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SOUTH AFRICA IS TRAVEL READY

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3 Reasons to Visit South Africa

01

A dream destination

South Africa consistently ranks as a favourite destination for travellers seeking a soul-stirring escape featuring wide-open spaces, fair weather year-round, life-changing outdoors experiences and value for money.

02

Look at the science

In addition to the robust health and hygiene protocols that South Africa has in place, we have world-class healthcare facilities, widely available PCR testing and our vaccine programme is being rolled out with commitment.

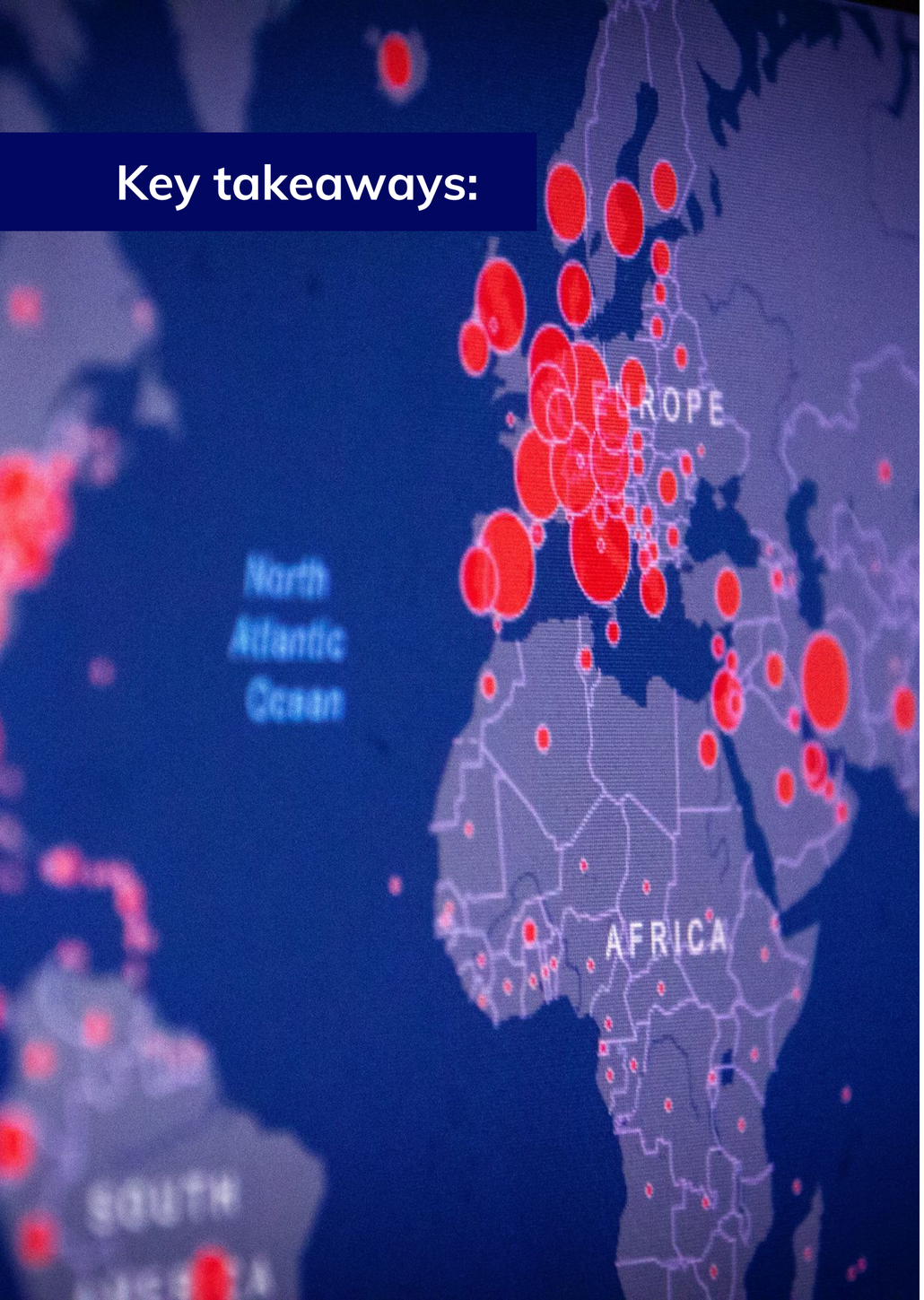
03

Your visit supports livelihoods

Through Tourism, South Africa supports one in 10 jobs and an exponential number of livelihoods that are linked to that one job.

Our communities and conservation depend on inbound international tourism for their very survival and are grateful to you for your support.

By visiting South Africa, you are directly contributing to the preservation of our rich nature, wildlife, heritage and culture.

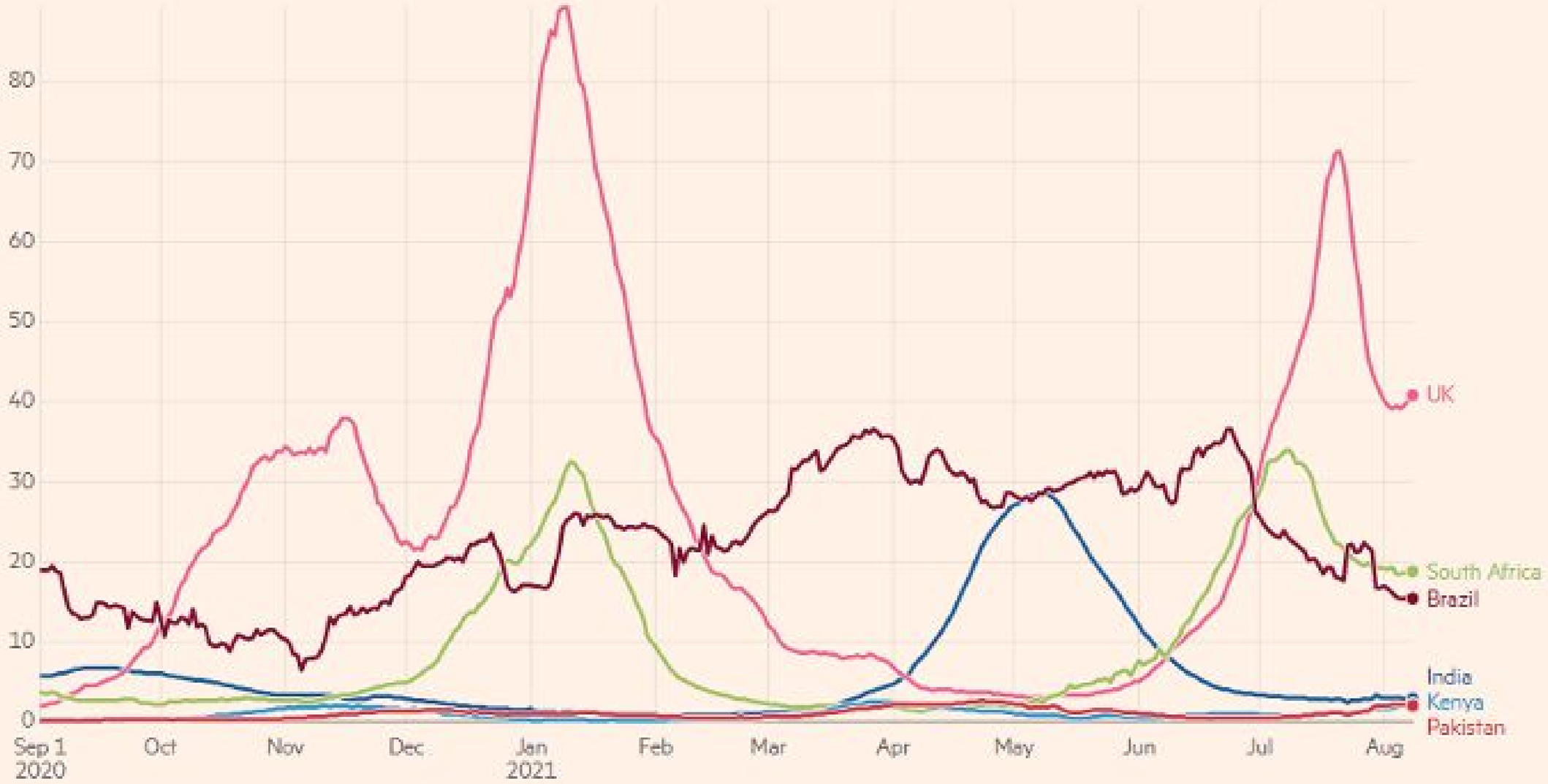


Pandemic Profile

- South Africa experienced a relatively smaller 2nd, and now 3rd, wave compared to many countries
- South Africa's third wave has peaked
- South Africa ± 90% Delta variant since mid-June
- Delta is close to dominating everywhere
- Vaccine efficacy against the Delta Variant is excellent
- South Africa has lower average new cases than the UK, the USA and France
- South Africa also has lower pandemic levels than Spain, Portugal, Turkey and Greece currently
- In Germany, South Africa is no longer classified as a Virus Variant Area, so downgraded to high risk
- For many other countries - double vaccinated South Africans can travel

New confirmed cases of Covid-19 in India, UK, South Africa, Kenya, Brazil and Pakistan

Seven-day rolling average of new cases (per 100k)



Source: Financial Times analysis of data from Johns Hopkins CSSE, World Health Organization, UK Government coronavirus dashboard, Government of Peru, Public Health France and the Swedish Public Health Agency.
Data updated August 9 2021 3.52pm BST. Interactive version: ft.com/covid19

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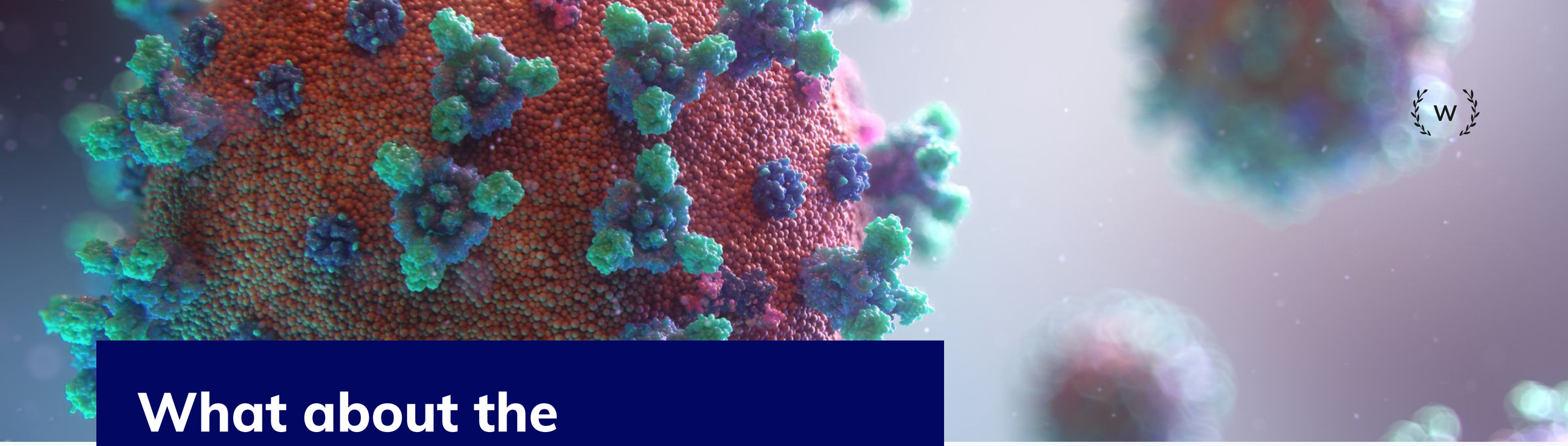
South Africa's Vaccine Roll Out

- Sufficient J&J and Pfizer vaccines procured by year-end to comfortably vaccinate all 18-year-olds and above
- Very efficient vaccination process across 600 sites countrywide
- For the first 2 months of rollout, SA was 11th fastest in the rate of vaccination worldwide per 100,000 population
- Capacity to ramp up vaccinations, especially over weekend
- From September, vaccination open for above 18-year-olds



What about the 'South African' variant?

- The Beta variant was first discovered in South Africa in October
- Real-world data from Canada has shown 82% and 87% effectiveness after one dose of AstraZeneca against hospitalisation or death caused by Beta variant
- Novovax, J&J and Pfizer all have proven efficacy against Beta
- 90% of genomes sequenced from 28 June to 24 July (4 weeks – 743 total sequences) in South Africa were Delta

Frequently Asked Questions

- ## Is there a travel ban to South Africa?

South Africa's international air borders are open with the only requirement being a negative PCR test (72hr validity), visa (if required) and arrival form

- ## How easy is it to get a PCR test in SA?

PCR testing is widely available in SA through private laboratories, airports, and private providers. Cost is around R850 and takes 24-36hrs for results.

- ## What are the health facilities in SA like?

Private healthcare in South Africa is world-class. Private healthcare facilities such as Mediclinic, Life Healthcare and Netcare have high doctor to patient ratios.

- ## What COVID protocols exist in South Africa?

Regulations require the wearing of masks in public, temperature checks, hand sanitising and contact registration at certain establishment, as well as curfews.

- ## What happens if I get COVID while I'm in SA?

You will be required to isolate at your own expense for a period of 10 days. Please check that your accommodation establishment will allow you to quarantine there.

- ## What are the travel restrictions in SA?

There are no travel restrictions within South Africa, other than adherence to non-pharmaceutical protocols, including limited-sized gatherings and curfew.

What is life in SA like right now?

Day-to-day life in South Africa has adjusted to a new normal, where protocols are strictly adhered to, whether you're visiting the grocery store or having a meal at a restaurant. South Africa has instituted strict health and hygiene protocols for hospitality establishments, which include social distancing, limited gathering size, curfew hand sanitising, obligatory mask wearing, recording of patrons for track and tracing purposes, including temperature checks and contact detail recording. Residents and visitors may frequent conferences, go out for a meal with friends and family, travel across the country with ease to the extent where it feels very safe and normal for us to travel.

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