

R164 a beer: South Africans travelling to France will hope Boks make it worthwhile

How much you should expect to spend at the Rugby World Cup

South Africans travelling to the Rugby World Cup in France will at times find it a jaw-dropping if not bank balance-altering experience.

Though our currency takes an even bigger pounding across the Channel, the euro puts the rand in the shade, roughly to the tune of 1/20.

If you spend the bulk of your time in Paris, you'll find your rands disappearing faster than Antoine Dupont down the blindside.

South Africans may find their buck jumping a little further at the coast, though not by much.

The price of accommodation in Marseille for the opening weekend of the competition, which sees Argentina clash with England and the Springboks meeting Scotland a day later, will make you choke on your croissant.

Options are limited but they did vary dramatically months ago. You could even get a cabin on the Epic Rugby Boat which is at dock a few kilometres west of Marseille's stunning Vieux Port.

Prices on the boat that doesn't move start at about



R7,800 per night.

Getting to France isn't exactly a breeze either.

The cheapest return flight from Johannesburg to Paris if your departure is on the eve of the tournament and your return is scheduled the day after the final is just more than R18,000.

You'd have to detour through the Middle East both ways.

A 25-night stay in Paris from the start of the tournament can affect your credit rating.

If you are a little star-struck and prefer five or more, the Bulgari Hotel Paris may be for you. An executive suite (non-smoking) with a city view will set you back at an eye-watering R2,75m for 25 nights.

At R109,784 a night, it reassuringly includes breakfast, while the premises also boast a pool and a spa.

The hotel is a 15-minute stroll away from the Arc de Triomphe, but at that price the absence of a hot-air balloon option is surely a gross oversight.

You'd have to be quick to secure an executive suite as only one was left at last check.

Renaissance Paris Nobel Tour Eiffel Tower Hotel is much more budget-friendly at R282,559 for the same duration (R11,502 a night). Only four stars adorn the front of the hotel.

If you prefer your accommodation a bit more spartan, the Hotel Mazagan over the same 25-day stretch will demand R99,932 (R3,997 a night).

It is a three-and-a-half star establishment. A half-a-star more could have pushed that into six-figure territory. Walking in the streets of Paris can induce a hard-to-ignore thirst, but carefully consider where you stop for a pint.

Expect to part with about €8 (R164.50) for a beer in a bar, though craft beers will leave a bitter taste in your mouth after the waiter responds to your final demand, "l'addition, s'il vous plait".

When in France its cuisine



THE EXPERIENCE: French supporters watch France's victorious game shown in a café against Croatia in 2018 World Cup final on Daguerre street on July 15, 2018 in Paris, France. Picture: GETTY IMAGES/ETIENNE DE MALCLAIRE

Boks' Snyman ready to go full heavy metal again

LIAM DEL CARME

The what? Bok lock RG Snyman was the focus of befuddled looks as he explained the musical act that blasts through his earphones before matches.

"The HU," said Snyman about the motley throat singing ensemble from Mongolia.

"Usually I like to listen to something a bit on the rougher side. I've always liked Metallica and things like that. More recently I got into Mongolian throat singing."

Though Snyman, who is now firmly back in the Bok frame after spending most of the past four years on the sidelines injured, politely turned down the request to mimic his band crush, he cleared his throat on a number of subjects.

The one he expressed with the most fervour was gratitude. The opportunity to represent his country again after what must have seemed an interminable time on the sidelines.

"It was a tough journey. It wasn't easy. But through it all I've learnt a lot," said Snyman about all manner of misadventure that befell him since 2019.

"I must give credit to Munster for the way they looked after me and continue to look after me. A lot of people will give up on you quite easily in this line of work, especially being out for that long. They stuck with me."

Snyman had to be eased back into the Bok fray. The ferocity at which they go about their business demanded that.

"You think you are desperate to be part of the Springboks but it is only when it is taken away from you or you can't do it that you realise how special it is and how much you want it. The desperation for me to be here has gone to a new level for me."

"It is so good to be back. I didn't play rugby for all that time but mentally I grew. I studied the game from a different perspective."

In their recent Test against Wales, Snyman played 80 minutes for the first time since their pool match against Canada at the 2019 World Cup. His looks have invited a Viking moniker and in a town in which nautical currents run strong he is ready to push his World Cup boat out again.

"It was a special milestone for me and it was a nice game to be part of," Snyman said about the runaway win in Cardiff.

Six days later against the All Blacks brought milestone moments for the team. "I don't know if it has happened before, but it was some feeling for all of us," he said about the deployment of seven forwards at once off the bench.

"Getting that call that we are all going on at the same time. I must say it gives you confidence running on with six other guys. You know we are going to cause havoc on the field."

The Boks' recent form has given rise to optimism. Expectation is never far behind.

"It brings out the best in all of us. You know when you step into this team, when you pull that jersey on, there is a certain expectation. There is a standard you need to uphold."

"As clichéd as it might sound, it brings something different out of you."

"We will learn and grow week for week. In my opinion there are exciting things ahead if we can stick together," said Snyman.

MultiChoice on Thursday confirmed after acceptance by the SABC of a proposal made on 18 August, they have reached an agreement in principle to sub-licence broadcast rights to the SABC for Rugby World Cup. A total of 16 matches may be broadcast by the SABC, including the opening ceremony and opening match, all matches that the Springboks participate in, two quarterfinals, one semifinal, the bronze final, the final and the closing ceremony. Should the Springboks not qualify for the knockout stages, the above matches will, in any event, be available for broadcast. — SuperSport.com

demands close inspection.

After a few nights you may need to make the mental shift from haute to hot dog.

Expect to pay €10 to €15 (R206 to R308) for entrées or appetisers, a main course could range between €18 and €40 (R370 and R822), with dessert listed at about €10 to €12 (R206 to R247).

Should that be quaffed down with a glass of wine you'll pay an additional €8 to €18 (R144 to R370) at most establishments.

A bill where one enjoys all three courses and a glass of Bordeaux's finest could then come to R900 to R1,700 or upwards, depending on extravagance of taste and choice of restaurant.

Best you go easy on the Chateau Lafite Rothschild as you may not have enough to hail a taxi back to your hotel.


Using the Metro is, of course, a far cheaper option, but you'd need to keep your wits about you, especially late at night.

Tickets on the Paris Metro start from €1.90 (R39).


The cost of roaming in France ranges between €4 (R82) and €10 (R206). You'll want to make use of Wi-Fi networks where available.

Despite the disparity in culture and currencies, many South Africans will succumb to the allure of France in the coming six weeks.

Let's hope the Boks make the holes in the wallet worth every cent.



NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM
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RE-OPENING OF THE YOUTH AND HERITAGE CENTRE IN QUNU

For many years the Nelson Mandela Museum was a popular destination for domestic and international tourists and a convenient facility museum to conduct educational programs targeting schools across the Eastern Cape. The Museum was also a facility that was benefiting the community of Mthatha as it is a secure and safe facility to hold social events, conferencing and accommodation. However, this was halted by renovations that were done by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWS).

The museum closed its doors in February 2019 due to the condition-based maintenance that was taking place. The Nelson Mandela Youth and Heritage Centre in Qunu reopened its doors to the public on the **18th of July 2023**, highlighted by the unveiling of the two Nelson Mandela statues at the Nelson Mandela Museum in the Bhunga Building and in Qunu. The statues represent Nelson Mandela as a Statesman and as a Traditionalist at Qunu.

Qunu also houses a new exhibition called Unthreading Nelson Mandela and a Robben Island Photographic Exhibition in one of its exhibition halls.

The Museum warmly invites its patrons who used this infrastructure before to come back and enjoy the new much improved facility. New patrons can expect to enjoy a world class facility right in the rural village and home of a global icon, Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

Please note that from the **1st of October 2023, an entrance fee will be charged at the Nelson Mandela Museum (NMM) and NMM- Youth and Heritage Centre in Qunu.**

The public is duly informed that the use of the Bhunga Building and Qunu facilities will be hired out for events such as conferences, seminars, meetings and private functions. Those facilities include but are not limited to;

- Conference Halls,
- Boardrooms,
- Accommodation,
- Sports Hall and Dining Halls
- High end kitchen
- Hiking and picnic spaces etc.
- Unthreading Nelson Mandela Exhibition
- The famous sliding stone
- Nelson Mandela Statue in traditional attire

This document also serves to inform the public that the Museum would open the doors to its restaurant that will sell mostly African cuisine at Qunu.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact the Nelson Mandela Museum Security, Facilities and Logistics Manager Mr. Lihle Nongcaula @ 047 501 9517/072 134 3043 or email: lihle@nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za

For more information on booking of tours, do not hesitate to contact the Nelson Mandela Museum Tours Co-ordinator Ms. Thembakazi Mvitshane @ 047 501 9515/083 523 4749 or email: thembakazi@nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za



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PUBLICATION OF THE IDP/PMS AND BUDGET PROCESS PLAN FOR 2024- 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 28(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act No. 32 of 2000 read together with section 21(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act No.56 of 2003, that on 30 August 2023 Nyandeni Municipal Council adopted IDP/PMS and Budget Process Plan Together with schedule of key deadlines for development of 2024 -2025 IDP and MTREF Budget.


Copies of the process plan can be obtained from the Office of the Municipal Manager or visit the municipal website; www.nyandenilm.gov.za

For further inquiries, contact the Office of the Senior Manager Operations at 047- 5555000

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ADOPTION OF THE 2023/2024 1st ADJUSTMENT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 26 (1) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations Gazette No. 32141. The 2023/2024 1st Adjustment budget was adopted in a Council meeting held on the 30th August 2023. The document is now available for public inspection in the following offices:

- Office No. 12 and 20, Municipal Offices situated at Corner King and Mthatha Street - Butterworth
- Centane Satellite Office
- Nqamakwe Satellite Office
- Mnquma Local Municipality's website (www.mnquma.gov.za)

2023/2024 1st ADJUSTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

| OPERATING BUDGET | EXPENDITURE | | REVENUE | |
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| Mnquma Executive Office | 35 819 850 | | | |
| Office of the Municipal Manager | 17 264 872 | | | |
| Local Economic Development Directorate | 22 528 968 | | 2 534 697 | |
| Strategic Management Directorate | 26 536 870 | | | |
| Corporate Services Directorate | 62 496 179 | | 1 062 354 | |
| Budget and Treasury Office | 240 280 273 | | 438 129 222 | |
| Community Services Directorate | 84 504 181 | | 20 788 663 | |
| Infrastructural Planning & Development Directorate | 49 662 450 | | 127 745 681 | |
| | | 539 093 643 | | 590 260 617 |
| CAPITAL BUDGET | | 261 416 687 | | |
| TOTAL CAPEX & OPEX | | 800 510 330 | | |

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