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Africa Travel Risk Brief *October 2026*

For travel managers, security and HSE managers, and executives travelling to the 18 African and Gulf destinations our clients visit most. What the official advice says, the risks that matter on the ground, and how to arrive, move and leave safely.

CLOSE PROTECTION

Vetted, licensed Close Protection Officers, secure transport and planned routes, backed by our Tactical Operations Center and tactical units.

ACROSS AFRICA AND THE GULF

Your Close Protection Officer travels with you, low-profile and medically trained, and tracked 24/7 by our TOC.

AT A GLANCE

19 countries, one standard of protection.

Ranked by overall risk to a business traveller. Full country pages follow for the higher-risk destinations; lower-risk destinations are summarised on page 09.

Somalia	VERY HIGH	p.03	Al-Shabaab attacks and high kidnap threat; UK and US advise against all travel.
Nigeria	VERY HIGH	p.03	Kidnap for ransom targets foreigners; UK advises against all but essential travel to Abuja.
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Zimbabwe	ELEVATED	p.06	Political tension and protests; smash-and-grab in Harare; power and fuel cuts.
Tanzania	ELEVATED	p.07	Post-election restrictions; phone searches; express kidnap in Dar es Salaam.
Ghana	ELEVATED	p.07	Armed robbery and airport follow-home attacks in Accra; extremism in the far north.
Uganda	ELEVATED	p.08	ADF terrorism; armed robbery in Kampala; Ebola next door in the DRC.
Zambia	MODERATE	p.08	Crime and dangerous roads; tension after the August 2026 election.
Egypt	MODERATE	p.09	Cairo well policed; terrorism risk concentrated in Sinai; regional alerts.
Morocco	MODERATE	p.09	Terrorist attack considered likely; scams in the medinas.
UAE	MODERATE	p.09	US Level 3 after missile and drone attacks in early 2026; ceasefire holding.
Mauritius	LOW	p.09	Petty theft; cyclone season November to May.
Namibia	LOW	p.09	Muggings in Windhoek; gravel roads and wildlife at night.
Botswana	LOW	p.09	Rising carjacking in Gaborone and Francistown; wildlife on roads.
South Africa	HOME BASE	—	Johannesburg and Winelands operations. Armed protection and Tactical Response available.

Somalia

VERY HIGH

MOGADISHU · HARGEISA · BERBERA

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Jun 2026): against all travel to Somalia, except all but essential travel to the Awdal, Maroodijeh and Sahil regions of Somaliland (Hargeisa, Berbera). **US (Jun 2026):** Level 4, Do Not Travel, nationwide.

ARRIVAL

Mogadishu Aden Adde (MGQ) and Hargeisa (HGA). Move from the aircraft straight into a protected vehicle; most visitors stay inside the airport (Halane) zone.

TOP RISKS

- Al-Shabaab attacks in Mogadishu, including rocket fire on the airport zone (2025) and a roadside bomb on the presidential convoy.
- High kidnap threat to foreigners, including in Somaliland.
- Armed political clashes in Mogadishu (June 2026).
- Militia checkpoints, landmines and clan violence outside the cities.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

eTAS or e-visa through etas.gov.so before travel (confirm current rules). **Medical:** very limited; plan medical evacuation to Nairobi.

ONE RECOMMENDS Travel only with medical evacuation and kidnap-for-ransom cover in place. Stay in the Halane zone or a hardened compound, with vetted local security arranged through your host.

Nigeria

VERY HIGH

LAGOS · ABUJA · PORT HARCOURT

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Aug 2026): against all travel to the north-eastern states (Borno, Yobe, Adamawa and others) and the riverine Niger Delta; against all but essential travel to a further band of states and to the Federal Capital Territory, including Abuja. Lagos is not on either list. **US:** Level 3, Reconsider Travel, with 23 states at Level 4; non-emergency staff authorised to leave Abuja (April 2026).

ARRIVAL

Lagos (LOS) and Abuja (ABV). Ignore touts and unbooked taxis; robbery on airport approach roads is a known risk.

TOP RISKS

- Kidnap for ransom, including foreigners, and on highways such as Abuja–Kaduna.
- Terrorism by Boko Haram and ISWAP at markets, churches and transport hubs.
- "One-chance" robbery and express kidnapping by fake taxis in Lagos.
- Unrest in the Niger Delta and the South East; dangerous roads at night.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

E-visa approved before travel. Yellow fever certificate required. **Private hospital:** Reddington Hospital, Lagos.

ONE RECOMMENDS A pre-arranged, secure meet-and-greet for every movement. No road travel after dark; fly between cities rather than drive out of Abuja.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

VERY HIGH

KINSHASA · LUBUMBASHI · KOLWEZI

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Jun 2026): against all travel to the eastern provinces (Ituri, North and South Kivu and others); against all but essential travel to parts of Kinshasa south of the N'djili airport road. Haut-Katanga and Lualaba (Lubumbashi, Kolwezi) are not listed. **US:** Level 4, Do Not Travel, nationwide.

ARRIVAL

Kinshasa N'djili (FIH): the airport road runs beside advised-against districts. Lubumbashi (FBM) serves the mining belt.

TOP RISKS

- Civil unrest in Kinshasa; embassies were attacked in January 2025.
- Ebola emergency in the north and east (not the mining belt); screening at borders.
- Clashes and looting in Kolwezi (January 2026); theft on mine sites.
- Extortion at checkpoints and violent crime.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

E-visa before travel (check the validity period). Yellow fever certificate required. **Private hospital:** Centre Médical de Kinshasa.

ONE RECOMMENDS Protected transfer from N'djili on a planned route, in daylight. Fly Kinshasa–Lubumbashi; move in convoy between Lubumbashi and Kolwezi.

Ethiopia

HIGH

ADDIS ABABA · DIRE DAWA · HAWASSA

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Oct 2026): against all travel to Tigray, Amhara, Gambela, the Wollega zones of Oromia and border areas. Addis Ababa is not listed. **US (Aug 2026):** Level 3, Reconsider Travel.

ARRIVAL

Addis Ababa Bole (ADD), a major hub. Use a pre-booked transfer and keep valuables out of sight around Bole.

TOP RISKS

- Renewed fighting in the north since September 2026; flights to Tigray suspended.
- Rising robbery and bag-snatching in Addis, around Bole and Meskel Square.
- Kidnap risk in Oromia, Amhara and the Somali region.
- Internet shutdowns and fuel shortages.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

E-visa through evisa.gov.et before travel. South Africa requires a yellow fever certificate on your return. **Private hospital:** Kadisco General Hospital, Addis Ababa.

ONE RECOMMENDS Keep to Addis Ababa, move in daylight and do not travel north. Carry a satellite or second-network phone in case of internet shutdowns.

Mozambique

HIGH

MAPUTO · PEMBA · CABO DELGADO

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Aug 2026): against all travel to most of Cabo Delgado and parts of Nampula and Niassa; against all but essential travel to Palma town and the Pemba and Afungi areas. **US (Aug 2026):** Level 2, with Level 4 for Cabo Delgado and neighbouring districts.

ARRIVAL

Maputo (MPM) and Pemba (POL). Pemba arrivals need a route plan; roads into Pemba have been restricted during attacks.

TOP RISKS

- Insurgent attacks in Cabo Delgado, including roadside bombs and attacks near routes into Pemba (2026).
- Kidnap for ransom of businesspeople in Maputo (last known hostage freed March 2026).
- Street crime in parts of central Maputo.
- Sudden protests blocking roads and border posts.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa-free for 30 days. No yellow fever certificate when arriving directly from South Africa. **Private hospital:** Lenmed Maputo Private Hospital.

ONE RECOMMENDS Low profile and varied routines in Maputo. In Pemba, escorted movement only with a route-risk check; no road travel north or west of Pemba.

Angola

HIGH

LUANDA · LOBITO · SOYO

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (May 2026): against all but essential travel to Cabinda province (except Cabinda city) and within 1 km of the Lunda Norte–DRC border. **US (Mar 2026):** Level 2, with Luanda at Level 3 for crime.

ARRIVAL

Luanda's new international airport (NBJ) has handled international flights since October 2025 and lies well outside the city. Pre-arrange the transfer.

TOP RISKS

- Violent crime in Luanda, including armed robbery and carjacking.
- Fuel-price riots in July 2025 left 22 dead; protests can escalate fast.
- Landmines in rural areas.
- Ebola risk along the DRC border.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa-free for short stays (confirm the permitted days before travel). Carry a yellow fever certificate. **Private hospital:** Clínica Girassol, Luanda.

ONE RECOMMENDS Escorted transfers from NBJ, no walking in Luanda after dark, and no road travel in the provinces without a route-risk check.

Kenya

HIGH

NAIROBI · MOMBASA

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Oct 2026): against all travel to Mandera, parts of Wajir and Garissa, and Lamu County except Lamu and Manda islands. **US (Jul 2026):** Level 2, with Level 4 for the Somali border counties and for Eastleigh and Kibera in Nairobi.

ARRIVAL

Nairobi JKIA (NBO) and Mombasa (MBA). Use pre-booked transfers only; carjacking has been reported on some airport routes.

TOP RISKS

- Terrorism: attacks considered very likely, including at hotels, malls and transport hubs.
- Protests, such as June 2026, and more expected ahead of the 2027 election.
- Armed carjacking, motorcycle-gang robbery, and crime linked to street taxis.
- Ebola: first imported case confirmed in October 2026.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa-free with no eTA required, up to 90 days. Yellow fever certificate if arriving from an endemic country. **Private hospital:** Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi.

ONE RECOMMENDS A pre-arranged JKIA transfer on a planned route. Check protest calendars daily and avoid the CBD and Parliament area on protest days.

Zimbabwe

ELEVATED

HARARE · BULAWAYO · VICTORIA FALLS

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Jul 2026): no areas advised against. **US (Aug 2026):** Level 2, Exercise Increased Caution.

ARRIVAL

Harare (HRE), Bulawayo (BUQ) and Victoria Falls (VFA).

TOP RISKS

- Political tension over term-extension amendments; troops deployed at protests in July 2026.
- Smash-and-grab at traffic lights in Harare, including Borrowdale Road and the airport road.
- Power cuts and fuel shortages.
- Roads around State House closed 6pm to 6am; strict rules on photographing officials and government sites.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa-free for short stays (confirm before travel). No yellow fever certificate when arriving from South Africa. **Private hospital:** The Avenues Clinic, Harare.

ONE RECOMMENDS Doors locked and windows up in traffic, avoid gatherings, and plan fuel and power backup for longer stays.

Tanzania

ELEVATED

DAR ES SALAAM · ARUSHA · DODOMA

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Oct 2026): against all but essential travel within 20 km of the Mozambique border in Mtwara region. **US (Oct 2025):** Level 3, Reconsider Travel.

ARRIVAL

Dar es Salaam (DAR), Kilimanjaro (JRO) and Zanzibar (ZNZ). Plastic bags are banned; keep them out of your luggage.

TOP RISKS

- Unrest after the October 2025 election; political rallies banned since June 2026.
- Filming protests is illegal and police may search phones.
- Express kidnapping and robbery in Masaki and Oysterbay, Dar es Salaam.
- Insurgent activity near Mtwara on the Mozambique border.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Check visa requirements with the Tanzanian High Commission before travel. Zanzibar requires inbound travel insurance. **Private hospital:** Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam.

ONE RECOMMENDS No political content on phones, stay clear of gatherings, and use pre-arranged transport in Dar es Salaam, especially at night.

Ghana

ELEVATED

ACCRA · TEMA · KUMASI · TAKORADI

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Jul 2026): against all but essential travel to Bawku. **US (Jul 2026):** Level 2, with Level 3 for the northern regions.

ARRIVAL

Accra Kotoka (ACC). Robbers have followed cars from the airport, and fake drivers work the arrivals hall; confirm your driver with a code word.

TOP RISKS

- Armed robbery and kidnap in Accra, Kumasi and Takoradi.
- Attacks on vehicles on Graphic Road and the Teshie–Nungua road.
- Spill-over from JNIM extremists in the far north.
- Scams, and flash floods in the rainy season.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa-free for up to 90 days. Yellow fever certificate mandatory for all travellers. **Private hospital:** Nyaho Medical Centre, Accra.

ONE RECOMMENDS Code-word-verified airport pickup, varied routes, and no travel to the north without a route assessment.

Uganda

ELEVATED

KAMPALA · ENTEBBE · JINJA

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK (Oct 2026): no areas advised against. **US:** raised to Level 4 in May 2026 over Ebola; check whether it has since been lowered.

ARRIVAL

Entebbe (EBB), 40 km from Kampala. The road is dangerous at night: time arrivals for daylight or stay over in Entebbe.

TOP RISKS

- ADF terrorist attacks (Munyonyo, June 2025).
- Lingering tension after the January 2026 election.
- Armed robbery in Kampala.
- Ebola in the neighbouring DRC; the border is closed.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

E-visa before travel (or the East Africa Tourist Visa). South Africa requires a yellow fever certificate on your return. **Private hospital:** Nakasero Hospital, Kampala.

ONE RECOMMENDS Daylight transfer from Entebbe, avoid crowded venues and markets, and no travel towards the DRC border.

Zambia

MODERATE

LUSAKA · COPPERBELT

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK: no areas advised against at the time of writing; an entry update applies to people arriving from Ebola-affected regions. **US:** Level 1, Exercise Normal Precautions.

ARRIVAL

Lusaka (LUN) and Ndola (NLA) for the Copperbelt.

TOP RISKS

- Tension following the August 2026 election, which saw violence at polling stations.
- Armed robbery, smash-and-grab and home invasion in Lusaka.
- Road safety, especially at night.
- Ebola screening at borders with the DRC, such as Kasumbalesa.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa-free (confirm the permitted stay before travel). Yellow fever certificate if arriving from an endemic country. **Private hospital:** Lusaka Trust Hospital.

ONE RECOMMENDS No night driving on the Lusaka–Copperbelt road; fly to Ndola where possible.

Egypt

MODERATE

CAIRO

OFFICIAL ADVICE

UK: against all travel to North Sinai and within 20 km of the Libyan border; against all but essential travel to parts of South Sinai, the Western Desert and east of the Suez Canal. **US:** Level 2, with Do Not Travel for North and Middle Sinai and border areas.

ARRIVAL

Cairo International (CAI). Regional airspace closures can disrupt flights; keep plans flexible.

TOP RISKS

- Terrorism alerts linked to regional tension (US Embassy warning, April 2026).
- Assault and harassment in street taxis; use vetted drivers.
- Unrest at political gatherings.
- Poor road safety and frequent crashes.

ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS

Visa on arrival (confirm with the Egyptian Embassy in Pretoria). Yellow fever certificate if arriving from an endemic country.
Private hospital: As-Salam International Hospital, Cairo.

ONE RECOMMENDS A vetted private driver or pre-booked transfer instead of street taxis, and daily monitoring of regional security alerts.

LOWER-RISK AND GULF DESTINATIONS

COUNTRY	LEVEL	WHAT TO WATCH	ENTRY FOR SA PASSPORTS
UAE Dubai · Abu Dhabi	MODERATE Elevated alert	US (Aug 2026): Level 3 after Iranian missile and drone attacks in March–April 2026; ceasefire since 8 April. UK eased its warning in June 2026. Follow shelter-in-place alerts.	Visa required in advance (confirm with the UAE Embassy).
Morocco Casablanca · Rabat	MODERATE	US (Sep 2026): Level 2 for terrorism; UK says terrorists are likely to try to attack. Scams and pickpockets in the medinas.	Visa required in advance.
Mauritius Port Louis	LOW	Petty theft; cyclone season November to May.	Visa-free for short stays.
Namibia Windhoek · Walvis Bay	LOW	Muggings in central Windhoek; long gravel roads and wildlife on roads at night.	Visa-free for short stays.
Botswana Gaborone · Francistown	LOW	Rising violent crime and carjacking in Gaborone and Francistown; wildlife on roads.	Visa-free for short stays.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Eight checks for every trip.

- ☐ Arrange kidnap-for-ransom and crisis-response cover before travel to Somalia, Nigeria, the DRC or Mozambique, and lodge proof-of-life questions with your security provider.
- ☐ Confirm your travel insurance and medical evacuation cover remain valid: travelling against official advice can void a policy.
- ☐ Keep a low profile: no logos or visible valuables, a plain vehicle, and no real-time locations on social media.
- ☐ Share the full itinerary (flights, hotels, drivers, contacts) with a 24/7 monitoring point, with agreed check-in times and escalation if one is missed.
- ☐ Use only pre-arranged, vetted airport transfers with a code word or photo ID for the driver. Never accept touts or unbooked taxis.
- ☐ Avoid road travel after dark, and fly instead of driving between cities where you can. Plan routes and safe havens in advance.
- ☐ Check health rules: yellow fever certificates (mandatory for Nigeria, the DRC, Ghana and Angola, and needed to re-enter South Africa from many countries), malaria prevention and Ebola screening.
- ☐ Carry a second means of communication, US dollars in cash and copies of your passport and visa, and register with your embassy.

HOW ONE MOVES YOUR PEOPLE

Planned before you leave. Protected until you are home.

01 Threat assessment Destinations, routes, hotels and venues assessed and agreed with you in writing.	02 Advance work Your Close Protection Officer arrives two days ahead to check the ground and hospitals.	03 Airport to door Met at arrivals and moved in a discreet vehicle on agreed routes.	04 On the ground Advanced medical certified CPO with you on every movement, tracked 24/7 by our TOC.	05 Home safe Escorted to departure, then a debrief and written trip report.
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PLAN A SECURE TRIP

Send us the destination, dates and number of travellers. We reply with a threat assessment and a fixed quote, usually within 24 hours.

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