President Cyril Ramaphosa's announced on Saturday 15 August 2020 that the country will ease to level 2 lockdown restraints from Monday 17 August 2020 at midnight. This is good news for the tourism industry and will allow for more tourism businesses to open and operate. The following changes were made:

- Interprovincial Travel is now permitted, which means you can travel between provinces for any purpose including leisure such as taking a holiday.
- Accommodation establishments may now welcome guests from other provinces. However, the number of guests at any time remain limited.
- The ban on alcohol has been lifted.
 - Liquor outlets will be allowed to sell alcohol for off-site consumption from Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm,
 - Licensed establishments (including restaurants) may serve alcohol for on-site consumption until 10pm.
- Nature Reserves, Parks and Beaches are open for outdoor activity.
- All gatherings remain limited to a maximum of 50 people.
- Restrictions on all social gatherings are limited to 10 people. However, small social gatherings such as visiting family will be allowed.
- The number of people allowed in a cinema is limited to 50 people.
- Restaurants may still operate, but will need to adhere to the curfew and safety protocols.

International Travel remains prohibited.

The following safety precautions remain in place:

- wearing a mask
- social distancing
- washing/sanitising your hands
- limiting your contact with others
- curfew between 10pm and 4am.

Please click <u>here</u> to read the President's full address.