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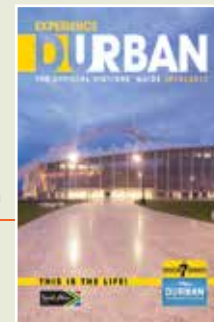
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# Durban

I love my city!



**Sawubona (hello), I'm Busi.** I am a local tour guide who knows the ins and outs of Durban like no other. My hometown is known by many names: Durbs, eThekweni, Port Natal, Durban. This shows just how diverse and rich in culture it really is. Durban is a large, modern African beach city blessed with abundant sunshine and a friendly vibe that welcomes visitors from around the world.

I am proud that Durban was voted a 7 New Wonder City of the World in 2014, was recently awarded the hosting of the 2022 Commonwealth Games, was voted 10th most underrated city to travel to in 2014 by the website [www.themost10.com](http://www.themost10.com), and was featured in the New York Times as seventh out of a list of 52 places to go in 2015! So many accolades can't be wrong!

Let me take you on an unforgettable trip around my wonderful city. I'll help you to see the awesome sights, feel the rhythms, smell the flavours and hear the bustling sounds of this amazing place. This is your free ticket to experience the real Durban. Welcome my friend.

*Siyakwamukela!*

## How to use this Guide

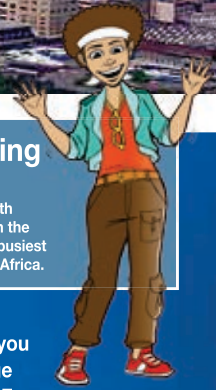
You will see colourful boxes throughout this magazine with top tips detailing what not to miss, what to look out for, fun facts, and what treasures locals try to keep a secret! There are also contact details within the text to help you make that connection.

Make use of the map of Durban and its surrounds on page 4 to help you to get your bearings. Find out what's happening while you're here on page 48 and take advantage of our useful contacts section on the same page. For transport information, turn to page 49 and for useful information that every tourist should know, turn to page 50. For a comprehensive directory of service providers, attractions, shops, and tour guides like me, turn to page 51.

I hope that you enjoy your visit to my wonderful city and that you come again!

## Fascinating fact

Durban has the 9th largest harbour in the world. It has the busiest container port in Africa.



# DURBAN AND SURROUNDS





# A coastal paradise

A shimmering ribbon of beaches hug the Golden Mile as it winds its way past piers, paddling pools and palm trees. This is Durban's main drawcard – a laid-back mecca for sun-worshippers, surfers, beachgoers and warm water seekers.

Beginning in the south, **uShaka Marine World** (031 328 8000) draws crowds to a wealth of entertainment, marine education and hours of family fun at their water theme park and aquarium. From here, a wide, well-paved promenade stretches all the way to the fishermen-laden Blue Lagoon in the north on the banks of the Umgeni River. The wide, sandy beaches are safeguarded by shark nets and lifeguards all year round, and you can snorkel or dive at Vetch's pier and limestone reef next to the harbour mouth, kayak or jetski off Addington beach next to **Moyo's** (031 332 0606) iconic pub on the pier, surf with the locals at Wedge, Dairy or North beach, paddleski behind the backline, or catch a tan at Bay of Plenty.

## Wilson's Wharf

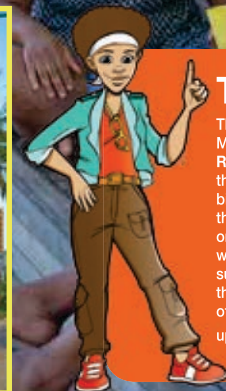
Slow down, sip a sundowner or eat a sumptuous meal on a wooden deck at **Wilson's Wharf** (031 907 8792) while watching ships and tugs bustle past in Durban's busy harbour, or take in a show at the small but sophisticated Catalina Theatre. This waterfront development also boasts an indoor craft market and boat launch for fishing and leisure charters. Eateries range from a trendy oyster bar and sushi spot to seafood, Thai, a family franchise, various pubs and a coffee shop. Grab a fast food bite late at night or enjoy the sultry strains of a live local band at Zack's.



Stroll along the angler-packed piers, take a spin on a BMX or skateboard at the skate park, or grab a bite at one of the many food establishments. If you're feeling lucky, then **Suncoast Casino & Entertainment World** (031 328 3000) is well worth a visit. It boasts 1 600 slots machines and 64 gaming tables on the casino floor, as well as a variety of eateries, a movie theatre complex and access to a private beach.

## Further afield

The beaches at the Bluff are less busy, with numerous rock pools for children to explore and the famed Cave Rock for surfers to attempt. Umhlanga's beachfront is hugely popular with its long stretches of sand, famous whalebone pier, restaurants overlooking the water, and dolphin and whale watching operators that launch from Granny's Pool. The large, protected tidal rock pool further north at Umdloti is great for children and popular with snorkellers.



## TOURIST TIP

The best ways to explore the Golden Mile include enjoying a traditional Zulu Riksha ride, taking a segway tour from the Moses Mabhida Stadium, hiring a bike from Bike & Bean (082 773 6870) in the north, rollerblading/skateboarding, or setting out on foot (running or walking). Popular times are sunrise and sunset, and of course weekends, when the locals come to walk away the stress of the week, chill on a board, or catch up at a pub.

## uShaka Marine World

uShaka Marine World combines education, retail therapy and unbridled fun: a world-class aquarium, 11 250m<sup>2</sup> of shopping pleasure at uShaka Village Walk, and the Wet 'n Wild water park that lives up to its name. The salt water aquarium is located in the hold of a recreated 1940's cargo ship wreck where visitors enter five different realistic wrecks, from an early 20th century passenger cruiser to a steamship. Huge tanks house more than 350 species of fish and other sea life, and the largest variety of sharks in the world. Not to be missed are the two hugely popular daily dolphin shows in the 1 200-seater dolphin stadium, as well as daily seal shows and penguin presentations. Walk along the bottom of a tank surrounded by large fish in the Ocean Walker Experience, or even come face-to-face with a shark during the Shark Cage Experience.

Check out Dangerous Creatures and get up close and personal with some of the world's most dangerous and creepy frogs, snakes, spiders and more. Kid's World will keep the little ones active for hours with its jungle gym, sand pit, cave, water cannons and daily shows, as well as the new Chimp & Zee Rope Adventure Park, while the grown-ups can enjoy shopping and dining at the Village Walk. Wet 'n Wild comprises slides, pools, relaxing tube rides on a 'river', high speed chutes, and about 10 different water rides. The intensity ranges from toddler-friendly to adrenaline junkie.



### Fascinating fact

Ushaka Marine World is the fifth largest aquarium in the world, the biggest aquarium in the southern hemisphere, and the biggest in Africa.



# A cultural and historic melting pot

**D**urban's population comprises people from all corners of the globe, and this can be seen in the art and architecture, fashion, cuisine and language. The Zulu nation was forged during King Shaka's reign from 1816 – 1828, Europeans migrated from the Cape in the early 1800s, and a large, diverse Indian population arrived as indentured sugar plantation labourers from 1860.

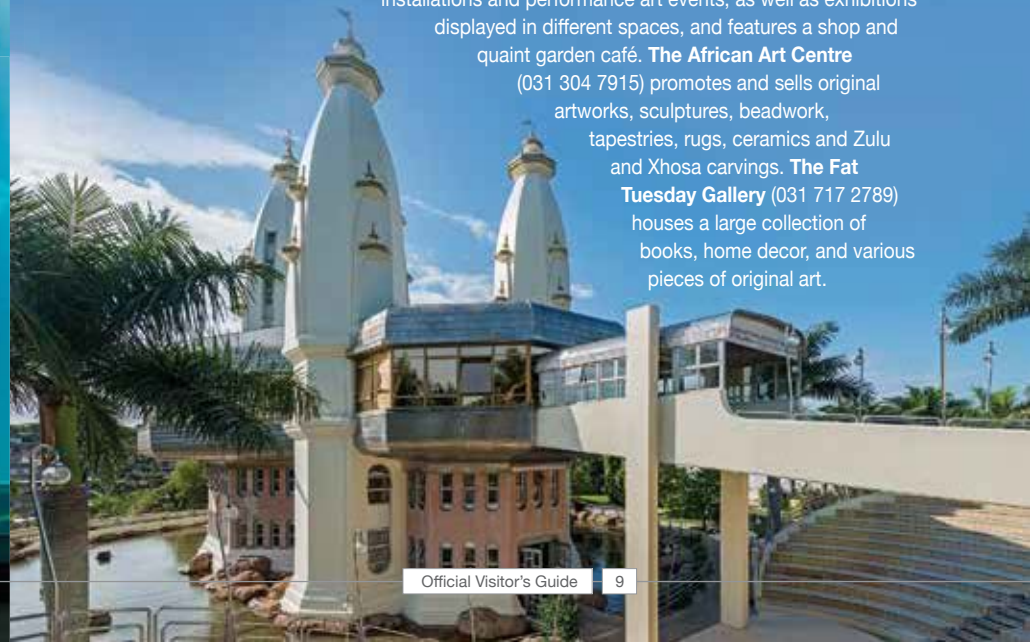
Durban was discovered on Christmas Day in 1497 by Vasco da Gama, which he called Port Natal ('Christmas' in Portuguese), but a smattering of British traders only established the first settlement in 1823. Although it fell within Zulu tribal lands, the Zulus allowed the settlement to be developed as a place for trade, mainly in ivory. The town was officially founded in 1835 and named after the then Governor of the Cape, Sir Benjamin D'Urban.

## Art and architecture

Durban's architecture is a feast for the eyes as it is made up of a diverse mix of Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco, traditional Indian, African and modern styles. It is also a city rich in art, which can be seen in its murals, graffiti, and art galleries. **The Durban Art Gallery's** (031 311 2264/9) collections are impressive and diverse, and include everything from modern and historical art and artefacts of KwaZulu-Natal, to English masterpieces, and from anonymous carvings, clay pots, and beadwork to the works of celebrated modern

South African artists. **KZNSA Gallery** (031 277 1705) regularly has installations and performance art events, as well as exhibitions displayed in different spaces, and features a shop and quaint garden café. **The African Art Centre**

(031 304 7915) promotes and sells original artworks, sculptures, beadwork, tapestries, rugs, ceramics and Zulu and Xhosa carvings. **The Fat Tuesday Gallery** (031 717 2789) houses a large collection of books, home decor, and various pieces of original art.



## Culture and history

The **Woza eNanda Heritage Route** (031 519 2555) showcases some of Durban's best historical sites, including the Phoenix Settlement, where Mahatma Gandhi developed his passive resistance philosophy, and the Ohlange Institute at Inanda Township, founded by the first president of the ANC, Rev. John Dube, and where Nelson Mandela cast his historic vote in South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994. Arrange a visit through specialist tour operators.

## Mosques, temples and churches

Durban's myriad cultures and religions make for some memorable places of worship. The **Juma Masjid** (031 304 1518) on Grey Street was the very first mosque built in KwaZulu-Natal and attracts visits from all over the globe; **Chatsworth's Temple of Understanding** (031 403 3328), a beautiful Hare Krishna Temple, boasts stunning marble, pillars, paintings, murals and mirrors; the exquisite **Emmanuel Cathedral** (031 306 3596) displays a cross carved out of Carrara marble, a gift from the Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III of France; and the **Mariannhill Monastery** (031 700 4288), built by Trappist monks, includes a large convent, no fewer than 12 chapels, and a recently revamped tea garden.

## Fascinating facts

- The magnificent Juma Masjid Mosque is the largest mosque in the southern hemisphere.
- The Emmanuel Cathedral and Mariannhill Monastery were built over 100 years ago.
- The Durban Natural Science Museum is the most visited natural science museum in the country and boasts the third largest collection of birds in Africa.
- Mahatma Gandhi arrived in Durban as a young lawyer in 1893 and for 21 years fought for the rights of the Indian minority in South Africa.



## Walking and township tours

The **Historical Walk-About Tour** (031 322 4173) looks at historical buildings and inside the City Hall, Old Court, Local History Museum, Natural History Museum, and other historical sites and religious centres. On the **Oriental Walk-About Tour** (031 322 4173) get insight into Durban's Indian and Zulu culture and taste rich cultural food at the Victoria Street Market. Specialist tour operators offer various half-day tours of the City, the townships of KwaMashu, Cato Manor, and Inanda, where you can immerse yourself in local community life, as well as the Gandhi Settlement. **Tour Clermont** (031 711 2326), the only township in Durban where black people were able to buy property and build houses during apartheid, or experience rich Zulu culture and traditions on a tour of the picturesque Valley of 1000 Hills.



## TOURIST TIP

If you don't feel like joining a tour group, why not download several self-guided walking tours included in the iOS app 'City Maps and Walks (470+ Cities)' found on iTunes and the Android app 'Durban Map and Walks' on Google Play? It comes with detailed tour route maps and powerful navigation features to guide you from one sight to the next.

## ART AFRICA\*



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Umhlanga Rocks  
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# Retail and spa therapy

**W**hether you're a shopaholic needing to scratch that retail itch or simply want to enjoy a little pampering, Durban will both excite and relax you with its choices of both therapies.

## Shopping malls

**Gateway Theatre of Shopping** (031 514 0500) was voted best shopping centre in the *Daily News* Your Choice Awards in 2014 and 2015, and boasts 400 stores and 70 eateries. Both local and international brand outlets are found here and an 18-cinema Ster Kinekor complex, IMAX Theatre, Funtubbles Funfair, Wavehouse and 4 000m<sup>2</sup> skate park, Electric Avenue bowling and Action Karting will keep the whole family entertained.

**The Pavilion Shopping Centre** (031 265 0558), or 'Pav' as the locals fondly call it, is a Victorian-style beacon in Westville next to the N3 highway, just five minutes from the city centre. Trendy teenagers, fashionistas and families favour it for its eclectic boutiques and international brand stores, 12 cinemas, 10-pin bowling, entertainment centre and recently expanded food court.

**La Lucia Mall** (031 562 8420) is an exclusive shopping destination offering a wide range of over 130 international, national and local retail, restaurants and service related businesses under one roof in La Lucia. The mall boasts over 130 retailers and some international brands. Anchor tenants include Pick 'n Pay, Woolworths, Edgars, Dischem and Foodlovers Market.

**Musgrave Centre** (031 277 8420) is one of the closest malls to the city centre. Having recently undergone extensive renovations, this stylish shopping centre targets those who wish to find both quaint treasures and big brands. A cinema complex and numerous varied eateries are two other big drawcards.



## Museums

### The Durban Natural Science Museum

(031 311 2256/42) boasts plasma screens showing natural history scenery throughout the galleries, a life-size reconstruction of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, and realistic diorama exhibitions. Explore nautical history and clamber upon a decommissioned war ship and tug boat at the **Natal Maritime Museum** (031 311 2230), regional culture and history at the expansive **Campbell Collections** (031 207 3432), and southern African artefacts at **Phansi Museum** (031 206 2889).

There's fascinating apartheid history at **Kwa Muhle Museum** (031 311 2213) and **Cato Manor Heritage Centre** (031 261 3216); rich Indian culture at **Durban Cultural & Documentation Centre** (031 309 7559); engaging colonial and pre-colonial history at the **Old House Museum** (031 311 2261) and **Old Court House Museum** (031 311 2225); and absorbing information on the 1848 German settlers at **Bergtheil Local History Museum** (031 203 7107). Or visit the **Holocaust Centre** (031 368 6833) to see sobering displays of the holocaust and other human rights violations.





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Conveniently situated alongside the N2 overlooking the Amanzimtoti coastline, the **Galleria Shopping Centre** (031 904 2233) is a regional shopping marvel. It offers 87 000m<sup>2</sup> of retail space made up of major retail outlets, boutiques, multiple dining options, and an indoor ice rink, cinema and mini-golf course in its entertainment arsenal. **Arbour Crossing** (right next door to Galleria) boasts a 12 500m<sup>2</sup> Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket (the first on the South Coast of KZN), together with over 50 other stores comprising food, furnishings, clothing, electronics and sport.

When you visit any one of the three **China Malls** ([www.chinamall.co.za](http://www.chinamall.co.za)) (South Africa's largest group of Chinese malls) you will be overwhelmed at the sheer volume and variety of both Western and Eastern goods on display – anything from commodities to fashion and homeware to electronics and jewellery.

Many smaller shopping malls and shopping districts are scattered around Durban. These include the **Davenport Centre** in Glenwood, **Windermere Centre** in Morningside, and the **Workshop** in the city centre.

## Day markets

Station Drive Precinct is the latest trendy urban renewal project that is home to the **Morning Trade** ([info@themorningtrade.co.za](mailto:info@themorningtrade.co.za)), formerly situated in the Morrison Street Precinct. Shop for farm fresh ingredients, delectable homemade specialties, flowers, top quality meats and wholesome, locally produced artisanal food, ice cream and confectionery every Sunday morning. Many more shops have now joined the precinct, including a leatherware company, a distillery, gallery and fashion/design stores.

The **Oxford Village** (031 765 2500) in Hillcrest has a tranquil country atmosphere among its magnificent rose gardens and 160 interlinked Victorian-style shops. Products include jewellery, beauty, clothing sporting goods and specialist offerings. Enjoy a relaxed meal outdoors, quench your thirst at a cocktail bar, or enjoy a relaxed cup of coffee.

Held every early Saturday morning near Hillcrest, the **Shongweni Farmer's Market** (031 777 4686) is one of the most popular markets in the greater Durban area due to its legendary organic produce, fresh flowers, delicious breakfasts, and fresh country atmosphere.

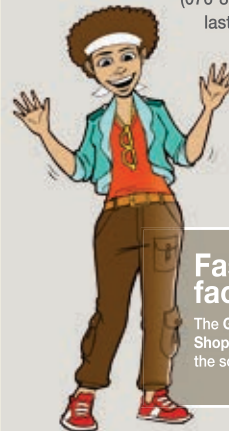
The **Essenwood Market** (031 208 1264/082 460 0625) is a laidback Saturday morning market with live music and a large children's park. Homemade traditional food, handmade clothes and crafts, beauty products, jewellery, and soft furnishings are some of the treasures to be found here.

Held on Wednesdays and Friday nights, and on Sundays, the **Stables Lifestyle Market** (031 312 3058) is set in rustic stables built over 100 years ago. Arts and crafts, antiques, books, décor, toys, and a large selection of food outlets can be found here.



## Night markets

**Market at the Square** (079 892 9213) is held at the open-air Grenada Square in Umhlanga on the last Friday of every month. Meander through the slow food, craft beer and artisan craft stalls while listening to live local music. **The Bellevue Market** (083 703 9767) in Kloof is an ambient artisan outdoor market focusing on local talent on the last Friday night of every month and offers food, wine, craft beer, fashion and decor. **The Musgrave Centre Rooftop Night Market** (076 862 1547) is also held on the last Friday of every month in the Level 5 parking lot on top of Musgrave Centre. Browse through locally produced handmade crafts, enjoy live music, and sample 'slow food'.



### Fascinating fact

The Gateway Theatre of Shopping is the largest mall in the southern hemisphere.

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The **Victoria Street Market** (031 306 4021) in the middle of town oozes Eastern culture and cuisine. Traditionally-clad vendors sell everything from curry powder to saris, seafood to souvenirs to both locals and foreigners in a bazaar-like atmosphere that is a feast for the senses.

The **Golden Hours Fleamarket** (083 262 3693/083 262 3693) offers home produce, fresh food, vegetables and fruit, crafts, pottery and clothing, while food huts keep rumbling tummies at bay. Live music and a big children's playground are notable drawcards.

The **Wonder Market** (079 747 7661) is held on the last Sunday of every month at the Chris Saunders Park in Umhlanga. Live entertainment can be enjoyed while sauntering through vendors selling homemade goods, crafts and an assortment of food.

The **I Heart Market** (info@iheartmkt.com) is held next to Moses Mabhida Stadium on the first Saturday of the month. Sample sumptuous street food as you browse through new, handmade items, local arts and crafts, jewellery, children's products, homeware and many second-hand treasures.



Nestled in the heart of the Bluff, South of Durban, is **Bluff Towers** – a little piece of shopping paradise that offers the community a convenient retail getaway. Shoppers can expect more than 70 stores to choose from including some of South Africa's favourite retail fashion stores, restaurants and supermarkets.

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## Spas

**Mangwanani Sibaya Africa Day Spa** (0860 55 00 55) combines African culture and architecture with stunning sea views in a luxurious setting. Found within the majestic Sibaya Casino and Entertainment World, Mangwanani Sibaya is perfect for someone who wants a uniquely African spa experience.

The sea views from the entire ninth floor of the Suncoast Hotel and Towers forms the breathtaking backdrop for the **Suncoast Spa** (031 314 7900), an elegant, spacious and contemporary oasis that offers seven treatment rooms including two dual rooms with en-suite facilities for couples.

Set in the picturesque African Pride Hotel Makaranga in Kloof, the **Makaranga Health and Beauty Spa** (031 764 9434) overlooks tranquil, landscaped indigenous gardens featuring dozens of unique stone sculptures. The spa prides itself on perfecting the little things, like underfloor heating and oversized massage beds to make your high quality pampering session memorable.

**Camp Orchards Spa** (031 765 5576) on the outskirts of Hillcrest offers a range of treatments designed to make you glow with health and vitality. It is also the home of Skin Renewal, a centre specialising in a full range of medical anti-ageing treatments including injectables, dermal fillers, laser hair removal, facial rejuvenation and skin resurfacing.

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# Check out Durban's nine awesome areas!

There's so much to do in Durban, and the city is home to nine action-packed areas, each with something a little different to offer.



North of the city, Umhlanga offers beautiful beaches, shopping malls, fine dining and fantastic resort town experience including hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs and self-catering apartments.



We've got it! There is no better way to experience 1000 Hills, this expanse of rolling hills and vistas has a country feel. Offering a variety of adventure activities ranging from horse riding, game drives, walking trails cultural villages, arts & craft. Upmarket accommodation facilities and friendly Hospitality.



Echoes of Durban's turbulent past ring through eNanda, and you can visit many important struggle and liberation sites, including the place where Nelson Mandela cast his vote in South Africa's first democratic elections.



Bronze beaches, world-class diving and a great family holiday destination, Amanzimtoti and surrounds are a short drive south of the city.



The colourful South Durban Basin (Sodurba) covers the stretch of coastline from the Harbour in the north to just short of Amanzimtoti in the south. Home to beaches with great surfing waves, a multi-cultural people, industry and nature reserves, it's a dynamic place.



Umlazi, the third largest township in South Africa. This is the only township with its own car registration plate (number plate) – NUZ. It is where an African urban culture is developing. Experience a vibrant township with its friendly people.



Encompassing the CBD, beachfront and surrounding suburbs, there's so much to do! Check out the Golden Mile, explore uShaka Marine World, game at Suncoast Casino, Hotels & Entertainment and check out Moses Mabhida Stadium.



Situated alongside Umngeni river, this is the liveliest township in Durban, boasting diverse cultures, shisanyamas, eateries and pubs. Home to Ladysmith Black Mambazo and other prominent SA icons. Clermont is also famous for having the biggest hostel in the southern hemisphere. This township can be better experienced through its newly developed Umlando Tour.



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# Eating and drinking

From elegant fine dining options through to township 'shisanyama', to the percolating coffee culture and bubbling local distilleries, Durban will surely satisfy your hunger and slake your thirst.

## EAT YOUR HEART OUT

### Beachfront

Nothing beats enjoying a 360° view of the harbour and adjoining skyline while eating mouthwatering dishes. This is what you'll experience at the classic **Roma Revolving Restaurant** (031 368 2275) on the Esplanade – a Durban institution. Also on the Esplanade is the iconic **Wilson's Wharf** (031 907 8792), boasting buzzing pubs, franchises and unbeatable harbour views. **Moyo** (031 332 0606) on uShaka Beach is renowned for its Afro-fusion dishes and contemporary African décor, as well as its cool bar on the end of a pier. **California Dreaming** (031 332 0037) near North Beach is famous for its chilled bar and relaxed atmosphere, and the major hotels along the beachfront all offer fine dining experiences, such as the **Protea Edward Hotel** (031 337 3681) and **Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani** (031 362 1300). The **Circus Circus Beach Café** (031 337 7700) is great for a laidback buffet breakfast while watching the waves and **Suncoast Casino & Entertainment World** (031 328 3000) offers a choice of franchises under one roof and **Jeera** (031 314 7878) at Suncoast Towers Hotel, which reflects Durban's Indian heritage and cuisine.

### Morningside

**Freedom Café** (031 309 4453) in Greyville is a hip and happening red shipping container offering lunchtime classics with a twist in a very creative space. Florida Road is the 'it'

place to meet and eat in Morningside: sophisticated diners enjoy delicacies at the Edwardian-style **Quarters Hotel Brasserie** (031 303 5246), **Spiga d'Oro** (031 303 9511) is legendary with the locals for its great authentic Italian food, busy vibe and historic setting, and **House of Curries** (031 303 6076)

is a must-visit for those who cannot leave without eating a proper Durban curry. **Blue Zoo Restaurant & Tea Garden** (031 303 3568) is Durban's oldest restaurant, set in peaceful Mitchell Park, and features a children's play area and scrumptious fare. Nearby, **Market** (031 309 8581) offers a beautiful courtyard in which to enjoy unusual yet healthy cuisine.

### Glenwood

**Glenwood Bakery** (031 205 0217) is an open-plan artisanal bakery that is renowned for its laidback alfresco vibe, hand-formed, organic traditional breads, sandwiches and homemade ice cream. Helen Joseph Road is bursting at the seams with restaurants: **Pizzetta** (031 201 1019) offers renowned signature pizzas and pastas, **Olive & Oil** (031 201 6146) boasts myriad sophisticated Mediterranean dishes, **Yossi's** (031 201 0090) serves up spicy Moroccan magic to those on the look out for the exotic and unique, and **Julio's Continental Restaurant** (031 201 3133) has gained a solid reputation for its continental fare with a Portuguese influence.

## TOURIST TIP

Try a dish that is unique to Durban – the bunny chow. It is a half or quarter loaf of fresh white bread hollowed out and filled with spicy Durban curry with the soft inner bread placed on top for you to dip into the gravy with your hands.



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## TOURIST TIP

**Shisanyama** or 'burn the meat' in Zulu, is a must for any visitor who loves a barbecue or 'braai'. Choose your own meat from the local butchery in a township and watch as it transforms into a hot and flavourful dish cooked outside on an open fire. Share a beer with friends or enjoy a party or carwash while you wait. Anything goes here!

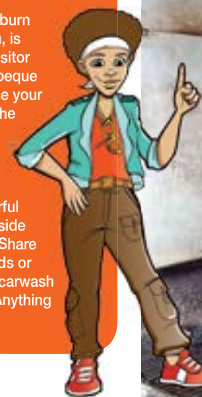




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## Umhlanga

Umhlanga truly leaves diners spoilt for choice. The Beverly Hills Hotel is home to **The Sugar Club** (031 561 2211), a study in understated chic, culinary excellence and decadent desserts. The revamped **Oyster Box Hotel** (031 514 5000) drips with olde worlde elegance and offers diners dancing, live music and an incredible fine dining experience. **Ile Maurice** (031 561 7606) has built up a reputation for its fine Mauritian cuisine and a wooden deck from which to enjoy stunning sea views. **Harveys** (031 561 4977) is an award-winning, world-class establishment with an innovative and constantly changing menu, and the newly opened **Fourteen on Chartwell** (031 561 1017) is a modern gastropub with a fantastic ambience.

## COFFEE CULTURE

Coffee culture is on the rise in Durban and many establishments have sprung up as a result of this burgeoning trend. **The Bean Green Coffee Roastery** (031 201 8122) in Glenwood serves only Ethiopian beans, and their blends and single origin beans attract coffee lovers from all over the city. **Corner Café** (031 201 0219), a laid-back eco-restaurant, stocks Colombo Coffee and produces a blend of Malawian, Burundian and Ethiopian beans.

Why not hire a bike and enjoy a delicious single origin African coffee and healthy delicious snack or meal afterward at **Bike & Bean** (082 773 6870) right on the beach? **Love Coffee** (031 312 1663) is where locals in Morningside drop by on their way home from a surf or to work. The service is quick and friendly, the coffee fantastic, and their baked goods delicious. **Savior Brand Coffee Co.** (082 447 9690) in the Station precinct is a community-conscious and authentic hipster haven, and stock Long Miles Coffee from Burundi. **Colombo Cafe** (031 205 3283) in Durban North is super popular with the locals; look forward to roasted artisanal coffee, seasonal and local food, as well as something for the sweet tooth. **Iwantmycoffee** (076 366 8390) in Umhlanga boasts coffee made from Bean Green's Bluff Bru selection and a uniquely South African decaf bean called Racemosa. Spot their ingenious mobile iwantmycoffee2go van serving coffee to grateful locals on North Coast beaches. Further inland, take a tour (booking essential) to see how 100% homegrown coffee is grown, roasted, and packaged at **Assagay Coffee** (031 782 1268) at Camperdown in the Valley of 1000 Hills.

## THE PERFECT BREW

Artisanal distilling is fairly new to Durban but a whole host of microbreweries and distilleries have popped up as Durbanites have become serious about their craft beer and spirits. **Distillery 031** (087 232 4453), based at the Foundry in the trendy Station Drive precinct, uses

locally sourced ingredients to produce their spirits in an industrial chic setting. They hold tours and tastings (booking essential), which include a meal and cocktail. **That Brewing Co.** (031 303 2747), also in the Foundry, has its own on-site bar and restaurant, S43. It produces the flagship house beer for the **Unity Bar & Brasserie** (031 201 3470) and its award-winning beers include a light English-style ale, a traditional cloudy wheat beer, an Irish-style red ale, and an American-style pub ale.

In the Valley of 1000 Hills, **Shongweni Brewery** (082 497 6462) has been producing fantastic bottle-conditioned beers since 2006. They've received global recognition and export their beers to the EU. Check out their tours with tastings on Saturdays (booking essential). After launching their range of beers in 2012, the **Standeaven Brewery** (031 777 4685) has many local fans and has won awards. Based on a farm at Alverstone, the brewery beers can be bought at the Shongweni Farmers Market. **Porcupine Quill Brewery** (031 777 1566) produces 11 different beers, and you can enjoy them at the on-site restaurant and deli's scenic veranda.



### Fascinating facts

- Durban is home to one of the world's largest Indian communities outside of the Indian subcontinent. The city is thus famous for its excellent Indian cuisine.
- Monaco's royal couple, Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene, stayed at the Oyster Box Hotel on their honeymoon back in 2011.
- Harvey's was named among the top 10 South African establishments at the American Express Fine Dining Awards for 15 consecutive years.



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### A whole world to explore at uShaka Marine World

At the southern end of Durban's Golden Mile is Africa's largest marine theme park and one of the five largest aquariums in the world. uShaka Marine World incorporates fresh and sea water, lush vegetation, and the recreation of a 1920s cargo shipwreck. Enjoy the heart-stopping rides at Wet 'n Wild, dining and unforgettable shopping experience. After all the action, you can spend a lazy afternoon sunbathing or sipping sundowners at Mojo Café on the uShaka Marine pier.



### Sand, sun and surf at the Golden Mile

A mile of golden beaches on the eastern edge of the city extends from the exciting uShaka Marine World near the harbour entrance all the way to the Suncoast Casino, Hotels & Entertainment World with its restaurants, cinemas and gambling halls. Durban is one of the few cities in the world that offers world-class surfing waves. You can also enjoy swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, snorkelling, diving, canoeing, windsurfing and kite surfing. Durban's mild all-year-round climate and 19°C-24°C water temperature make it a summer AND winter beach holiday destination.



### The iconic Moses Mabhida Stadium

Take a trip on the SkyCar or make the 550-step adventure walk to the top of the arch, 105 metres above the pitch, and enjoy panoramic views of the Indian Ocean and Durban. Adrenaline junkies try the world's only stadium Big Rush Swing and the largest swing of any kind anywhere as confirmed by the Guinness Book of Records. Jump into the void 105 metres above the pitch and swing out in a huge 220-metre arc under the iconic arch. Express and all-access tours of the stadium are offered, and are suitable for wheelchair users, and Segway gliding tours are also available. A number of shops and top eateries can also be found at the stadium, as well as a world-class gym.



### See the city from the Ricksha Bus

Hop aboard the Ricksha Bus for a scenic overview of a range of Durban's major attractions. These double-deckers will take you on a three-hour tour of Durban. Booking and departure from the Ricksha Bus kiosk at the Old Pavilion Site, Bay of Plenty, North Beach.



### Explore Durban's rich heritage on the Woza eNanda Route

The Inanda area is home to some of Durban's most important historical sites. Mahatma Gandhi's home has been turned into a monument. Ohlange Institute, founded by the first president of the African National Congress, Rev. John Dube; this is also the site where Nelson Mandela cast his historic vote in South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994. The Inanda Seminary is one of the oldest and most famous schools for girls in South Africa and has a legacy of producing some of the country's finest black women leaders. Visits to these historic sites can be arranged through specialist tour operators.

### A unique shopping experience at Victoria Street Market

The ornate structure, which resembles something a Maharaj might commission, is a busy and vibrant place in which to buy anything in the way of fresh produce and spices to curios, clothing and trinkets. Visits to these historic sites can be arranged through specialist tour operators.

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# Out on the town

**W**hether you prefer to dance the night away in a club, watch a star-studded show or world-class concert, or enjoy a quiet sundowner in a tasteful bar, Durban will dazzle you with its sparkling night life.

## Nightclubs and bars

**Buds on the Bay** (031 466 6100) wharfside diner is famous for long, lazy lunches, sundown cocktails, parties, live music, and open mic night. Its eclectic menu, unpretentious atmosphere and rustic appearance make it a hit with locals. Tucked away on the Point Waterfront, you'll find **The Chairman** (072 658 0746), a top notch bar and sophisticated jazz club with an eclectic mix of décor and clientele. For the best nightclub in KZN (voted six years in succession), visit the iconic **Cape 2 Cairo** (031 368 3517), which features eight bars, five dance floors and eight resident DJs. Chill out at **Moyo** (031 332 0606) on the pier on uShaka Beach while sipping your drink and watching the beachfront lights sparkle at night. **Gino's Sky Bar** (031 337 6707) on the Esplanade offers spectacular panoramic views of the harbour and city, and is a stylish alfresco setting in which to enjoy cocktails on top of the famous Roma Revolving Restaurant.

**Café Vacca Matta** (031 368 6535), set in the glitzy Suncoast Casino, is a nightclub, VIP lounge and restaurant rolled into one, where celebs and socialites go to party. **Tiger Tiger Durban** (031 303 7864), a local hotspot, boasts seven well equipped bars and an outside viewing deck facing Kings Park Rugby Stadium. Nearby, **Rocca Bar's** (031 663 3523) six bars are split over two levels and patrons either sizzle on the dancefloor or enjoy cocktails in one of the retro lounges.

**Unity Bar and Brasserie** (031 201 3470) in Musgrave is a lively spot that attracts young crowds and offers craft beers and sustainably sourced comfort food.



In Morningside, **Tokio Nightclub** (082 777 5500) boasts six tasteful bars, a Miami-style outside area and three state-of-the-art dance floors. **Cubaña Havana Lounge & Latino Caffe** (031 303 4383) provides the fab and famous with a cocktail bar and cigar lounge and unique, flavoursome cuisine. Further up Florida Road, **Dropkick Murphys** (031 825 1858) overflows at night and on weekends with people enjoying live music and homely Irish pub grub. **Billy the Bum's Food & Cocktail Bar** (031 303 1988) rocks on the weekends and after work, and offers American-inspired dishes, cocktails and sea views at the top of Lilian Ngoyi Road.

Durban's trendiest dance club is undoubtedly **The Origin** (031 201 9959) in Glenwood, with its separate zones playing straight-up dance music, soul and funk, deep house, vocal electro and minimal tech.

Set on the top story of the Oyster Box Hotel, the **Lighthouse Bar** (031 514 5000) is opulent and relaxed, and has an amazing panoramic view of the Umhlanga coastline. Outside of Umhlanga, the impressive **Krakatoa Action Bar** (031 580 5170) at Sibaya Casino & Entertainment Kingdom offers a large dance floor, three storeys of seating and bars, and a stage used for world-class comedy shows, cabarets and live music.

Much further north at Casaurina Beach, **Beach Bums** (032 943 1132) offers live music and DJs on weekends while families relax right on the seashore with their feet in the sand, sipping perfectly mixed cocktails and enjoying light meals.

## Concerts and dancing

**The Durban ICC Arena** (031 360 1000) has hosted myriad international artists – including Enrique Iglesias, James Blunt, Michael Bubl  and Andre Rieu – in a world-class indoor venue that can hold up to 10 000 fans. **The KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra** (031 369 9438) consists of 70 full-time professional musicians who come from more than 20 countries. The orchestra produces three symphony seasons each year and has featured numerous international and local artists over the past 30 years.

**The Durban Botanical Gardens** (031 322 4021) on the Berea hosts open-air concerts once a month on weekends from February right through to December. They cater for all music tastes and camp chairs, blankets and picnics are the order of the day/night. If you are



the dancing type, grab your partner and head out to the **Italian Club** (031 564 2567), which offers a roast dinner and dancing every Friday night. The **Oyster Box Hotel** (031 514 5000), which offers dinner and ballroom dancing to live music every Saturday night, will evoke memories of an era of elegance and chivalry.

## Casinos

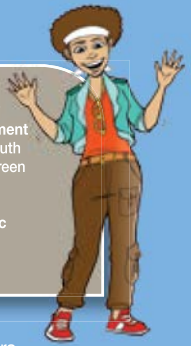
You will find the spectacular Zulu-themed **Sibaya Casino & Entertainment Kingdom** (031 580 5000) nestled in sugarcane fields between Umhlanga and Umdloti. The casino boasts over 1 000 slot machines and 24 touch-screen roulette machines, and poker, blackjack and roulette tables for the more experienced gamer. The choice of eateries is astounding – you'll find anything from a buffet to a steakhouse, fast-food franchises to coffee shops. There are family amusement facilities, a Zulu-themed spa, a children's entertainment centre, and a crèche. Within the complex is the luxurious Royal Sibaya Hotel, which caters exclusively to top-end gamers, and the Sibaya Lodge, a 118-room hotel catering for the leisure and conference market.

At night, **Suncoast Casino & Entertainment World** (031 328 3000) glows in multi-coloured brilliance on the Golden Mile. Its gaming floor of 7 000m<sup>2</sup>, 1 330 slot machines

and 50 gaming tables, as well as the SUNstruck progressive (Durban's only million Rand paying bank of slot machines) attracts an average of 750 000 visitors per month. The entertainment complex offers a wide selection of restaurants, bars, eight cinemas, an amphitheatre to accommodate entertainers and performers, entertainment areas for children, and a beautiful private beach, rated one of the finest in the country. Its sea-facing hotel offers visitors spectacular sea views, superior accommodation and service, a Balinese-style spa, and an Indian-themed restaurant.

## Fascinating facts

- Suncoast Casino and Entertainment World is the biggest casino in South Africa and its 18m Supernova screen is the largest cinema screen in KwaZulu-Natal.
- The KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra is widely regarded as Africa's premier orchestra.



## Theatres

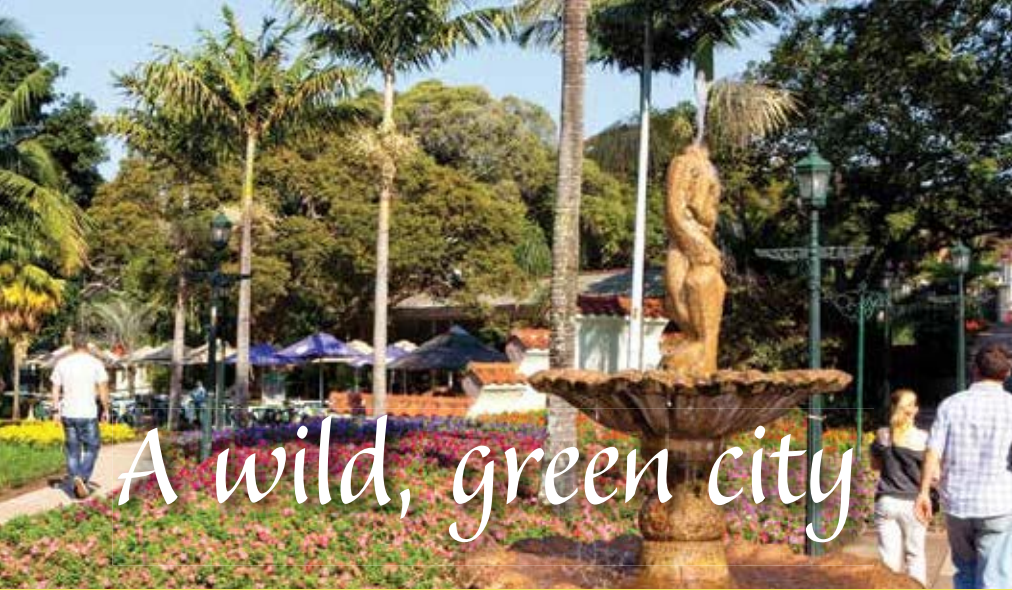
**The Playhouse Company** (031 369 9555), a history-rich live theatre and entertainment complex in Durban's bustling CBD, regularly hosts productions of an international standard. The Company showcases dancing extravaganzas, opera, comedy, musical concerts, and plays. Take a tour (booking essential) to explore this popular Durban landmark.

**The BAT Centre** (031 332 0451) on the Esplanade is a multi-purpose community arts and culture centre that promotes African art, culture and local talent. Regular poetry readings, musical and comedy performances, as well as art exhibitions are showcased here. **Catalina Theatre** (031 837 5999) within the Wilson's Wharf complex overlooking the harbour, hosts a variety of theatre productions every two-to-three weeks ranging from comedy and the classics to drama and rock music.

**The Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre** (031 260 2296) hosts a wide variety of independently produced events in upper Glenwood, ranging from corporate functions and launches to dance programmes, childrens' shows, music reviews, rock concerts, comedy, satire and drama. One of 12 others in the country, the popular **Barnyard Theatre** (031 566 3045) at Gateway is a rustic dinner theatre venue where families sit at wooden picnic tables and enjoy their own or ordered picnic, while enjoying live music shows of the greatest hits of our time by talented artists. The **Izulu Theatre** (031 580 5100) at Sibaya Casino & Entertainment Kingdom is an impressive 592-seater Zulu-themed, thatched theatre that presents international and local touring productions all year round, including live comedy shows, dance and musical performances.







# A wild, green city

**D**urban is clothed in greenery all year round and is surrounded by nature reserves and blessed with sizable parks and gardens within its suburbs. When the city crowds in a little too close, escape to Durban's wild side!

## Parks and gardens

**The Durban Botanic Gardens** (031 322 4021) boast the world's rarest cycad – known as Wood's Cycad – and has displayed a fine mixed collection of African, Asian and American trees, more than 80 magnificent heritage trees, and exotic plants for over 150 years. The impressive 15ha gardens host approximately 500 000 visitors per year, many of whom are foreign tourists, who can enjoy a guided tour on a golf cart. A wide variety of birds, ducks and turtles grace the garden's small lake, and the tropical Orchid House, herbarium and innovative Sensory Garden are not to be missed. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea at the charity-run tea garden or bring a picnic to one of the regular laid back concerts by the lake.

**Mitchell Park** (031 303 2275) is a haven for city dwellers who flock to enjoy the tranquility of glorious flower beds, large leafy trees and undulating green lawns. It is the most frequented park for birthday parties and a well-equipped, sand-filled playground allows parents to enjoy tea or a sumptuous meal at its famous tea garden.



**Jameson Park** (031 303 2275), adjacent to Mitchell Park, is famous for its magnificent rose gardens, boasting some 600 rose bushes of around 200 species that flourish in spring at the base of a massive terraced hill. The park is perfect for picnics, dog walking and photography.

The **Japanese Gardens** (031 311 6976) in Durban North are a popular family picnic venue and feature water gardens with Japanese structures, which attract a variety of water birds. The **Amazimtoti Gardens** (031 903 7498) feature oriental gardens with flower displays and ponds, which especially appeal to the early morning or evening stroller.

## Nature reserves

**Krantzkloof Nature Reserve** (031 764 3515) in Kloof is where two river gorges, the Molweni and Nqutu, meet in spectacular fashion. Zebra, buck, monkeys and over 200 species of birdlife can be enjoyed here on 20km of nature trails. The Kloof Falls is a perfect place to picnic and swim in the rock pools.

**Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve** (031 469 2807) is situated in Yellowwood Park. Zebras, monkeys, buck, bushbabies and birdlife are abundant. Choose from short 20-minute walks to long three-hour trails, or visit the Coedmore Castle, a gracious old stone homestead built in 1885. The reserve also has mountainbiking trails and a 500m trail for the physically disabled and sight-impaired.

**Beachwood Mangroves Nature Reserve** (082 559 2839) is home to Durban's unique mangrove ecosystem, which features many rare bird species and fiddler crabs. Guided and self-guided walks are offered on raised boardwalks.

**Palmiet Nature Reserve** (031 203 7065) is situated in the Palmiet River Valley around rugged krantzes. The reserve features riverine forest along the Palmiet River and grassland on the upper slopes, and has abundant birdlife.

**Paradise Valley Nature Reserve** (031 702 3443) is found close to a highway and features coastal forests and remnant grasslands with the Umbilo River running through the reserve. Enjoy short walks, picnics and braais along the river banks.

**Umlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve** (031 561 2271), on the northern end of the Umlanga strip, is a refuge for many wetland and coastal forest species and a popular family destination. The trail passes through a picnic area and crosses a wooden

## TOURIST TIP

**uMngeni Green Hub** (031 322 6026/7), based on the uMngeni River Estuary, is the city's central hub for eco-tourism information and bookings. It is the base and trail hub for Durban Green Corridor (DGC), which operates canoeing, hiking, mountain biking, bird watching and cultural tours up into the uMngeni Valley, and inland to Inanda Dam and iSithumba in the Valley of 1000 Hills.





boardwalk before diverting into coastal forest. It is home to vervet monkeys, birds, small buck and butterflies.

## Dams

**Inanda Dam** (031 766 9946), surrounded by the splendour of the 1000 Hills, offers sporting enthusiasts a full range of water activities. Families can enjoy picturesque picnics and braais on the shore or embark on a two-hour guided nature trail, which follows the dam edge where you will encounter over 66 bird species, and learn about the rich history, ecology and culture of the area.

**Shongweni Dam and Nature Reserve** (031 769 1283 ) occupies 1 700 hectares where the uMlazi, uGede and Sterkspruit Rivers meet. You can picnic while viewing over 200 bird species along the river banks, as well as glimpse white rhino, buffalo, zebra, waterbuck or giraffe. Fishing, sailing and canoeing are offered in this tranquil 51ha dam, as well as horseriding and mountain climbing in the surrounds.

## Bird parks and small zoos

**Umgeni River Bird Park** (031 579 4600) is situated in an old quarry on the banks of the Umgeni River, and offers walkways and hides for close-up views of 700 birds representing 200 species from around the world, free-flight bird shows and a café at the foot of a spectacular 20m high waterfall.

**Amanzimtoti Bird Sanctuary** (031 903 1203) has a captivating self-guided trail that winds through a forest. Three bird hides afford you a secluded view of some 150 bird species. A tea garden allows you to relax and enjoy tranquil views over a lake, and there are picnic areas and a visitors' centre.

**Mitchell Park Zoo** (031 303 2275) is a mini zoo found in Mitchell Park in Morningside, featuring small mammals, birds and tortoises. Look out for the pair of critically endangered southern ground hornbill, and Admiral, an ancient Aldabra tortoise that first came to the park in 1915. There are also scenic picnic spots, a canteen and curio shop on the premises.

**D**urban is a sport- and health-conscious city, judging by its world-class sporting event infrastructure, beach promenade dotted with exercising locals, and fabulous weather all year round. Come on, get out there and get physical (or at least watch others do it!)

Why not join the hordes of locals and visitors cycling, running, walking, skateboarding or rollerblading along the paved Golden Mile? For the rather more dedicated, there is the world famous **Comrades Marathon** (033 897 8650), run between Pietermaritzburg and Durban every year in May/June. The 2016 race will be an up run, starting in Durban. Runners from all over the world have tested their endurance every year since 1921 (except during WW2) along the arduous 87km route.

## Paddling

Surfboards, paddleboards and sea kayaks can all be hired along the beach near uShaka Marine World and at Bike & Bean in the north. The Shongweni, Inanda and Hazelmere Dams offer canoeing, waterskiing, jetskiing and fishing. Just north of Durban, the Umgeni River has some delightful little rapids to paddle and is part of a gruelling three-day premier water event, the **Dusi Canoe Marathon** (033 342 1528). This brutal test of stamina and strength covers roughly 120km between Pietermaritzburg and Durban and attracts more than 2 000 paddlers every blistering February. The race is unique in that it includes numerous portages where the paddlers carry their craft over hills.





## Golf

Durban's myriad scenic golf courses range in difficulty and style. The internationally renowned **Durban Country Club** (031 313 1777) is considered to be the country's top course. Set on the cusp of the Indian Ocean and fashioned into the dunes, the course is a true stunner, and visiting golfers are always welcome. **Royal Durban** (031 309 1373) is one of South Africa's toughest championship golf courses. Its narrow fairways and thick rough and profile greenside bunkers make things difficult but also immensely rewarding for the patient golfer. **Kloof Country Club** (031 764 0555) is set in the verdant hills of Kloof and is regarded as one of KZN's finest. Each of its 18 holes has a unique character and integrates the natural beauty of the area with some challenging hazards.

**Mount Edgecombe Country Club's** (031 539 5330) two golf courses are among the few in the country designed to USGA specifications. Course 1 combines attractive water features, multi-tiered greens and forgiving roughs. Course 2 is undulating and provides a challenging but fair test of golf. If you've got the time, be sure to try out **Durban Country Club Beachwood** (031 313 1777) with its beautiful fairways, **Windsor Park Golf Course** (031 312 2245), one of the busiest and friendliest courses in the country, the exclusive and haven-like **Zimbali Country Club** (032 538 1041), or **Amanzimtoti Country Club** (031 902 1166) with its views of the sea.

## Rugby

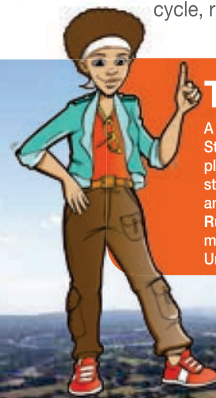
The Sharks are the local rugby team who play at **Kings Park Stadium** (031 308 8400), over the road from Moses Mabhida Stadium, in front of the loyal locals who pack out every game. International test matches are also held here, where the Springboks show their mettle. The Sharks team has produced some of the biggest stars of South African rugby.



## Moses Mabhida Stadium

This modern marvel of engineering dominates Durban's skyline with its impressive arch and massive scale, and is a useful point from which to orientate yourself. It was built to host seven matches during the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, including the semi-final between Spain and Germany. Bicycle and walking routes flow past the stadium, world-class gyms, a coffee shop and sports facilities share the stadium's precinct, and the outer grounds accommodate the popular **I Heart Market** (<http://iheartmarket.blogspot.co.za>) on the first Saturday of every month.

**Stadium Tours** (031 582 8222) and **Segway Gliding Tours** (031 303 4534) are also on offer; after a quick 15-minute training session, you'll set off on your journey through the stadium or along the promenade, led by a qualified and informative Segway tour operator. The People's Park next door is a firm favourite with local families, who frequent the minimalist **People's Park Café** (031 303 5719) for the free WiFi and delicious food. Others are content to watch their children enjoy the modern park apparatus, skate, cycle, run or play soccer on the adjoining field.



### TOURIST TIP

A must-do on your visit is a trip up Moses Mabhida Stadium's arch on the **SkyCar** (031 582 8222) to the viewing platform or an ambitious walk up the arch's 500 or so steps. At 106 metres high, there's no better view of the city and the ocean. For the adrenaline junkies, there's the **Big Rush Big Swing** (031 312 9281) – it will send you out in a massive 220-metre arc above the pitch on a bungee cord. Unforgettable!





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## Soccer

The spectacular **Moses Mabhida Stadium** (031 582 8242) hosts games between top Premier Soccer League clubs, as well as international fixtures. The passionate fans blasting vuvuzelas create a party atmosphere and are great fun.

## Cricket

Based at **Sahara Stadium Kingsmead** (031 335 4200), the cricket is a great place to spend the day or evening in a laid-back family atmosphere. The Sunfoil Dolphins have produced some of the country's top cricketers, and compete well in the First Class, ODI and T20 domestic leagues. The Boxing Day test match is usually held here, where the national cricket team, the Proteas, shine.

## Mountain biking

**Giba Gorge Mountain Bike Park** (031 769 1527) is just outside Pinetown, and its 30km of mountain biking trails, an obstacle course and a BMX track cater for everyone from beginners to pros. The trail centre caters to the needs of all riders, the bike shop is stocked with all the gear you might need, and a relaxed meal at the coffee shop will calm your nerves after the rush of the trails. The **Tsogo Sun Amashova Durban Classic** ([www.shova.co.za](http://www.shova.co.za)) is one of the oldest 'classic' races in South Africa and is the safest but one of toughest cycling events. It consists of a 106km road race, a 65km half challenge and 35km fun ride. The race begins in Pietermaritzburg and ends in Durban at the Moses Mabhida Stadium. It is held annually in October and attracts over 10 000 cyclists.

## Vodacom Durban July

More than 50 000 locals and tourists attend Africa's premier horseracing event, the **Vodacom Durban July** (031 309 5522), held on the first Saturday of July at Greyville Racecourse, which boasts a whopping R3.5 million purse and an estimated betting splurge of over R200 million. Designers and fashionistas flock here in all their weird and wonderful finery to compete in the much anticipated fashion shows and competitions. First held in 1897 with only seven horses, this 'one-mile' event has grown into one of the most important on South Africa's sporting calendar.

### Fascinating facts

- The Comrades Marathon is Africa's oldest and largest ultramarathon.
- The Big Rush Big Swing is the tallest swing of its kind in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records.



# Adventure awaits!

It's not surprising that Durban's balmy climate and coastal location attract adrenaline junkies for the heart-stopping land and sea adventure activities offered. But there's also plenty to keep children of all ages entertained – from animal farms to skate parks and everything in between, Durban does not disappoint!

## Surfing

Warm water temperatures all year round, consistent waves and favourable wind conditions are just some of the factors that make Durban a popular surfing destination. Wherever you live, work or visit, you can be surfing within minutes. Surfing areas are split into the Bluff, which picks up the majority of swell, and Durban's beachfront, which generally needs a strong east swell to really start cooking. Consistent and hollow waves typically break about 100m offshore on both south and east swells between several rock jetties. Breaks to visit are New Pier, North Beach, Dairy Beach, Baggies and Cave Rock.

## Scuba diving

You don't need any experience to enjoy the thrill of shark cage diving, either in a controlled environment at **uShaka Marine World** (031 328 8000) or in the open sea at Rocky Bay. Aliwal Shoal, a colourful and rich marine ecosystem, just 5km off the coastal village of Umkomaas (about a 30-minute drive south of Durban), can be dived by novices and experienced divers alike. There are two wrecks near the reef that are popular: the MV Produce, which sank in 1974, and the SS Nebo, which sank in 1884. Many dive centres offer accredited scuba diving courses, dive equipment for hire and chartered dives to Aliwal Shoal and other locations along the coast.



There are over 30 reef, wreck and deep dives off Durban launching daily from uShaka Marine World. Children from eight years old can scuba dive in the **uShaka Marine World** aquarium and **Calypso** (031 332 0905) offers a one-stop dive shop right on uShaka Beach. **The Durban Undersea Club** (031 368 1199), although private, allows guests to join a weekend dive and they also schedule dives daily off Durban and Aliwal Shoal through local boat operators.

### Fishing and dolphin and whale watching

Fishing is popular with locals and visitors alike, whether it's shore angling, deep sea fishing or spearfishing. Deep sea fishing charters are available from the harbour, and from ski-boat launches north and south of the city. Dolphins often frolic behind the backline off the Durban beachfront and humpback and occasionally southern right whales can be spotted between July and November, making a whale and dolphin watching charter an ideal family adventure.

### Rock climbing

**The Southern Rock Climbing Gym** (031 705 3842) in New Germany is where beginners can give indoor climbing a try or experienced climbers can get some serious training during inclement weather. If outdoor rock climbing is your preference, **Monteseel** in the Valley of 1000 Hills is the place to go, with over 300 documented routes. The crag is formed from very hard sandstone with many horizontal cracks. Grades vary from very easy to hard and the routes are steep and sustained.

About 30km from Durban lies the **Kloof Gorge** complex within the Kranskloof Nature Reserve. The gorge is a large convoluted system with numerous side gullies. There

are about eight separate climbing areas with a huge range of grades. Crags in the **Shongweni Reserve** consist of a hard-featured sandstone. This rock lends itself to steep climbing, and there are 88 routes in the dam area ranging from grade 8 to 33, including the famous Wave Cave, which offers some incredibly tough but rewarding routes.

### Fascinating facts

- Durban is one of the top surfing destinations in South Africa.
- The KZN Sharks Board is the only organisation of its kind in the world.
- uShaka Kids World boasts Africa's biggest jungle gym.
- The Wavehouse boasts South Africa's largest supertube and largest man-made stationary wave in the world.
- Aliwal Shoal is considered one of the world's top diving sites; none other than Jacques Cousteau placed it in the top 10 dive sites globally.



### Horse riding

**Giba Gorge Horse Trails** (082 623 3783) in the Giba Gorge Valley offers guided horseriding trails for experienced and beginner riders alike. Their trails are exquisite, featuring rivers, waterfalls and an abundance of flora, fauna and wildlife. **Horseback Beach Adventures** (084 467 0752/081 477 9348) specialises in unforgettable 12km-long beach rides on the beautiful Reunion beach south of Durban. Enjoy a non-stop beach ride, a picnic and swim with the horses, or a romantic sunset ride.

### Up in the air

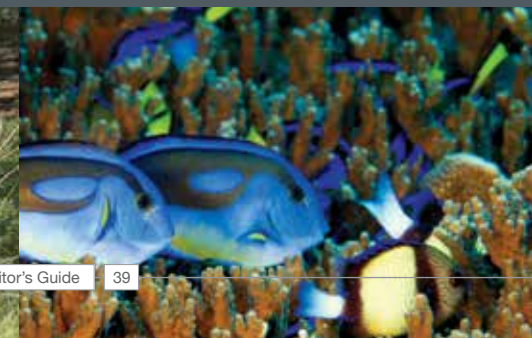
A number of helicopter tour operators offer scenic flips, and microlight flights also depart from Durban's Virginia Airport. Adrenaline junkies with no experience can book a tandem skydive in Eston or a tandem paraglide off the Bluff, Kloof Gorge or in Winston Park.

### Keeping the kids happy

**uShaka Kids World** within the uShaka Marine World complex is a multi-activity play area for kids from the ages of two-to-twelve years old. Multiple jungle gyms, jam-packed activities and interactive areas, as well as a giant sandpit and theatre shows, make this a must visit for any child.

If you'd rather stay out of the sea, visit the large paddling pools on the Golden Mile, boasting fountains and slides, after tiring the children out on the various rides at the **Beachfront Fun World Amusement Park** (031 332 9776/304 4934). A bird's-eye view of the entire Golden Mile can be enjoyed from the famous red aerial cableway. You can also amaze the tots at **Mini Town** (031 337 7892), with its realistic scale model of the entire Durban skyline.

The **Durban Skatepark** is the place for skateboarding, BMX or rollerblading. This graffiti-covered arena is situated on the Golden Mile and is free of charge. There is also a skate shop next door. The **IS Skate Park** (031 265 0558), is situated at the Pavilion Shopping Centre, and has a street section and wooden miniramp.





# Venture further afield

**U**ndulating valleys and hills, as well as beaches and gorges of breathtaking beauty will beckon you further north, south and west of Durban's boundaries to capture your imagination and seep into your soul. Make the journey – you will not return the way you came!

## Valley of 1000 Hills experience

As its name implies, this area makes the picturesque hills, cliffs and valleys appear as if they have no end. Only a 30-minute drive from Durban, the Valley of 1000 Hills has an old world atmosphere mixed in with a deep Zulu culture. Many local Zulus have kept their traditional lifestyle alive, and visitors can catch a glimpse of it through organised tours deep into the tribal lands. You can visit traditional healers, or watch Zulu dancers and beadworkers in action at **Phezulu Safari Park** (031 777 1000), or even choose to sleep overnight in a local family home.

The 1000 Hills includes Bothas Hill, Drummond, Assegay, Shongweni and Monteseel – villages brimming with rustic B&Bs, fine dining establishments, sophisticated shopping centres and spas. The area has always been a magnet for artists, and so there is a quaint **Arts & Crafts Village** (031 777 1189) in Botha's Hill, and galleries, coffee shops and antique stores abound. Visit **iSithumba Cultural Village** (031 322 2855), an authentic Zulu village at the base of iSithumba mountain. There is a network of hiking and mountain biking trails allows the exploration of river, forests and hills.

Children love the charming 100-year-old locomotive, the **Umgeni Steam Railway** (087 808 7715), which runs return day trips through the Valley of 1000 Hills on the last Sunday of every month. The train chugs its way from Kloof Station, through the village of Hillcrest, up steep Bothas Hill to Inchanga Station, where there is a craft market and good food on sale.

The area is home to dense forests, three sparkling dams, plunging waterfalls and numerous nature reserves and conservancies – a perfect environment to attract an abundance of bird and wildlife. Adventurers are also attracted to the area for cycling, water sports, mountain climbing, abseiling and horse riding. The world's most renowned ultramarathon, the Comrades Marathon, is run through 1000 Hills, and the Tsogo Sun Amashova Classic cycle race winds through the heart of the area as well. The gruelling three-day Dusi Canoe Marathon also takes place here along the Umsindusi and Umgeni rivers.

**GoWild! at the Wavehouse** (031 584 9400) at Gateway Theatre of Shopping features a kiddies' zone, a children's splashpad, and the pumptrax, which uses a 'pumping' motion to propel a bicycle, skateboard or scooter forward. The massive spaghetti-like supertube still delights adults and children alike, and the flowrider features a double beach-break outdoor wave, making it easy to learn the basics before hitting the big ocean waves. The Wavehouse is also home to the Skatepark, a large outdoor park designed by 10-time World Skateboarding Champion Tony Hawk. If you prefer indoor fun, **Electric Avenue** (031 566 1897) inside the mall includes ten pin bowling, a pool and action bar, mini-golf, action karting, bumper cars, foofie slide, an amusement arcade and fun train. There's also **Mr Funtubbles' Fabulous Family Fun Fair's** (031 584 6645) 2 000m<sup>2</sup> entertainment facility featuring amazing funfair rides, tombola games, and a multi-seater 4D motion simulator that shows high-definition motion-based entertainment films.

**Giba Gorge Mountain Bike Park** (031 769 1527) – see page 36.

**The KZN Sharks Board** (031 566 0400) protects bathers from shark attacks along the KZN coastline. Their head office in Umhlanga is open to the public for an audio-visual presentation and shark dissection. You can also watch the shark safety gear being checked in the early morning on a two-hour boat trip, offering an amazing view of Durban and the chance to see dolphins.

For something exhilarating, **Groovy Balls** (084 330 3112) is an adventure park that offers zorbng on professionally designed courses. Tackle the water slide and sumo suit wrestling, or have a 'ball' on bumper balls, hamster balls and water balls for a lot of fun!

The two most popular animal farms, situated in the rustic Valley of 1000 Hills area, are **Animal Farmyard** (031 765 2240) and **Duck & Deck Animal Farm & Tea Garden** (031 768 1029), ideal for the kids to explore and interact with friendly birds and animals.



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## Highway/upper highway area

This area incorporates the industrial area of Pinetown through to the cool and leafy villages of Kloof and Hillcrest, as well as the adjoining suburbs of Forest Hills, Gillitts, Crestholme, Waterfall and Winston Park. The area has enjoyed a population boom in recent years and as a result, numerous suburban shopping malls and lifestyle centres have popped up along the main roads. A few farmers markets also lure city dwellers on weekends for organic produce, and the choice of restaurants is endless.

The climate is reputedly one of the healthiest in the world and Kloof borders the 500-hectare **Krantzkloof Nature Reserve** (031 764 3515), which is beautiful and bird-rich. It follows a deep ravine along which the Molweni River runs and cascades into intermittent waterfalls. The **Shongweni Nature Reserve** (031 769 1283) is one of the top bird sanctuaries in South Africa and a national heritage site.

Various clubs in the area cater for tennis, rugby, bowls, squash, cricket, soccer, mountain biking, road running, hiking trails, off-road biking, horse riding, micro lighting, parasailing, boating, water skiing and canoeing. The area also boasts one of KZN's finest golf courses – **Kloof Country Club** (031 764 0555).

## Umhlanga and Umdloti

Situated just 15km from Durban, this vibrant and sought after holiday paradise is home to some of the most exclusive accommodation: from top notch hotels such as the **Oyster Box Hotel** (031 514 5000) and the **Beverly Hills Hotel** (031 561 2211) and classy guesthouses, to tasteful B&Bs and luxurious self-catering apartments. Umhlanga's world-class 2.7km promenade spans the entire length of this resort town and is enjoyed daily by runners and walkers, and is dotted with restaurants, ablution facilities and ice cream sellers.

The water is warm enough to swim in all year round and surfers flock here for the classic beach breaks. Boats launch regularly from Granny's Pool to facilitate dolphin and whale watching, or fishing. Sea kayaking and scuba diving are gaining popularity, and anglers often fish off their paddle skis. Mountain biking, horse riding, dirt biking and quad biking are all on offer, as well as microlighting and helicopter flips from Virginia Airport. Two top golf courses are in the area: **Mount Edgecombe Country Club** (031 539 5330) and **Durban Country Club Beachwood** (031 313 1777).

There is an abundance of marine, wildlife and bird species to be found in the sea, lagoon, local nature reserves and forests. Take a guided walk through the **Hawaan Forest Reserve**, **Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve** (031 561 4257 – booking essential), or **Beachwood Mangrove Nature Reserve** (082 559 2839).

The area boasts the **Gateway Theatre of Shopping** (031 566 2332) and **La Lucia Mall** (031 562 8420), as well as many other smaller malls for its



retail offering. Zulu crafters also sell their beadwork, weaving, clay pots and wood carvings along pavements and in local shops.

Further north is the sleepy seaside gem of Umdloti, which boasts some of the best beaches for kite surfing, snorkelling (in its iconic rock-enclosed tidal pool) and safe swimming in its wide lagoon. La Mercy and Westbrook lie further north and offer quiet beaches, great swimming, surfing and fishing.

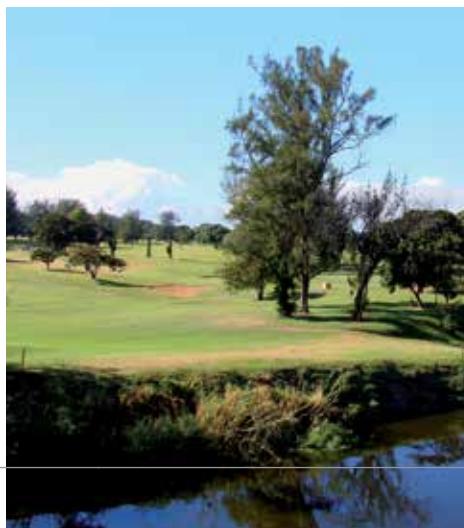
## Sapphire Coast

The Sapphire Coast, south of Durban, is a holiday-maker mecca as it boasts some of the best swimming beaches in the country. They are protected by lifeguards and shark nets, and surfing conditions are especially good in winter, boasting quality right-hand point-breaks and beach breaks. Fishing, surfing and scuba diving as well as paddling in the lagoons or white water rafting are offered here. The world famous Aliwal Shoal, just off Umkomaas, has a spectacular marine ecosystem for intrepid scuba divers to explore.

Sample local fare at a variety of restaurants, takeaways and shops along the bustling promenade, shop till you drop in the **Galleria** or **Arbour Crossing** malls (031 904 2233), or support the many street traders selling clothes, crafts and curios.

Enjoy exciting water slides at **Splash Water World** (031 904 2273), or ten-pin bowling, arcade games, dodgems and a sports pub and diner at **Funland** (031 903 1068) in Amanzimtoti. Pump up your adrenaline at the **War Zone Paintball Arena** (073 426 4100), or enjoy an adventurous horseback ride along a beach trail. Go for a peaceful paddle on Amanzimtoti's beautiful lagoon; rowing boats and canoes can be hired on the northern bank of the lagoon at **Oasis Water World** (031 903 4817). Entertain the children at the beachfront super-tube at **Inyoni Rocks** (076 882 2414) or savour the natural beauty, water-sports, fishing and birdlife of the Ilovo River.

Walk along a nature trail at **Illanda Wilds** (031 903 7498), bird watch at the **Amanzimtoti Bird Sanctuary** (031 903 1203), laze on the sundeck at the **Japanese-style gardens** (031 903 7498) or participate in water sports at **Mnini Dam** (083 514 1685). Braai, bird watch or take a stroll in the wetland glory of **Empisini Nature Reserve** (039 974 2222) or **Umbogavango Nature Reserve** (031 949 2594).





**Fascinating facts**

- Umhlanga Rocks' pier was voted by CNN two years ago as the world's most beautiful pier.
- The Amanzimtoti Golf Club is the oldest natural golf course in the country.



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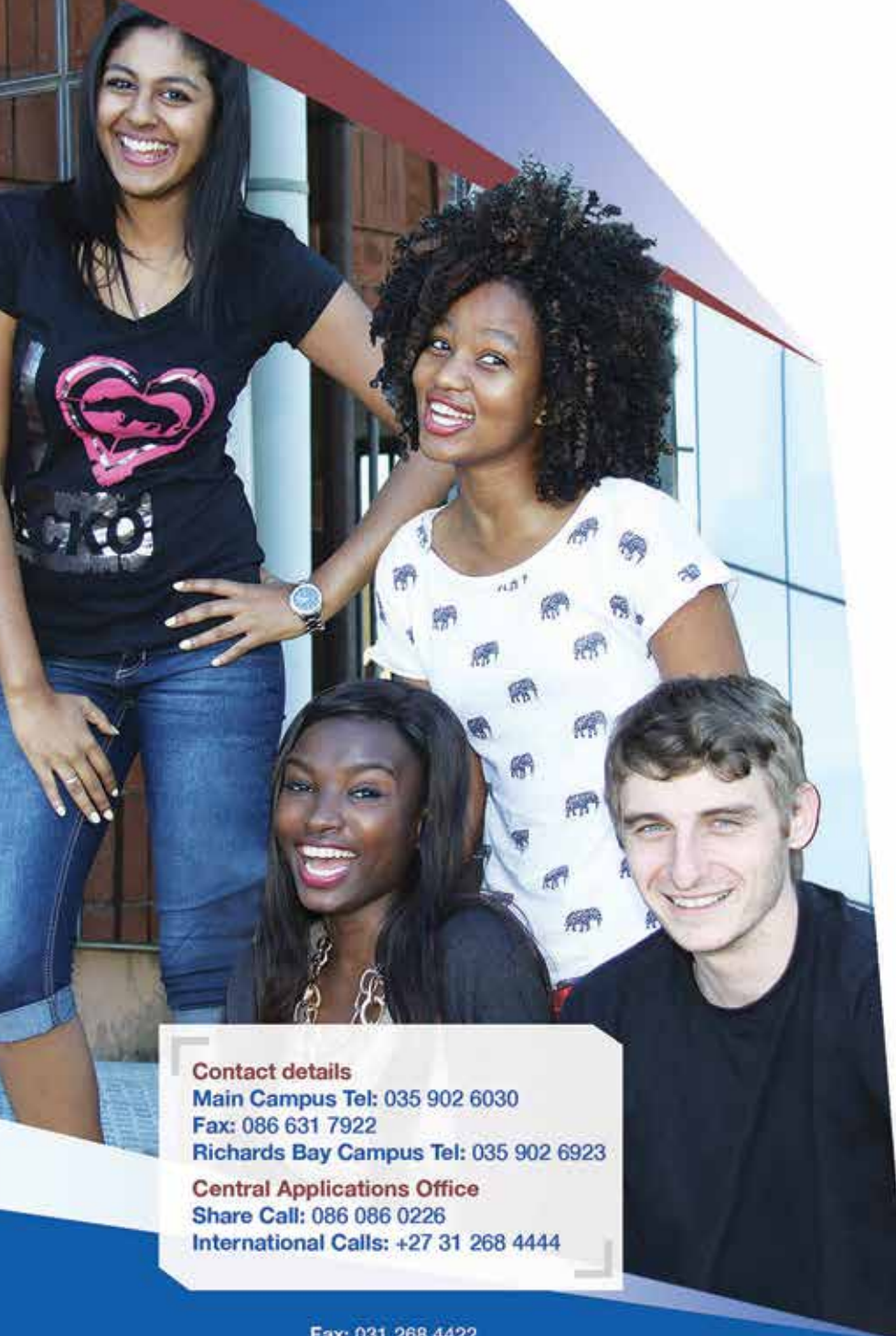
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# Getting around

Exploring our beautiful city is a cinch when you know how. Check out the various options available to tourists and locals alike.

## Car rental

Hiring a car to drive yourself around is arguably the easiest option. The roads are in good condition and well sign-posted. Remember to drive on the left-hand side of the road! There are a number of reputable car hire companies, with pick up and drop off zones at the airport and in most suburbs.

## Airport shuttle

The shuttle to and from King Shaka International Airport runs at 15-minute intervals with stops at Umhlanga and the Durban Beachfront (031 465 5573/082 340 9990).

## People Mover

The People Mover bus system provides convenient and comfortable transport around the city. It operates on three routes, linking the beachfront to the CBD. Buses depart every 15 minutes from the easily identifiable bus stops, which are conveniently located (031 309 2731).

## Metered taxis

Plenty of metered taxis operate in and around the city and are safe and relatively inexpensive. They can be hailed in key zones, including the airport, beachfront, city centre and accommodation and entertainment nodes. Registered metered taxis are clearly marked with a coloured sticker, and most accept card payments.

Uber also has good penetration in Durban, with the nearest Uber cab usually only a few minutes away wherever you are.

## Fascinating fact

The ricksha was brought to Durban in 1893 by the sugar magnate Sir Marshall Campbell from London. Ricksha pullers have been operating in Durban for more than 100 years.



## TOURIST TIP

If you feel brave and adventurous, why not travel like the locals in a minibus taxi? Be prepared to hail them with a hand signal, endure pumping music, squashed seating, and numerous stops along the way, but the experience is unforgettable! Hop aboard the Ricksha Bus (031 322 4164) for an unforgettable tour of the city atop a brightly coloured, roofless double-decker bus! It winds through Durban's major attractions twice a day, seven days a week beginning at North Beach.



# Useful info



## Weather

Durban is a subtropical city with warm, humid summers and mild, sunny winters and an average maximum temperature of 28°C and 18°C respectively. The sea is warm at 24°C during summer and seldom drops below 17°C during winter. Durban is not called 'The Warmest Place to Be' for nothing!

## Time zone

Durban is two hours ahead of GMT all year round.

## Electricity

Supply runs at 220/230V, 50Hz AC. Sockets take round-pinned plugs. Most hotels accommodate 110V electric shavers, but you may need adaptors for other appliances.

## Health & water

Durban is malaria-free, as is most of the province of KwaZulu-Natal, although if you're visiting the game reserves in the far north of the province you should consult your doctor. In the event of an emergency, Durban has a host of top quality medical facilities. If you're an international visitor, it's advisable to take out travel insurance to cover potential medical costs. Durban's tap water is safe to drink!

## Money matters

Most banks are able to exchange foreign currency, and there are foreign exchange bureaus in most areas. ATMs are widespread and will accept most international bank and credit cards. Credit cards, including American Express, Visa, Diners Club and MasterCard, may be used at most hotels, restaurants, car hire companies, etc.

## Safety

As in any big city around the world, crime is a reality. Simple ways to avoid it include not flashing cash around or carrying large amounts of money, not waving your camera about, or walking through dodgy areas unaccompanied.

## Internet

You'll find many internet cafés dotted around the city and most big hotels and restaurant chains have wireless internet hotspots.

## Local lingo

English and isiZulu are the main languages spoken, and almost everyone can communicate in basic English. Try out some Zulu words, such as 'sawubona' (hello), 'kunjani' (how are you?) 'ngiyabonga' (thank you). The locals will appreciate your effort!



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- Spash Waterworld – 031 904 2273 • ragingrapids@yebo.co.za
- Horseback Rides – 084 205 9797 • coetzee3@polka.co.za
- Empisini Nature Reserve – 039 973 0093 • empisini@scottburgh.co.za
- Reunion Park/Isipingo Mangroves – 031 902 6072 • larrysingh@yebo.co.za
- Umbogavango Nature Reserve – 031 949 2081 • alvinm@twini.co.za
- Umgeni Steam Railway – 087 808 7715/ 0823271127 • gerry@highstakes.co.za
- Blue Horizons Horse Trails – 083-2694945 • debbie@bluehorizonsestate.co.za
- Shongweni Brewery – 031-7692061/ 082 497 6462 • sherene@shongenibrewery.com
- Lion Park/Zoo – 031-7851423
- Shongweni Reserve – 0317691283/ 082 551 5698 • sandile.mkhize@msinsi.co.za
- Phezulu/Assagay Safari Park – 031 777 1000 • info@phezulusafaripark.co.za
- African Birds of Prey Santuary – 031 785 4382/ 082 925 3023 • onair@africanraptor.co.za
- Marianhill Monastery – 031 700 2704/4288 • monastery@ionet.co.za
- Krantzkloof Nature Reserve – 031 764 3515
- Makaranga Garden Lodge – 031 764 6616 • info@makaranga.com
- Campaign Trails cc – 031 767 4166/ 082 653 4166 • info@campaigntrails.co.za
- Springside Nature Reserve – 083 297 5019 • pickles@csinternet.co.za
- Waterberry Trails – 031 765 3412
- Oxford Village – 031 765 2500 • elongbottom@growthpoint.co.za
- Crinkley Bottom Park & Lodge – 031 763 4149 • kim@crinkleybottompark.co.za
- Inanda Dam Resort – 031 766 9946/ 082 551 5696 • info@msinsi.co.za
- Animal Farm Yard – 031 765 2240 • jenny@animalfarmyard.co.za

**Willow Creek Animal Creek** – 031 768 1029 • cheryl@duckanddeck.co.za  
**Giba Gorge Mountain Bike Park** – 031 769 1527 • info@gibagorge.co.za  
**Spirit of Adventure** – 031 7691981 • info@spiritofadventure.co.za  
**Virginia Airport** – 031 563 7101 • glen@indiza.biz  
**1000 Hills Choo Choo** – 082 353 6003/031 303 3003 • bookings@umngenisteamrailway.co.za  
**Umngeni Steam Railway** – 087 808 7715  
**Mini Town** – 031 337 7892 • minitown@live.co.za  
**Duck & Deck Animal Farm** – 031 768 1029 • cheryl@duckanddeck.co.za  
**Suncoast Casino** – 031 328 3000  
**Sibaya Casino & Entertainment** – 031 580 5000 • sibaya@za.suninternational.com  
**Fantasy Forest Games Centre Gateway** – 031 566 1897 • carriehitman@gmail.com  
**Mnini Dam** – 083 300 7528 • baitup@telkomsa.net

## FACTORY SHOPS

**Marine Salvage Warehouse** – 031 207 3378  
**AlJays** – 031 205 6966  
**Grab-A-Bargain** – 031 312 0490  
**Lizzard** – 031 374 8400  
**Ripcurl Clearance Store** – 031 312 1729  
**Levi's Factory Outlet** – 031 263 0429  
**Louis Factory Shop** – 031 461 4240  
**Lucky Break** – 031 313 1421  
**Face Value** – 031 312 3850  
**Bluedot Footwear Planet** – 031 312 6920  
**J.A.M.** – 031 306 9370  
**Dungeon Factory Shop** – 031 203 5639  
**Continental Crockery** – 031 207 5166  
**Bull Clothing** – 031 312 7716  
**Ninian & Lester Factory Shop** – 031 303 1422  
**Grab A Garb** – 031 337 5014  
**Charles WackWay** – 031 202 1840  
**Osmans Wholesalers & Cash & Carry** – 031 368 6777  
**Kingsmead Shoes** – 031 263 0010/304 8915  
**It's Africa** – 031 701 0400  
**1st Factory Shop** – 031 705 3844/5  
**House of Classics** – 084 504 2626  
**Playtex Factory Shop** – 031 303 7905/460 8752  
**Just Plastic** – 031 263 1906  
**Merry Enterprises** – 031 201 6974  
**Mohamedys Mayfair Discount City** – 031 462 2214  
**Golden Horse Family Market** – 083 262 3693  
**BEAR Factory Shop** – 031-4657993  
**Reebok** – 031 469 0436  
**Bata** – 031 765 1450  
**Green Gross** – 031 701 6830  
**Juliette Shoe Factory Shop** – 031 207 4670  
**Clearouts** – 031 337 5818  
**Triumph** – 031 263 2780

**Direct Factory Outlet** – 031 207 7061  
**Nike** – 031 263 2700

## GOLF COURSES

**Royal Durban Golf Club** – 031 309 1373 • rdgc@global.co.za  
**Durban Country Club** – 031 313 1777 • www.dcclub.co.za  
**Durban Country Club Beachwood** – 031 313 1777 • www.dcclub.co.za  
**Windsor Park Golf Course** – 031 312 2245 • papwagolf@telkomsa.net  
**Papwa Sewgolum Golf Course** – 031 262 7130 • thedurbangolfclub@telkomsa.net  
**Bluff National Park Golf Course** – 031 467 7448 • bluffgc@iafrica.com  
**Mount Edgcombe Country Club** – 031 539 5330  
**Maidstone Country Club** – 032 945 0419 • maidstongolf@mweb.co.za  
**Kloof Country Club** – 031 764 0555 • golf@kloofcc.co.za  
**Camelot Golf Estate** – 031 765 8347 • camelotgolf@telkomsa.net  
**Amanzimtoti Country Club** – 031 902 1166 • totigolfclub@icon.co.za

## HEALTH SPAS

**Makaranga Spa** – 031 764 9434  
**African Sensations Solar Spa** – 031 207 5564  
**Mangwanani African Day Spa** – 031 580 5230 / 086 055 0055  
**Armani Day Spa** – 031 916 6744 • www.armanispaspa.co.za  
**Beauty Treats Hair & Beauty Spa** – 031 572 3389 • beautytreats.co.za  
**Gwahumbe Game Reserve and Spa** – 031 781 1082 • www.gwahumbe.co.za  
**Limelight Day Spa** – 031 463 1044 • www.spalimelight.co.za  
**Umhlanga Leisure** – 031 566 6936/8 • info@umhlangalaser.co.za  
**The Spa at the Oyster Box** – 031 514 5072 • spa@oysterbox.co.za  
**Spa on Fairway** – 031 573 1700/2528 • enquiries@healthspa.co.za  
**Art of Beauty** – 031 916 7019 • artofbeauty@telkomsa.net  
**Riverside Spa** – 031 564 6006/3881 • www.riversidespa.co.za  
**Kimaya Day Spa** – 031 266 9885 • www.kimayaspa.co.za  
**Bali Grand Spa** – 031 903 8790 • www.baligrand.co.za  
**Crowhurst Health & Beauty Spa** – 031 767 5078 • www.crowhurst.com  
**Suncoast Spa** – 031 314 7900 • suncoasthotels.spa1@tsogosun.com

**Palace Hotel Health Spa** – 031 332 8351 • palacedeputy@firstresort.co.za

## MARKETS

**Victoria Street Market** – 031 306 4021 • admin@victoriastreetmarket.co.za  
**Essenwood Craft Market** – 031 208 1264 • info@essenwoodmarket.com  
**Amphimarket** – 031 301 3200 • amph@telekomsa.net  
**Car Boot Market** – 031 209 4751 • etiquette@intekom.co.za  
**Shongweni Farmers & Crafts Market** – 083 777 1674 • www.shongwenimarket.co.za  
**Nite Market** – 031 903 4534 • info@lordsandlegends.co.za  
**Church Walk Market** – 031 322 1763 • samson.dlamini@durban.gov.za  
**Food Market** – 031 563 3877 • info@thefoodmarket.co.za  
**Umhlanga Farmers Market** – 082 413 1887 • underwood@telkomsa.net  
**Stables Lifestyle Market** – 031 312 3058 • www.stablemarket.co.za

## MUSEUMS

**Campbell Collections** – 031 207 3432  
**Cato Manor Heritage Centre** – 031-261 3216  
**Durban Natural Science Museum** – 031-311 2256  
**Kwa Muhle Museum** – 031-311 2237  
**Old Court House Museum** – 031-311 2229  
**Old House Museum** – 031-311 2261  
**Phansi Museum** – 031-206 2889  
**Warrior's Gate: Moth Museum of Militaria** – 031-307 3337  
**Durban Holocaust Centre** – 031 368 6833  
**Port Natal Maritime Museum** – 031 311 2230/1

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

### HORSE RIDES

**Horse Back Beach Adventures** – 084 467 0752 • www.horsebeachrides.co.za  
**Blue Horizons Horse Trails** – 083 269 4945 • www.bluehorizonsestate.co.za  
**Horseback Rides** – 084 205 9797 • coetzee3@polka.co.za

### HELICOPTER RIDES

**King Shaka Aviations** – 031 563 7226 • www.kingshakaaviation.co.za  
**JNC Helicopters** – 031 563 9513 • flightops@choppers.co.za  
**BAC Aviations** – 031 569 5869 • info@bacaviations.com  
**Virginia Airlift** – 031 563 7101 • glen@indiza.biz

**Legend Aviations** – 031 571 8320/7/6 • cwyness@legendaviations.co.za  
**Sheltam** – 031 563 8361 • susanw@sheltam.com

## PARACHUTING & PARAGLIDING

**Sky Adventures** – 073 334 7911 • www.skyadventures.co.za  
**Sky Dive Durban** – 072 214 6040 • vernon@skydivedurban.co.za

## CYCLING & MOUNTAIN BIKING

**Giba Gorge Mountain Biking Park** – 031 769 1527 • www.gibagorge.co.za  
**Bicycle Hire (Wiki)** – 031 312 2559 / 082 773 6870 • wikif@vodamail.co.za / www.2ride.co.za

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**Casea Charters** – 031 561 7381/083 690 2511 • info@caseacharters.co.za  
**Durban Charter Boat Boding** – 031 709 0797 • www.durbanboatcharters.co.za  
**Swissroll Charters** – 031 4672185 / 082 451 6567 • www.swissroll.co.za  
**Lynski Charters** – 031 539 3338/082 445 6600 • www.lynski.com • tom@lynski.com

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**Kite Sport** – 082 572 4163 • info@kitesports.co.za • www.kitesports.co.za  
**FishEye** – 031 566 4955 / 072 731 1270 • info@fisherye.co.za  
**Wavehouse Gateway Shopping** – 031-584 9400 • info@wavehouse.co.za  
**The Big Rush** – 031 312 9281 • www.bigrush.co.za  
**Oribi Gorge (Wild 5)** – 039 687 0253 / 082 566 7424 • www.oribigorge.co.za  
**Groovy Balls** – 031 783 7162 / 084 330 3112 • www.groovyballs.co.za  
**Electric Avenue** – 031 566 1897 • www.electricevenue.co.za  
**Gateway Skatepark** – 031 584 9400 • kim.perry@wavehouse.co.za  
**Splash World** – 031 904 2273 • ragingrapids@yebo.co.za  
**Ten Pin Bowling** – 031 566 5668 • gatewayfunctions@electric-avenue.co.za  
**Spirit of Adventure** – 0861 333919 • www.spiritofadventure.co.za  
**Highstake Adventure Venue** – 031 782 1139 • www.highstakes.co.za  
**Fun World** – 031 332 9776 • funpark@iafrica.com  
**Gateway Skatepark** – 031 584 9400 • kim.perry@wavehouse.co.za  
**Highstakes Adventure** – 031 782 1139 • gerry@highstakes.co.za

Mini Town – 031 337 7892 • minitown@live.co.za  
Ocean City Ice Rink – 031 332 4597  
Science Centre Gateway – 031 566 8040  
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Blue Vision Dive Centre – 039 973 1345 • info@bluevision.co.za  
Oceanworx – 039 973 2578 • info@oceanworx.co.za  
Agulhas House Dive Centre – 084 653 1972 • info@agulhashouse.com  
Africa Blue Dive School & Safaris – 082 574 7871 • beryl@diveafricablue.com  
Aliwal Dive Centre – 039 973 2233 • dive@aliwalshoal.co.za  
African Watersports – 039 973 2505 • watersports@icon.co.za  
Umkomaas Lodge & Dive Charter – 039 973 2542 • umkomaaslodge@gmail.com  
Aliwal Rest & Dive Charters – 076 747 9805 • kevin@divinginafrica.co.za  
Calypso Diving – 031 332 0905 • info@calypsoushaka.co.za  
Underwater World – 031 332 5820 • info@underwaterworld.co.za  
Ocean Adventures – 086 100 1138 • steve@oceanadventures.co.za  
Ocean Ventures – 031 332 9949 • info@oceanventures.co.za  
Aqua Planet – 039 315 7524 • info@aquaplanet.co.za

### SHOPPING CENTRES

Workshop Shopping Centre – 031 304 9894  
Pavilion Shopping Centre – 031 265 0558  
Musgrave Centre – 031 201 5129  
La Lucia Mall – 031 562 8420  
Gateway Theatre of Shopping – 031 566 2332  
Chatsworth Centre – 031 403 5451  
Phoenix Plaza – 031 507 8505  
Seadoone Mall – 031 903 2681  
Umhlanga Plaza – 031 561 1020  
The Crescent – 031 566 2887  
Oxford Village – 031 765 2500  
Umlazi Mega City – 031 902 8203  
Toti Mall – 031 903 5488  
South Way Mall – 031 465 9411  
Pine Crest – 031 701 4164  
City View Shopping Centre – 031 309 6737  
Windermere Centre – 031 312 5959  
China Mall – 031 332 4338  
Glenwood Village – 031 201 0137  
Richdens Village Mall – 031 765 4015  
Westville Mall – 031 266 0028 / 083 657 1574  
Lillies Quarter – 031 765 4037  
Hillcrest Corner – 031 765 5345  
Christians Village – 031 765 8551

Kloof Village – 031 764 5112  
Bailey Centre – 031 705 3637 / 083 774 8256  
Westwood Mall – 031 279 2160  
Galleria Harbour Town – 031 904 2233  
Arbour Crossing – 031 904 2064  
Bridge City – 031 530 3192  
Waterfall Shopping Centre – 031 763 4433  
The Heritage in Hillcrest – 031 765 2500

### SURF SHOPS

Jill & Co – 031 561 2027  
Clayton Surfboards – 031 368 4825  
Piranha – 031 337 6666  
Lizzard – 031 566 5522  
Ocean Adventures – 031 332 9949/086 100 1138

### TEAM BUILDING

FishEye – 031 566 4955  
Fat Traxx Quad Tours – 082 477 5837  
Wavehouse – 031 584 9400  
Beach & Bush Adventures – 031 266 2253  
Spirit of Adventure – 0861 333 919  
Karkloof Canopy Tours – 033 330 3415  
Wild 5 Extreme Adventure – 082 566 7424  
Groovy Balls – 084 330 3112

### THEATRES, ENTERTAINMENT & NIGHT LIFE

#### LIVE MUSIC

Coco's – 031 561 2323  
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Zacks – 031 312 0755/305 1677/368 6800  
Afriportico Jazz Lounge – 031 332 0451  
The Corner Café – 031 201 0219  
The Stables Lifestyle Market – 083 704 4879

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The Playhouse Company – 031 369 9555/40 • info@playhousecompany.com  
BAT Centre – 031 332 0451 • publicity@batcentre.co.za  
Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre – 031 260 2296/2887 • sneddontheatre@ukzn.ac.za  
The Heritage Theatre – 031 765 4197 • info@heritagetheatre.co.za  
Catalina Theatre – 031 305 6889 • tsibisi@mweb.co.za  
Barnyard Theatre – 031 566 3045 • gateway@barnyardtheatre.co.za  
Izulu Theatre – 031 580 5555 • bmbambo@sunint.co.za  
Stables Theatre – 031 309 2513 • stablestheatre@telkomsa.net  
Centre For Jazz – 031 260 3385 • luthulia1@ukzn.ac.za

Seabrooke's Theatre – 031 277 1500 • seabrooke's@durbanhigschool.co.za  
Rhumbelow Theatre – 031 205 7602 • rolande@stansell.za.net  
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### JAZZ CLUBS

*(Please note that, the dress code for all jazz clubs is smart casual.)*

Rivets @ Hilton – 031 336 8204  
Centre for Jazz – 031 260 3385  
The Rainbow – 031 702 9161  
Bean Bag Bohemia – 031 304 2167  
Jus Jazzin – 031 563 4530

### NIGHT CLUBS

*(Please note that all clubs have a specific dress code.)*

Cubana Lounge Durban – 031 303 2076  
Ice Dance Emporium – 031 561 7740  
Level 4 – 031 312 0947  
Cuba Lounge – 031 584 6444/303 6364  
Krakatoa – 031 580 5559/444  
Hops – 031 573 1657  
Plush Ultra Lounge – 031 273 2578  
Burn – 082 876 8521/082 325 9746  
TLT – 084 994 4410

### REGGAE

Cool Runnings – 031 368 5604

### PUBS & BARS

Connors L'Afrique – 031 362 1300  
Joe Cool's – 031 332 9697  
Rivets – 031 336 8142  
Exchange Bar – 031 333 6000  
The Grove Pub – 031 304 4381  
De La Sol – 031 312 9436  
The Lounge (Gay Friendly) – 031 303 9030  
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Dubarn City Tour Guide – 031 337 0959 • info@dctgtravel.com  
Ethnic Tours – 031 466 6549 • ethnic-tours@medis.co.za  
Faniza Tours – 032 586 3371 • sindyzwane@telkomsa.net  
Garson Expedition – 031 561 1314 • info@garsons.co.za

**Grace Shuttle Service** – 031 903 1613 •  
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hloniphile@hloniphatourism.co.za

**Ikamva Travel & Tours** – 031 322 6968

**Jikeleza Tours** – 031 702 1189 •  
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**Joachim's Travel & Tours** – 032 537 7832 •  
cgengan@gnb.co.za

**KMC Tours** – 031 401 7852

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031 827 9183 • khumaloen@gmail.com

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**Sid's Travel & Tourism** – 031 463 1528 •  
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**Street Scene Tours** – 031 368 5909 •  
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**Tim Brown Tours** – 071 716 8823 •  
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**Wisdom Travel & Services** – 082 476 0726 •  
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**Zebra Tours** – 031 261 2600/6800 •  
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**Mgazi Travel & Tour** – 031 462 0814 •  
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**Umhlanga Explorer** – 031 561 1846 •  
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**Value Plus Tours** – 079 039 7476 •  
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**Zulwini Tours and Safaris** – 031 267 1619 •  
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**Siyathutha Travel & Tours** – 031 503 5547 •  
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**Vuka Africa Tours** – 078 336 5094 •  
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**First National Cancellation** – 0800 110 132  
**MasterCard International** – 0800 990 418  
**Nedbank** – 0800 110 929  
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