

WELCOME TO CAPE TOWN: IJCNN ATTENDEE TRAVEL & SAFETY GUIDE

Welcome to the Mother City! Cape Town is a world-class, cosmopolitan destination known for its breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture. To ensure you have an unforgettable and secure experience during your time at the conference, please review these essential travel highlights and safety guidelines.

Top Attractions to Explore

Make the most of your stay by visiting some of Cape Town's globally renowned highlights. Plan your itinerary using the official [Cape Town Top Attractions Guide](#).

- » **Table Mountain:** Take the iconic cableway up or hike with a group for panoramic views of the city.
- » **V&A Waterfront:** A bustling hub of shopping, dining, and entertainment situated on a historic working harbor.
- » **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden:** Located against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, it is acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens of the world.
- » **Cape Point & Boulders Beach:** Visit the dramatic southwestern tip of the African continent and see the famous land-based African penguin colony.
- » **Vredenheim Wine Estate and Game drive in Stellenbosch:** A unique, family-friendly Cape Winelands experience that perfectly pairs premium wine tastings with guided game drives and an up-close look at their resident big cats.

Discover more accommodations, local events, and travel resources on the main [Cape Town Tourism Website](#).

Staying TravelWise: Essential Safety Guidelines

Cape Town is generally safe, but like any major global city, it requires basic precautions. Use these core tips extracted from the official [Cape Town TravelWise Guide](#) and international [Safety Tips Guide](#).

Street & General Awareness

- » **Stay Alert:** Keep your personal possessions (cellphones, wallets, jewelry) safely tucked away and avoid carrying or counting large sums of cash in public.
- » **Stick to Group Travel:** Avoid walking alone in deserted, dark, or unlit areas, especially at night.
- » **ATM Caution:** Use ATMs in well-lit, populated, and safe areas. Never accept help from strangers at an ATM and never share your PIN.

Transport & Airport Safety

- » **Plan Your Routes:** Research your routes between Cape Town International Airport and your accommodation beforehand. Use trusted GPS tools, keep car doors locked, and windows up.
- » **Hide Valuables:** When driving, place your luggage, mobile phones, and laptops completely out of sight in the trunk (boot) before starting your journey.
- » **Use Trusted Ride Services:** Rely on reputable app-based e-hailing services (like Uber) or pre-booked hotel/conference transport rather than hailing random vehicles.
 - **Note:** For Uber Drive, due to recent incidents, please be alert if traveling late at night:
 - Prefer well-lit pickup and drop-off locations.
 - Consider choosing higher-tier options such as Uber Comfort or Uber Black if available.

Note on High-Risk Zones: Stay extra vigilant or avoid stopping on major highway off-ramps (such as Borchers Quarry Road or the R300 off-ramps) near the airport.

Outdoors & Wildlife

- » **Hiking Safely:** Never hike alone—always hike in groups of four or more. Stick strictly to well-used paths, wear appropriate shoes, and bring sufficient water.
- » **Coastal Wildlife:** Maintain a legal minimum distance of 5 meters from coastal wildlife (like penguins and seals). Do not feed or attempt to touch the animals.
- » **Beach Smart:** Only swim at beaches where lifeguards are actively on duty, and strictly swim between the designated red and yellow flags.

Emergency Contacts & Resources

Keep these critical phone numbers saved on your mobile device for immediate assistance:

- » **General Emergency (from Mobile):** 112
- » **General Emergency (from Landline):** 107
- » **City Emergency Services:** 021 480 7700
- » **South African Police Service (SAPS):** 10111
- » **Cape Town Tourism Band-Aid Team (Visitor Distress Support):** 021 487 6552

Recommended App: For real-time emergency tracking, security assistance, and geolocated dispatch to emergency services, download the Namola Safety App for free from your mobile app store prior to arriving.