointment to visit the Consular Section. Without an appointment, the Consular Section cannot guarantee that an officer will be available to assist you with non-emergency inquiries, especially during periods when a back-up consular officer is covering the Section. You can make an appointment at: <http://evisaforms.state.gov/ACSSchedulingSystem.asp>.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Independence Day! The number of personnel changes at the Embassy this season have made it difficult to plan a large community event, but I hope you will all be able to celebrate with family and friends. As for me, I will be in Botswana until early September, so please do not hesitate to contact me before then with any questions or comments. After September, please look up me, should you be in Washington, D.C. or Dubai!

All the best,  
Christopher Machin  
Consul

## REGISTRATION & WARDEN MESSAGES

Many of the Americans in our community have asked about the purpose of registration and why the Consular Section constantly asks, “Are you registered with the Embassy? Is your information up to date?” We would like to take this opportunity to explain a bit more about why registering with the Embassy is so important and why we encourage all American citizens to register at <http://travel.state.gov> when they travel. First and foremost, registration records help us in emergency situations. From these records, we estimate how many Americans live in Botswana. Should we ever need to organize an evacuation, we must secure enough seats on a bus or airplane to accommodate everyone. Also, should we need to pass an urgent message to you about emerging situations here or in the United States, we would like to know how to contact you.

Second, we also want to share general information about consular services. We want you to have the latest information on the forms, fees, and procedures necessary to register the birth of a child, renew a passport, or arrange for notarial services. We also share how to make appointments for these services. With this information, you can make sure you are prepared with everything you need for your visit to the Embassy and that we are expecting you.

Finally, we hope to use our newsletter and emails to registered Americans to pass along details about community events. We have included some information in this newsletter about Maitisong cultural offerings and Marine House events.

For all of these reasons, we strongly encourage you to register your presence in Botswana and let us know how to contact you when you travel. Just as importantly, we urge you to tell other Americans you meet to register as well.

Periodically, we send out important, time-sensitive information to all U.S. citizens as a Warden Message, which may require your immediate attention. You will get this message ONLY if you are registered with the Embassy with your updated information. Create an account as a Long-term Traveler/Overseas Resident and you will be able to return to the registration website at any time to update your permanent residence and contact information. In accordance with the U.S. Privacy Act, information on your welfare or whereabouts may not be released to inquirers without your express written consent.

If you have not done so, or not sure whether you registered and when, please do so at this time by visiting <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

If you are leaving Botswana and you formally registered your stay with the Embassy, please be sure to “cancel” your registration when you leave. You can deregister by visiting <http://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

## ACS Appointment System

We realize that visiting the Embassy can take significant time out of your day. In order to provide the most efficient service, the Consular Section at the US Embassy in Gaborone has established an appointment system for routine services. If you are planning to renew a passport, add visa pages, file for a Report of Birth Abroad for your new baby, have documents notarized or inquire about Social Security benefits, please book an appointment online at

<http://evisaforms.state.gov/ACSSchedulingSystem.asp> When you have made your appointment a confirmation page will appear on your screen; please print the confirmation and bring it with you to the Embassy appointment.



**Appointments are mandatory since October 1, 2009.** You will be able to book an appointment up to one month in advance (perfect for newborn babies). Having an appointment will ensure that your needs are met on the dates requested and minimize wait time. Emergency services will still be provided as needed.

You may also complete your passport application forms online in advance at: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms\\_847.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html). Please print your forms and bring them with you to the Embassy, along with your 2"x2" (5cm x 5cm) photos, if required. Do not sign your forms prior to your appointment.

*For information on the appointment system, please contact us at [ConsularGaborone@state.gov](mailto:ConsularGaborone@state.gov).*

# Consular Section Services

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## OBTAINING U.S. CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCY: Know Your Options

We receive frequent questions regarding how to obtain U.S. citizenship for spouses, children, and other relatives. This article outlines the different options available and also highlights the qualifications and documents that are required for the process.

Children born abroad to U.S. citizens do not acquire citizenship automatically at birth. There are certain qualifications and steps that need to be met by parents in order to transmit citizenship. The U.S. Government has a number of options in place to facilitate the transmission of U.S. citizenship to children (both biological and adopted) of U.S. Citizens who are born abroad.

**The Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA)** is used to document a biological child born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent. After the child is born, the parent(s) must appear with the child and present the local birth certificate at the Embassy whose jurisdiction includes the child's place of birth. Please see below for CRBA application requirements.

### Expeditious Naturalization through Grandparents

According to section 322 of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act of 1994, U.S. citizen parents who are unable to transmit citizenship to their children are allowed to make such a claim through grandparents. This option is available to parents who do not meet the physical presence requirement of law (see CRBA chart above) because they had not spent the requisite period of time in the U.S. The citizen grandparent must have been physically present in the U.S. for periods of time totaling at least five (5) years, at least two (2) of which were after the age of fourteen (14) years. To qualify for expeditious naturalization, the child must be under the age of 18. Full details on this process can be found at <http://uscis.gov>.

**Immigrant Visas (IVs)** are available for non-U.S. citizen spouses, children and parents of U.S. citizens to obtain U.S. Legal Permanent Resident status, leading to U.S. citizenship. US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States of America. To begin the immigration process, the U.S. citizen (petitioner) will need to file a petition with USCIS on behalf of their relative. Consulate General Johannesburg processes Immigrant Visas for residents of Botswana. If you have any questions about this process, please contact [ConsularGaborone@state.gov](mailto:ConsularGaborone@state.gov).

Immediate relatives (i.e. spouses, minor children and parents) are given priority and the application process is typically completed within a few months. Information sheets and required forms can be downloaded from: <http://uscis.gov>.

Adult children and siblings may also apply for immigrant visas using the petition process; however these categories are subject to numerical limits and can take years. More detailed information can be found at <http://uscis.gov>.

## FACT SHEET

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Bureau of Consular Affairs

## World Cup 2010

South Africa will host the [Federation International Football Association \(FIFA\) soccer World Cup](#) from June 11- July 11, 2010. The World Cup matches will be played in nine South African cities: Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Pretoria (aka Tshwane), Bloemfontein, Nelspruit, Polokwane, Port Elizabeth, and Rustenburg.

The [FIFA website](#) provides additional information on the 2010 World Cup, including information on hotel accommodations, tickets, transportation, and advice for spectators. Please see the [U.S. Mission to South Africa](#) and the [CDC travelers' health](#) websites for additional information on travel to South Africa to see or participate in the World Cup.

The most up-to-date information for U.S. travelers to World Cup 2010 can be found at the Department of State's dedicated World Cup website <http://www.sa2010.state.gov/>

If you plan to join other U.S. citizens travelling to South Africa for the tournament, early preparation is key. One of the most important preparations for your trip is to register in advance with the State Department or the U.S. Mission to South Africa <http://usembassy.state.gov/pretoria/>. By registering, American citizens make it much easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Additionally, please carefully review the following information.

### **BEFORE YOU GO**

One way to make your foreign travel safer and more enjoyable is to inform yourself about what you will find when you arrive overseas. The Department of State publishes [Country Specific Information](#) for South Africa and all other countries in which you might choose to stop en route to or from the World Cup. Country Specific Information includes information on usual immigration practices, health conditions, minor political disturbances, usual currency and entry regulations, crime and security -- including risk of terrorism, and drug penalties.

- **Registration:** The Department of State urges you to [register](#) with the U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg, Cape Town or Durban via our [Internet-Based Registration System](#).

Registration will help us locate you in the event there is a general emergency or if someone in the United States needs to reach you about an urgent matter. Travel registration is a free service provided by the U.S. government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to or living in a foreign country. Registration allows you to record information about your overseas country of residence or upcoming trip abroad. You should also leave a copy of your itinerary, a copy of your passport data pages, and your contact information with family or friends.

- **Ticket Scams:** Those interested in purchasing tickets to the World Cup should make sure that they order their tickets from the official [World Cup website](#) or the [U.S. Soccer Federation](#). Visit the [FIFA Safe ticket website](#) for additional information.



# News Tidbits

## New U.S. Visa Fee and Application Procedures

**As of April 19, 2010, all U.S. visa applicants in Botswana must use a new visa application form known as the DS-160.** Previous versions are no longer accepted. The DS-160 is found at an interactive website known as the Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC).

**1. Application Form:** Complete the form (DS-160) at this website <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

*The completed application must be printed and bring the printed copy **with barcode** to the visa appointment*

### **Some tips in filling out the form:**

1. Access times out after 20 minutes, so save a copy frequently to your computer!
2. Choose the correct purpose of travel. Review the options under "Other."
3. If not loading a photo, click on the REVIEW tab at the top of the screen.
4. After reviewing, if the SIGN tab is gray, go back a screen, then go forward again.
5. Have ALL your information at hand, including your biodata and about your trip.

**2. Visa Application Fee:** **As of June 4**, new visa fee for tourist and student visas: US \$140; for petition-based visas (including working visas): US \$150. Fee are payable in USD in exact change or the equivalent in Pula and are non-refundable.

Please share the above information to any of your contact who may need to apply for visa to travel to the U.S. To have the complete information for visa application procedures, please refer them to our Consular Section email address

[ConsularGaborone@state.gov](mailto:ConsularGaborone@state.gov) to request in writing and we will be more than happy to help.

An American moving home! Below is a list of moving companies in Botswana for your reference in case you might find it useful. Please note that the U.S. Embassy does not endorse or recommend any service by local enterprise.

### LIST OF SHIPPING COMPANIES

1. ELLIOTT INTERNATIONAL  
Tel: 391 2531  
CTC: Rudi Nagel  
Email: [Rudi.Nagel@elliott.co.za](mailto:Rudi.Nagel@elliott.co.za)
2. AGS FRASERS INTERNATIONAL  
Tel: 392 2558  
CTC: Erik Mentz  
Email: [erikm@agsfrasers.co.bw](mailto:erikm@agsfrasers.co.bw)
3. CROWN RELOCATIONS  
Tel: 316 5253  
Email: [gaborone@crowrelo.com](mailto:gaborone@crowrelo.com)
4. PELICAN MOVING COMPANY  
Tel: 316 1342  
Email: [enquiries@pelican.co.bw](mailto:enquiries@pelican.co.bw)
5. MR MOVE WORLDWIDE  
Tel: 392 7595  
Email: [move@info.bw](mailto:move@info.bw)

### Volleyball

Sundays 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

At the Embassy Recreation Center

Please contact CLO at [CLOGaborone@state.gov](mailto:CLOGaborone@state.gov)

### **Calling all Americans to come to Marine House events!**

Did you know that the Marine Security Detachment sponsors movie nights, Super Bowl parties, and other fun events? If you would like to know more about these functions, please contact the Marines at

[RaspberryDD@state.gov](mailto:RaspberryDD@state.gov) and mention MWR in the subject line!

# Local Events

**Botswana Hindu Charities Trust**  
presents  
**Sruthilaya 2010**  
An evening of Indian Folk Dances,  
Fusion Music, Magic Show,  
Classical Dances and much more...

See you on  
**Saturday 12th June '10**  
at Maitisong  
Maru-a-pula,  
Gaborone  
at 5:45pm (for 6:00pm)

*An Evening to remember*  
Food & Drinks on sale

**P60.00 Adults**  
**P30.00 Children**  
(below 12)

Tickets available at Block 8 Temple or call: Bhaktha - 72100330, Sriram - 71302907, Ashwin - 7237135, Vijaya - 74444444, Usha - 71821045, Vinidhya - 3981090

# Tapestry

an evening of  
dance and theatre

**18th & 19th June**  
**7pm at Maitisong**  
P50 (Adults)  
P25 (Under 12)

This event is proudly brought to you by Students from The Julliard School's Black Student Union (New York), Maru-a-Pula School and Maitisong

**Tickets available at Maitisong**  
397 1809 or visit our website [www.maitisong.org](http://www.maitisong.org)

**SEE: WWW.MAITISONG.ORG**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS

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GABORONE: 18 - 19 June 2010  
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**Friday 18 June**  
FREE Intro to Biodanza  
Time: 4pm - 7:00pm

**Saturday 19 June**  
VENUE: Yabulula - Plus 200 Wadii Close  
(next to Independence Surgery)  
BIODANZA WORKSHOP  
10:30am - 9:30pm - 300' per person  
BIODANZA + KIDS CLASS  
9:45am - 10:45am (adults + child)

**BOOKINGS**  
To book your place at Friday and/or Saturday contact Prentiss on [prentiss.darden@gmail.com](mailto:prentiss.darden@gmail.com) or 738 861

Visit [www.biodanza.co.za](http://www.biodanza.co.za) or find us on Facebook under Biodanza Mobile

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

### JUNE 2010

#### AT MAITISONG

12th Sruthilaya  
6pm P60 adults

18th / 19th Tapestry  
7pm P50

#### OUT AND ABOUT

3th—18th Art Exhibition  
At Alliance Francaise

18th—19th Biodanza Workshops  
At Tshedia - Please see flyer for costs

26th 70's & 80's Party  
At The Grand Palm from P200-00pp

**Mascom 2010 PHIKWE Marathon**  
Registration closes 30th June P50-00 pp

You're invited to the **PARTY OF THE YEAR**

# 70's & 80's PARTY 2

Back by popular demand...Deejays mixing 70's/80's/90's music like you've never heard before! Pub Food. Massive Sound, Lighting & Dance floor!

**Saturday, 26th June**  
**GICC, at the Grand Palm Resort**

Time: 19h00 until 03h00. Food serving: 20h00 to 21h00.

**TICKET PRICES PER PERSON**  
VIP Zone P200  
Gold Zone P120  
Ultimate for Ultimate Club and Business Club Members  
Silver Zone P70

**TICKET SALES:**  
Alliance Francaise Botswana, at the Grand Palm Resort.  
Payment conditions apply.  
For more details call 397 1809 or 71310007

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**MASCOM 2010 PHIKWE MARATHON**

### REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee P10. Entry Deadline is 30 June 2010. Complete Form and Fee to 261 0000.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

For CORPORATE or CLUB Registrations call 78121121 or email [phikwemarathon@gettopper.com](mailto:phikwemarathon@gettopper.com)

Date	Activity	Time	Place
01 Jun	Registration	08:00 - 18:00	Phikwe
02 Jun	Registration	08:00 - 18:00	Phikwe
03 Jun	Registration	08:00 - 18:00	Phikwe
04 Jun	Registration	08:00 - 18:00	Phikwe
05 Jun	Registration	08:00 - 18:00	Phikwe
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07 Jun	Registration	08:00 - 18:00	Phikwe
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# Worldwide Caution

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## Travel Alert U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau of Consular Affairs

South Africa  
May 25, 2010



The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in South Africa to safety and security issues related to the FIFA World Cup taking place in nine cities across the country from June 11 to July 11, 2010. This travel alert expires July 31, 2010. Full information about the World Cup for American visitors is available on the U.S. Mission to South Africa's dedicated [World Cup website](#).

**TERRORISM:** Large-scale public events like the World Cup may present a wide range of attractive targets for terrorists. There is a heightened risk that extremist groups will conduct terrorist acts within South Africa in the near future. While a number of terrorist threats against the World Cup in South Africa have appeared in the media in recent weeks and months, the U.S. Government has no information on any specific, credible threat of attack that any individual or group is planning to coincide with the tournament. In the event the U.S. Government receives information of any specific and credible threat, the Department of State will provide information on that threat to the public immediately through an updated Travel Alert or Travel Warning. All USC citizens in or traveling to South Africa are urged to [register with the U.S. Mission to South Africa](#) in order to receive these alerts as quickly as possible.

**CRIME:** The vast majority of visitors complete their travels in South Africa without problems; however, visitors should be aware that criminal activity, including violent crime, is prevalent throughout the country. Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times, looking out for your own personal security. While driving, keep doors locked and windows closed, avoid having purses, phones, bags and luggage in plain view, and when stopping at intersections at night or in isolated locations, leave enough space in front of your vehicle for a quick exit. Be wary of street vendors at traffic lights, planted obstacles and staged "accidents" that may be traps for unsuspecting motorists. Do not stop for cars with flashing lights unless they are clearly marked as police or emergency service vehicles. Park your car in secure, gated parking lots or garages wherever possible, and do not leave bags or valuables in plain view. Travellers to South Africa should avoid carrying or displaying expensive items or wearing eye-catching jewelry, stay in a group, and avoid walking at night. Keep a photocopy of your passport with you, leaving the original in a hotel safe or other secure location. Lost or stolen passports should be reported to the local police and nearest [U.S. Consulate](#).

**PUBLIC DISTURBANCES:** Organized or wildcat labor actions and protests in poorer communities against shortfalls in public services may occur during the World Cup. While localized and normally well away from typical tourist destinations, these disturbances can develop quickly and unpredictably, sometimes turning violent. Use caution and avoid any areas where protests, demonstrations or other public disturbances are taking place.

# Worldwide Caution—cont.

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**IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS, PUBLIC HEALTH:** Scrutiny of foreign travelers arriving at South African ports of entry will be tightened during the World Cup. U.S. citizens should ensure they have two blank pages marked “Visas” in their passports as required for South African entry formalities. Those travelers with criminal records should consult the nearest South African Consulate or the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C., before traveling. Questions about carrying firearms or other unusual items into the country may also be directed to the nearest South African embassy or consulate. Any traveler coming from or passing through the so-called “yellow fever belt” of Africa and South America must carry certification of having received a yellow fever vaccination upon entry into South Africa. The yellow fever belt is defined to include the following countries/territories:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa, Cote d’Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda.

South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, and Suriname.

**LODGING:** Extreme shortages of hotel rooms are likely during the World Cup, particularly in the smaller World Cup host cities including Bloemfontein, Nelspruit, Polokwane, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, and Rustenburg. Visitors are urged to book rooms well in advance. See the [FIFA 2010 World Cup Fan Guide](#) for commercial accommodation services covering all World Cup host cities. Assistance with last-minute accommodation needs can also be obtained by calling South Africa Tourism at 087-803-INFO (4636), or from outside South Africa at 27-87-803-4636 (available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day).

**TRANSPORTATION:** While South Africa has adequate and generally safe intercity air and surface transportation including planes, buses, and trains, public transportation within cities is poorly developed and not nearly up to U.S. standards. Travelers are advised to use rental cars or book private transport from one of the many commercial operations available. While park-and-ride and park-and-walk facilities are being established around all 10 World Cup stadiums, space for parked cars is expected to be extremely limited. The website [Find Your Way](#), operated by the South African Department of Transport and still under construction as of mid-May, promises to provide useful transportation-related information in time for the opening of the tournament. Assistance with transportation can also be obtained by calling South Africa Tourism at 087-803-INFO (4636), or, from outside South Africa, at 27-87-803-4636 (available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day).

U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration website](#) so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. For additional information, please refer to "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)."

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where the current Worldwide Caution, travel warnings, and travel alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Additional travel-related information may also be found in the State Department’s [Country Specific Information for South Africa](#), and the [World Cup Fact Sheet](#).

# Worldwide Caution—cont.

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877 Pretorius Street, Arcadia, Pretoria

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## [U.S. Consulate General Johannesburg](#)

1 Sandton Drive (opposite Sandton City Mall just west of the intersection of Sandton Drive and Rivonia Road), Johannesburg

Telephone: (27-11) 290-3000 (from South Africa 011-290-3000)

Emergency after-hours telephone: 079-111-1684 (outside South Africa: +27 79-111-1684)

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Consular jurisdiction: the Pretoria area and the Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West, and Free State provinces.

## [U.S. Consulate General Cape Town](#)

2 Reddam Avenue, West Lake 7945, Cape Town

Telephone: (27-21) 702-7300 (from South Africa 021-702-7300)

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Consular jurisdiction: Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and Northern Cape provinces.

## [U.S. Consulate General Durban](#)

Located at: The Old Mutual Building, 31st floor, 303 Dr. Pixley KaSeme Street, Durban 4001

Telephone: (27-31) 305-7600 (from South Africa 031-305-7600)

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Fax: (27-31) 305-7691 (from South Africa 031-305-7691)

Consular jurisdiction: KwaZulu-Natal Province.

## **Lesotho:**

### [U.S. Embassy Maseru, Lesotho](#)

Telephone: 266-2231-2666. Emergency after-hours telephone: (266) 5888-4035; 5888-1010 police

## **Swaziland:**

### [U.S. Embassy Mbabane](#)

Phone: 268-404-6441/5

After Hours Emergency Phone: 268-602-8414; emergency line in Swaziland is 999

Fax: 268-404-5959

## **Namibia:**

### [U.S. Embassy Windhoek](#)

Telephone: (264-61) 295-8500

Consular Section: (264-61) 295-8527

Fax: (264-61) 295-8603 ; i.e., or via

After-hours emergency line: (264-81) 127-4384; within Windhoek is 211-111. If calling from a mobile phone, dial 061-211-111

## **Mozambique:**

### [U.S. Embassy Maputo, Mozambique](#)

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