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INTERESTING FACTS FOR A REMARKABLE NATION

Economy

- The rand was the best performing currency against the US Dollar between 2002 and 2005 South Africa accounts for almost
- 25% of the GDP of the entire African continent, with an economy more than twice the size of the second biggest - Algeria.
- Gauteng is South Africa's smallest province but produces 34% of South Africa's Gross Domestic Product (Stats SA)
- More than 12,000 'Black Diamond' families (South Africa's new black middle class) - or 50,000 people - are moving from the townships into the suburbs of South Africa's metro areas every month (UCT Unilever Institute)

Infrastructure

- South Africa generates two-thirds of Africa's electricity (Eskom)
- Chris Hani-Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto is the biggest hospital in the world
- There are 39 million cell phone users in South Africa (International Telecommunication Union)

Tourism

- The number of tourists visiting South Africa has grown by 200% since 1994, from 3 million to over 9 million in 2007
- South Africa hosts the largest timed cycle race in the world (the Cape Argus Cycle Tour), the world's oldest and largest ultra-marathon (the Comrades Marathon) and the world's largest open water swimming event (the Midmar Mile).
- South Africa will become the first country to host the Cricket, Rugby and Soccer World Cups.
- Since the 1940s, South African golfers have won more golf majors than any other nation, apart from the United States.
- SA Teaching the World
- South Africa houses one of the three largest telescopes in the world at Sutherland in the Karoo
- South Africa is the first, and to date the only, country to build nuclear weapons and the voluntarily dismantle its entire nuclear weapons programme

Education

- The University of South Africa UNISA is a pioneer of tertiary distance education and is the largest correspondence university in the world with 250,000 students.
- The first MBA programme outside of the United States was started by the University of Pretoria in 1949.
- Social
- Since 1994, 500 houses have been built each day for the poor and 1,000 houses per day have received electricity

Environmental

- South Africa is the only country to house an entire floral kingdom (fynbos), one of only 6 on the planet
- In 1991, South Africa became the first country in the world to protect the Great White shark.
- South Africa has the oldest meteor scar in the world, at the Vredefort Dome near Parys. The scar is 2 billion years old.

General

- Afrikaans is the youngest official language in the world
- The only street in the world to house two Nobel Peace Prize winners is in Soweto. Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu both have houses in Vilakazi Street, Orlando West.
- South Africa has the world's second oldest air force, established 1920.
- South African Breweries (SABMiller) ranks as the second largest brewing company in the world. It supplies up to 50% of China's beer.

Oh by the way ... should you know of someone, family or friends who might be thinking of selling or buying a property, please be so kind and give me a call. I'd be happy and would love to tend to their Property needs.

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