

2026 HOLIDAY PLANNER

South Africa

13 holiday entries across 13 dates | 0 estimated / awaiting confirmation
13 stored date rows. Separate holidays sharing a date retain their own entries.

DATE / WEEKDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY / RECORDED STATUS
1 Jan Thursday	New Year's Day Confirmed — source checked
21 Mar Saturday	Human Rights Day Confirmed — source checked
3 Apr Friday	Good Friday Confirmed — source checked
6 Apr Monday	Family Day Confirmed — source checked
27 Apr Monday	Freedom Day Confirmed — source checked
1 May Friday	Workers Day Confirmed — source checked
16 Jun Tuesday	Youth Day Confirmed — source checked
9 Aug Sunday	National Women's Day Confirmed — source checked
10 Aug Monday	National Women's Day Confirmed — source checked
24 Sep Thursday	Heritage Day Confirmed — source checked
16 Dec Wednesday	Day of Reconciliation Confirmed — source checked
25 Dec Friday	Christmas Day Confirmed — source checked
26 Dec Saturday	Day of Goodwill Confirmed — source checked

TIME OFF & PLANNING NOTES

Long weekends

Listed days can include closure periods, not just a festival's observance date. Follow the holiday links for the reviewed date roles. Estimated dates may change.

Assumed weekend: **Saturday and Sunday**, plus the listed public holidays. This is a planning assumption, not a universal legal workweek. Employer schedules may differ.

BREAK	HOLIDAY / PLANNING STATUS
4 consecutive days 3 Apr 2026 – 6 Apr 2026	Good Friday, Family Day Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 25 Apr 2026 – 27 Apr 2026	Freedom Day Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 1 May 2026 – 3 May 2026	Workers Day Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 8 Aug 2026 – 10 Aug 2026	National Women's Day Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 25 Dec 2026 – 27 Dec 2026	Christmas Day, Day of Goodwill Source review may be pending

Check before booking

Bank, office and school coverage is incomplete; an unmarked institution is not necessarily open. Optional-holiday coverage has not been established. Confirm the applicable notice and your employer's schedule before arranging leave.

Your planning notes

Calendar and individual holiday guides:
<https://officepublicholidays.com/south-africa-public-holidays-2026/>

Official sources and date status

Recorded confirmation and independent source review are shown separately. An institution-specific notice does not establish closure for every employer or school.

Department of Basic Education

Department of Basic Education: [gazetted public-school calendars](#)

Confirmed · Scope: school · Checked 2026-09-26

Confirmed published break intervals only. School-specific start/end dates and school-type exceptions are not generalized. For South Africa, the gazette overrides inconsistent HTML summary rows.

South African Government

South African Government: [public holidays and Sunday substitution](#)

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-26

Public Holidays Act calendar; Monday is additional only when the statutory holiday is Sunday.

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This planner preserves the calendar's recorded statuses. Historical context and institution-specific evidence do not independently confirm every public-holiday date. A checked date below a source is the evidence review date, not a new verification performed when downloading.

Generated 5 October 2026. Check the online calendar for subsequent updates.
<https://officepublicholidays.com/south-africa-public-holidays-2026/>