

WORTHWHILE GUIDE

ALTHOUGH describing this pocket-sized volume as one more attempt to cash in on the World Cup would not be completely unfair, characterising it as a poorly produced, hastily flung together product certainly would be. And like many of the spin-offs from the football, *Hello South Africa* will have positive effects long after the tourists have gone. Each of SA's 11 official languages are introduced, along with descriptions of the cultural characteristics of the people that speak them and other interesting information. Colour co-ordinated pages mean that accessing the portion you need is easy, and each section starts with a pronunciation guide, before running through phrases grouped under practical headings like "Hello And Goodbye", and "Emergency". It's easy to use, and comprehensive enough to make it worthwhile – even suggested – reading for South Africans who expect everyone else learn *their* language.

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