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# Welcome to Durban!

We're so glad you came

**D**urban, Durbs, eThekweni, Surf City – or whatever name you know it by – is a friendly, laidback place. We're proud of our wide beaches, warm ocean water, friendly people, unpretentious atmosphere, unique mix of cultures, great attractions and chilled lifestyle.

There's no other place quite like Durban. It's a large city that seems small. It's a bustling economic centre with Africa's busiest port, but it's also where everyone runs late, and coming to work via the beach is pretty common. We're part of KwaZulu-Natal province, home of the Zulu people, but also have large Indian and European communities, such that our city is richly cosmopolitan.

We hope you feel at home here, take the time to meet some locals and experience all the fantastic things Durban has to offer. Enjoy your stay!



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# Useful Info

## Weather

Durban is a subtropical city, with warm, humid summers and mild, sunny winters with an average maximum temperature of 28°C and 18°C respectively. The sea is warm at 24°C during summer and seldom dropping below 17°C during winter. As you can see, it's pretty much summer all year round in Durban!

## Health matters

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 any potential medical costs.

## Local lingo

English and isiZulu are the main languages spoken in Durban, and almost everyone can communicate in basic English. While you're here, get a feel for some of the local slang!

## 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.

## Drinking water

South Africa's tap water is safe to drink!

## Safety

As in any big city around the world, crime is a reality we must face. You're unlikely to be a victim of crime, and some simple ways to avoid it include not flashing wads of cash around or carrying large amounts of money, not waving your expensive camera about or walking through areas you're unfamiliar with by yourself.



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# Durban

## at a glance

Durban covers a pretty large metropolitan area, from small coastal towns in the south to the resort town of Umhlanga and beyond to the tiny village of Westbrook in the north, and inland to the gorgeous Valley of 1000 Hills in the west.

The city boasts stylish hotels, trendy restaurants, world-class shopping, top nightlife, a shoreline of golden sands and a breathtaking Marina where you can enjoy the freshest seafood on the East coast. The best way to explore the city is to hop on the open top Ricksha Bus or take a roll down the promenade by Rickshaw. The recently developed beachfront promenade has put the zing back into the Golden Mile, with a wide walkway taking you safely from the stadium area right down to uShaka Marine World. You can safely walk, jog or cycle from one end to the other, pausing for cocktails at newly opened beach restaurants, or simply take in the panoramic view from the Moses Mabhida Stadium Skycar – your choice is endless.

Durban is a diverse and culturally rich city with strong African, Eastern and Western influences. A short day trip outside of the city allows you to see the area's many facets. Durban's western boundary is flanked by the Valley of 1000 Hills, with its nature reserves and cultural villages and the rich history of the Woza eNanda Heritage Route. The southern boundary offers superb beaches, golf courses and



world class diving at Aliwal Shoal, and the northern boundary boasts a stunning coastline, world class entertainment and recreational facilities. A little further afield, the Big 5 game reserves and uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park are just a few hours' drive away.

You also cannot leave the city without experiencing a unique township tour and tasting authentic local cuisine like shisanyama and the legendary Bunny Chow.

We guarantee you that your experience in Durban is going to be a memorable one. Durban Tourism has offices strategically located in the City to ensure that you see and experience the best – pop in to one of our offices for advice or tour bookings.

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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.



To the west, this expanse of rolling hills and vistas has a country feel, offering adventure sports, cultural villages, leafy suburbs 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.



Just inland from the city centre, Durban West is home to great guesthouses, shopping and lovely nature reserves. The gateway to Durban, it's the perfect place for business travellers.



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 is the third largest township in South Africa and is where a new African urban culture is developing. Meet some friendly locals here at a shebeen (which means 'hidden bar') and eat shisanyama (meat cooked on an open fire).



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.



Sitting against the Umgeni River as it winds down from the Valley of 1000 Hills to empty into the Indian Ocean, the Clermont-KwaDabeka area near Pinetown is home to a vibrant mix of people.





# Getting around

PHOTO: DURBAN TOURISM

Getting around Durban is easy, and our large landmarks and the ocean make navigation a breeze.

## Car rental and driving

Renting a car and driving yourself is arguably the easiest way to get around. The roads in Durban are in good condition and well sign-posted. Remember, in South Africa you drive on the left hand side of the road! There are a number of reputable car hire companies operating in Durban, 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.

*More info: 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 Durban People Mover bus stops, which are conveniently located for both commuters and tourists.

*More info: 031 309 2631*

## Metered taxis

There are plenty of metered taxis operating in and around the city. They are safe and relatively inexpensive. These taxis operate in key zones, including the airport, beachfront, city centre and accommodation and entertainment nodes within Durban. Registered metered taxis are clearly marked with a coloured sticker, so that you can be assured of a safe and professional service.

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# Spending time

## on the beachfront

**D**urban is characterised by its beaches – laidback, friendly and always in a slight holiday mode. Even our businessmen can be found going to work in board shorts and sandals, and shaking beach sand out of their hair during meetings.

As such, Durban is probably most famous for its beachfront, dubbed the Golden Mile, and it's no surprise that it's so popular. With wide, sandy beaches perfect for tanning, swimming areas patrolled by lifeguards, a new promenade ideal for jogging, walking, skateboarding and cycling, awesome beach breaks busy with surfers and bodyboarders, restaurants overlooking the water, piers to look back over the sea from, local arts and crafts for sale, people playing ad hoc games of volleyball or beach soccer, a world-class skatepark – really, there's no excuse to be bored at the beachfront.

Stretching from the harbour mouth in the south to Blue Lagoon at the Umgeni River mouth in the north, there are loads of different beaches with their own atmospheres and offerings. Snorkel or dive at Vetch's pier and limestone reef next to the harbour mouth, catch your first wave ever at Addington beach, surf with the locals at Wedge, Dairy or North beach, fish from Blue Lagoon, paddle out behind backline, catch a tan at Bay of Plenty, take the kids to Mini Town... you get the picture.

Further afield, the beaches at the Bluff are less busy, with loads of rock pools for the kids to explore. Umhlanga's beachfront is hugely popular with its long stretches of sand, restaurants overlooking the water and dolphin and whale watching operators that launch from Granny's Pool, and the large protected tidal rock pool at Umdloti is great for kids and popular with snorkelers.

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# Exploring

## uShaka Marine World

**U**Shaka Marine World is the kind of place that fills young and old with awe. And well it should. Explore the wonders of the deep at Sea World, the largest aquarium in the southern hemisphere, with underground viewing galleries that extend for 500 metres through four beautifully designed old shipwrecks as you encounter creatures great and small, fierce and friendly, tropical and deep.

You can also meet and touch a dolphin or a seal, or feed a ray by hand. Bring your swimming costume because the snorkel lagoon is packed with tropical fish to discover, and you can also try out the Ocean Walker Experience as you walk along the bottom of a tank surrounded by large fish, or even come face-to-face with a toothy shark during the Shark Cage Experience. The twice-daily dolphin shows are hugely popular, with the dolphin stadium seating 1200 visitors.

For a tingle up your spine, 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. For a thrill of a different kind, you can't leave before trying out everything Wet 'n Wild has to offer, with its slides, pools and chill-out areas.

Kid's World will keep the little ones occupied for hours with its jungle gym, sand pit, cave, water cannons and more, while the grown-ups can enjoy shopping and dining at the Village Walk. You can also take it easy on uShaka Beach, a lovely stretch of sand with a swimming area protected by lifeguards, and we thoroughly recommend a sundowner on Moyo pier as you look out over the water and back towards the city.



More info: [www.ushakamarineworld.co.za](http://www.ushakamarineworld.co.za) / 031 328 8000



# Sampling

## A fiery curry

One of Durban's culinary specialities is curry, which makes sense considering the city is home to the largest Indian population outside of India. And the great thing is, in most cases the cheaper a curry is, the more legit and the more delicious. Sure you can go to a fancy restaurant and order a decent curry for R100, but part of what makes our curry so special is the experience of eating it in a small curry den at the back of a wheel alignment garage or on a small, nondescript street corner – and only shelling out R10 or R20.

While you're here, you've got to try a bunny chow – a hollowed out half or quarter loaf of bread filled with a curry of your choice and topped off with the bread that was cut out, with some pickle on the side. It's pretty much the city's most famous meal, and the average Durbanite can't go a week without that bunny craving hitting them hard. If you're not used to eating hot food, bring a handkerchief, because some curries can make you sweat! Check out these great curry dens while you're in town.

### Durban Curry House

**286 Matthews Meyiwa (formerly Stamford Hill) Road, Windermere / 031 312 5745**

Low-key, but very much a local favourite, Durban Curry House is always buzzing. Their boneless chicken bunny is unbeatable, and their mutton bunny is insanely popular too. Eat there if you can, because they serve up bunnies swimming in delicious curry, unlike some other places which serve dry, stingy bunnies.

### Sunrise Chip 'n Ranch (Johnny's)

**89 Sparks Road, Overport / 031 209 2020**

Known as Johnny's to Durban locals, Sunrise Chip 'n Ranch is Durban's most famous curry spot. Open 24 hours a day, it's popular in the early hours of the morning when people have a curry craving after partying hard. Try their massive chip and cheese roti with veg or mutton gravy, and share it with someone as a half is usually enough for the biggest appetites. The service is friendly, their doors are always open and make sure you look out for their insane specials on the brightly painted posters all over their walls.

### Brittania Hotel

**1299 Umgeni Road / 031 303 2266**

Brittania Hotel is always busy and always serving up incredible curry. Set in a rather weird location – practically under an overpass, but easy to get to as it's off the large Umgeni Road – it's where CEOs jostle for table space with students and the unemployed to eat unpretentious but undeniably incredible curry. They have all the standards – beans, kebab, mutton, chicken – as well as some more unusual options for those with an adventurous palate, such as trotters curry or a tripe bunny.

Really though, it's hard to find a bad curry in Durban. So if you feel the craving, drive a kilometre or two in any direction and you'll come across a restaurant, corner café or tearoom serving up Durban's finest.

PHOTOS: SAMORA CHAPMAN

Don't leave BEFORE...



## Moses Mabhida Stadium

If Durban didn't have an iconic landmark before, it certainly does now. Moses Mabhida Stadium dominates the skyline with its gorgeous arch and gentle curves, and is a useful point from which to orientate yourself. Set just inland of the northern end of Durban's Golden Mile, the stadium is easily accessible from the M4, which links Durban with the northern suburbs and Umhlanga, the beach and trendy Morningside, as has become something of a local hot spot.

Bicycle and walking routes flow past the stadium, world-class gyms and sports facilities share the stadium's precinct, and on the first Saturday of every month the grounds host the I Heart Market, where all things artisan, vintage and delicious can be browsed and bought.

But the stadium itself is attraction enough. A must-do on your visit to the city is a trip up the famed stadium arch on the SkyCar to the viewing platform. At 106 metres high, there's no better view of the city and the ocean. If you're feeling energetic, you

can also walk up the arch's 500 or so steps to reach the viewing platform. While you're up there and feeling courageous, you can also try out the Big Rush Big Swing – it's the tallest swing of its kind in the world, and will send you out in a massive 220 metre arc above the pitch.

If that all sounds rather terrifying, there are also sedate stadium tours, Segway gliding tours, as well as a few restaurants and coffee shops for you to fuel up at.

If you're a football fan, there's nothing like catching a game between home Absa Premiership team Amazulu FC (locally known as Usuthu) as they clash with their national league rivals. Visit [www.amazulu.fc](http://www.amazulu.fc) to see when they're playing next.

**More info:** [www.mmstadium.com](http://www.mmstadium.com) / 031 582 8242





Durban is a sophisticated metropolitan city, South Africa's second largest city and the country's most popular leisure destination. With mild winters, hot summers and golden beaches stretching as far as the eye can see, the city is a melting pot of cultural diversity, sunshine and scenic natural beauty. Visitors get to experience the sights and sounds of this typically African city which is both alluring and fascinating, with a wealth of influences to entertain and enthrall with traditional Zulu dancers, rich cultural heritage and cosmopolitan lifestyle.

## Experience the best of Durban's World-Class Hospitality



## 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, 106 metres above the pitch, and enjoy panoramic views of the Indian Ocean and Durban. Adrenaline junkies try the world's only stadium Big flush Swing and the largest swing of any kind anywhere as confirmed by the Guinness Book of Records. Jump into the void 106 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 doubledeckers 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. Olllange 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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durban the warmest place to be



# Hey brew!

Did you know coffee is grown on Durban's doorstep?  
See what goes into your favourite cuppa.

South Africans love their coffee, but not many people realise that there are local coffee producers who've been at it for a long time. It used to be that local sugar cane farmers grew a bit of coffee on the side – areas of KZN mimic the climatic conditions of international coffee plantations – but over the decades they stopped producing.

Now the country is home to just two producers, and one of them, Assagay Coffee, is just a 30-minute drive from Durban in the Valley of 1000 Hills.

A family owned and operated farm, Assagay Coffee has been producing fantastic beans since 1992, when owner Rick James bought a small plot of trees and built a roaster out of an old tumble dryer, roasting the beans in his garage and selling his coffee to a few shops in the area.

In 2003 he bought a larger farm further inland at Cato Ridge, and now has 25,000 trees planted on 15 hectares, producing eight tons of roasted coffee beans a year. Although it's an easy drive from Durban, the farm feels like it's in the middle of nowhere, and perched as it is on the top of a small hill, it has lovely views of the surrounding countryside.

Rick leads tours of the farm himself, and shows visitors the entire coffee production process from seed to shelf. You can get into the plantation to see the trees, and depending on the season you might see the lovely flowers that will turn into berries, or the berries themselves. Next up, you can see what goes into turning the berries into ready-to-grind beans; it's quite a process, involving deskinning, fermenting,



PHOTOS: WILL EDGUMBE - ASSAGAY COFFEE FARM

drying, dehusking, grading and finally roasting. The tour ends in the old stables which have been converted into a little coffee shop, where Rick makes the coffee himself. Also for sale are bags of coffee, fresh home-baked goods, preserves and a few coffee accessories.

Farm tours are run twice daily on weekends, and booking is essential (R50/head incl. coffee tasting). The farm hosts open days every Sunday, with breakfast served from 9am-11am. Assagay Coffee is available at Spar, Pick 'n Pay and Food Lovers Markets nationwide, and can also be purchased directly from the Assagay Coffee website.

More info: [www.assagaycoffee.co.za](http://www.assagaycoffee.co.za) /  
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## Durban's Coffee Culture

Durbanites are passionate about their coffee, and some fantastic coffee shops are scattered around the city where you can get a great cuppa.

**The Factory Café** ([www.factorycafe.co.za](http://www.factorycafe.co.za) / 369 Magwaza Maphalala Street) is where connoisseurs go to drink and aspirant baristas go to train. Set in a lovely old industrial building, the Factory Café is the beating heart of Durban's coffee culture, and doubles as an entertainment space and music venue.

**The Bean Green Coffee Roastery** (031 201 8122 / 147 Helen Joseph Road) in Glenwood, owned and run by a father-daughter team, serves arguably the finest cup of coffee in the country. Serving only Ethiopian beans, their blends and single origin beans bring coffee lovers to their door from all over the city. It's a great place to sit back and chill while vinyl's spin on their record player.

**Love Coffee** (484 Lilian Ngoyi Road, 031 312 1663) is where coffee lovers congregate for their caffeine fix in Morningside. Open from 6am-5pm, the morning rush sees people dropping by on their way home from a surf or on their way to work. The service is quick and friendly, the coffee fantastic, and their baked goods to die for.



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People are getting pretty serious about their beer these days. Much like coffee, for many people the stuff that's mass produced just isn't up to scratch, and even casual beer drinkers are learning about the subtlety that goes into making a truly great beer.

Some excellent microbreweries have popped up around the greater Durban area, offering all the things that make craft beer awesome – hand crafted, no preservatives and made with passion. So if you like beer and want to taste what the locals drink, see if you can't visit a couple of them to see what's going down.

## Shongweni Brewery

Half an hour from Durban at Shongweni near Hillcrest you'll find Shongweni Brewery, which has been producing fantastic bottle-conditioned beers since 2006. They produce five beers: East Coast Ale, Wheat Beer, Fruit Beer, Durban Pale Ale and West Coast Ale, so whatever your preference, one of these will appeal to you. Over the years they've received recognition globally, and export their beers to the European Union. Check out their tours with tastings run on Saturdays at 2pm (booking essential) and see what the fuss is about.

**More info:** [www.shongwenibrewery.co.za](http://www.shongwenibrewery.co.za) / 082 497 6462

## The Standeaven Brewery

After launching their range of beers in 2012, the Standeaven Brewery has gone from strength to strength, gaining fans around the country and taking home awards. Based on a farm at Alverstone, which is where the Valley of 1000 Hills more or less begin, the brewery produces a fantastic range of beers, including pilsner, Irish stout, wheat beer, ale and lager. You can find



them at the Shongweni Farmers and Craft Market ([www.shongwenimarket.co.za](http://www.shongwenimarket.co.za)) which is held every Saturday morning on the outskirts of Hillcrest.

**More info:** 031 777 4685 / [www.thestandeavenbrewery.co.za](http://www.thestandeavenbrewery.co.za)

## Porcupine Quill Brewing Company

Further into the Valley of 1000 Hills – there must be something in the air that gets people here excited about producing beer! – is Porcupine Quill, located on the 1000 Hills Chefs School property and sharing a building with a cheesery, bakery and sausage making facility. Let's just say there are a lot of tasty things happening per square metre. The brewery produces 11 different beers – the Porcupine Quill label and the African Moon label beers are generally lighter, with the Dam Wolf range offering high alcohol options. You can enjoy their beer in the on-site restaurant or on the deli's veranda, so take your time and see which one tickles your fancy.

**More info:** 031 777 1566 / [www.craftbrewers.co.za](http://www.craftbrewers.co.za)

## That Brewing Co.

The only Durban-based brewery on this here list, That Brewing Co. has risen in prominence fairly quickly thanks to the quality of the four beers it produces. There's an English-style pale ale, a German style Weiss, an Irish style red cream ale and an American style pale ale. Full flavoured and refreshing, it's almost hard to believe that this brewery only started producing in 2013. Their beers are found exclusively on tap at Unity Bar & Brasserie in Musgrave (see more info below) and have become really popular with the locals.

## Go on a road trip for your taste buds at Unity

All the beers we've featured here (except Porcupine Quill Brewing Company) can be sampled at Unity Bar & Brasserie. Arguably Durban's most popular watering hole, they're all about serving great beer paired with down to earth but lovingly prepared grub – think butter chicken curry, thick beef burgers, beer braised beef pie, beer battered fish... you get the picture. The great thing is you can get a glass of beer that's only 180ml in size, so you can try way more beers than you might ordinarily be able to. Just a plea – don't drink and drive. Rather grab one of Durban's many cabs.

**More info:** 031 201 3470 / [www.unitybar.co.za](http://www.unitybar.co.za)

PHOTOS: THE STANDEAVEN BREWERY; SHONGWENI BREWERY; PORCUPINE QUILL BREWING COMPANY

# Exploring the depths

If you didn't know Aliwal Shoal was there, you'd never guess it as you stand on the beach and look out over the water. Essentially a fossilised sand dune, Aliwal Shoal lies 5km off the coastal village of Umkomaas (about a 30-minute drive south of Durban) and was considered by none other than Jacques Cousteau to be one of the top 10 dive sites in the world.

Once you're down there, it's obvious why. Hard and soft corals, turtles, rays, nudibranchs and a massive variety of tropical fish can be seen, and if you're lucky, you might even encounter a local school of dolphin or hear whales calling as they migrate up the coast.

But perhaps what the reef is most famous for are grey nurse sharks, commonly known as ragged tooth sharks, or colloquially, raggies. These toothy hunters may look terrifying, but they're in fact fairly docile, and congregate in great numbers at the reef from early July to late September. In fact, it's not unusual to encounter 15 or 20 sharks on a single dive. Now that may sound like a nightmare to some people, but being in the water with them and experiencing them in their own environment is something quite special and memorable.

Aliwal Shoal can be dived and enjoyed by novices and experienced divers alike, although conditions are different to so-called resort dives in tropical areas. Early in the morning, when conditions are calm, visibility and conditions match those of famous tropical dive sites, but conditions can also quite quickly become challenging. The often bumpy boat ride to your diving spot, and the currents and



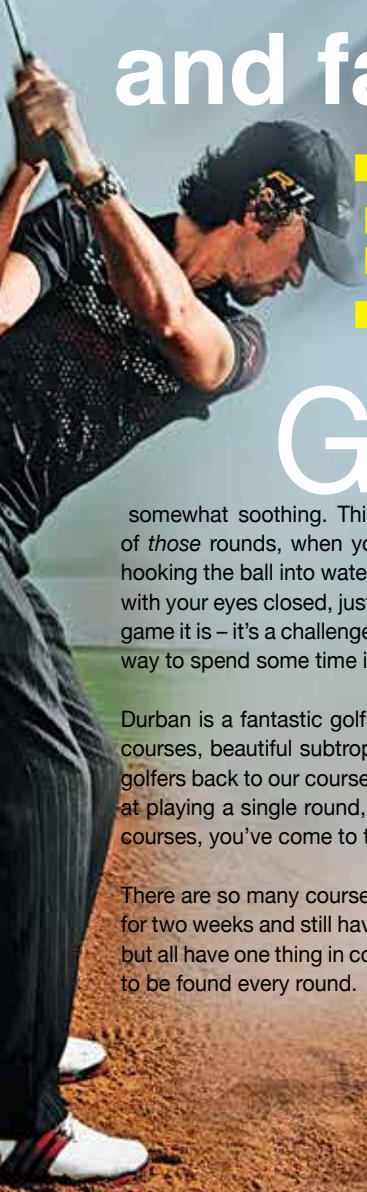
odd bit of surge will call upon all the skills you learned during your dive training, and result in a hugely satisfying time underwater, making everything you see feel well-earned.

There are two wrecks near the reef that are popular with divers, the MV Produce which sank in 1974, and the SS Nebo which sank in 1884. Both wrecks are below 24 metres, and so are deeper than the average Aliwal dive, but the rewards are fantastic, as the wrecks are home to some incredible life. Keep an eye out for the giant brindle bass, the endemic harlequin goldie and even the odd tiger shark.

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# Fairways and fair days

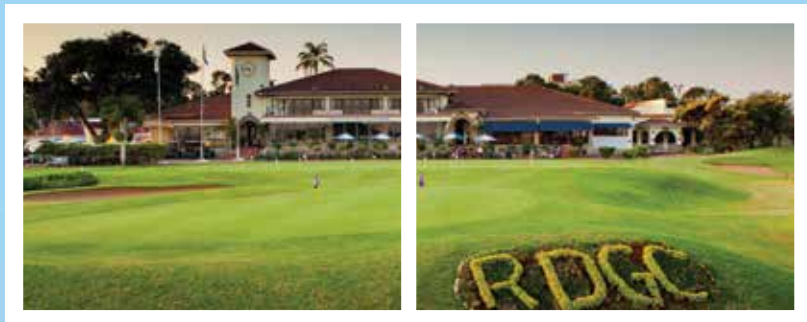


Have a bit of a swing on one of Durban's beautiful golf courses

**G**olf is a game of simple pleasures – the sweet ‘ping’ as you hit a powerful drive, a gentle breeze as you stroll down a fairway, the hollow gurgle of a long putt being sunk, even replacing an emerald divot can be somewhat soothing. This is, of course, assuming that you’re not having one of *those* rounds, when your long iron shots fade instead of drawing, you keep hooking the ball into water hazards, and those short putts, which you should sink with your eyes closed, just won’t. get. in. the. hole. But this is what makes golf the game it is – it’s a challenge against oneself and against the conditions, and a great way to spend some time in the open air surrounded by nature.

Durban is a fantastic golfing destination – year-round sunshine, a wide range of courses, beautiful subtropical vegetation, birdsong and friendly 19th holes bring golfers back to our courses again and again. And whether you’re a hacker looking at playing a single round, or a serious golf addict wanting to play championship courses, you’ve come to the right place.

There are so many courses in the Durban area, you could play a round every day for two weeks and still have more to visit. Our courses range in difficulty and style, but all have one thing in common – no matter what your skill, the rewards are there to be found every round.



## Durban Country Club

031 313 1777 / [www.dclub.co.za](http://www.dclub.co.za) / Walter Gilbert Road, Durban

The grand old dame of South African golf, Durban Country Club is considered to be the country’s top course and has an international reputation. Set near the Indian Ocean and fashioned into the dunes, the course is a true stunner, with its gorgeous tree-lined fairways and impeccably manicured greens. Visiting golfers are always welcome, so go test your mettle on the very course that has hosted some of the world’s top players.

## Royal Durban Golf Club

031 309 1373 / [www.royaldurban.co.za](http://www.royaldurban.co.za) / Gate 15, 16 Mitchell Crescent, Greyville, Durban

Royal Durban is one of South Africa’s toughest championship golf courses. At first it looks easy with its flat layout and absence of trees, but the wind can be tricky to gauge and with its narrow fairways, thick rough and profile greenside bunkers, well placed to catch the slightly wayward shot, Royal Durban isn’t easy but is immensely rewarding for the patient golfer.

## Kloof Country Club

031 764 0555 / [www.kloofcountryclub.co.za](http://www.kloofcountryclub.co.za) / 26 Victory Road, Kloof

Kloof Country Club is set in the verdant hills just 25 minutes’ drive inland from

PHOTOS: DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB, KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB, ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB



Durban: Regarded as one of KZN's finest, Kloof Country Club Golf Course has been newly reconstructed and is set to test even the most talented golfers. Each of the 18 holes has a unique character of its own and integrates the natural beauty of the area with some challenging hazards.

#### **Mount Edgecombe Country Club**

**031 539 5330 / [www.mountedgcombe.com](http://www.mountedgcombe.com) / Gate No. 2 Golf Course Drive, Mount Edgecombe**

Mount Edgecombe Country Club's two golf courses are among the few in the country designed to USGA specifications. Course 1 has a spectacular layout that combines attractive water features, multi-tiered greens and forgiving roughs. Course 2 is undulating and provides a challenging but fair test of golf. The indigenous trees that line the course attract a host of colourful birds and butterflies, adding a beautiful dimension to the courses.



#### **Other courses in the Durban area**

If you've got the time, be sure to try out Durban Country Club Beachwood (031 313 1777 / [www.dcclub.co.za](http://www.dcclub.co.za)) with its beautiful undulating 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 / [www.zimbali.co.za](http://www.zimbali.co.za)) or Amanzimtoti Country Club (031 902 1166 / [www.totigolfclub.co.za](http://www.totigolfclub.co.za)) with its views of the sea.

#### **Further afield**

KwaZulu-Natal is littered with fantastic courses. If you get out of the city towards the Drakensberg, you've got to play a round at Cathedral Peak Golf Club (0860 774 625 / [www.cathedralpeakgolfclub.co.za](http://www.cathedralpeakgolfclub.co.za)) with its spectacular mountain views. On the way there, stop by Maritzburg Golf Club (033 396 2356 / [www.maritzburggolf.co.za](http://www.maritzburggolf.co.za)) to boost your confidence on its wide fairways and flat layout. On the edge of the Indian Ocean and on the border between KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape, the Wild Coast Sun Country Club (039 305 2799 / [www.suninternational.com](http://www.suninternational.com)) has a rugged beauty and is a very challenging course.



# Crafty shopping

Markets today are different from those of yesteryear, which tended towards perhaps being a little old fashioned, sometimes scruffy, and certainly not hip. Now however, markets are usually where one can find the best handmade or artisan items, usually from the creators themselves.

Part of the reason shopping at markets is so great is because you never know quite what you're going to stumble across, be it a delicate piece of handmade jewellery, a designer dress, a retro piece of furniture, a classic vinyl or a gorgeous piece of art. Durban is home to some fantastic markets so see which ones are on during your visit and see if you can't take home a small piece of the city's creative output.

### A market like no other

Victoria Street Market is the place to go to get a real sense of Durban's Afro-Oriental atmosphere. Open daily on the corner of Victoria and Queen Street, the market is an extensive bazaar selling everything from souvenirs, crafts, jewellery and fabrics to fish, fresh meat, fruit, vegetables and spices. It's a fantastic experience and a great place to pick up a keepsake to take home with you. It's best to see the market as part of a tour – you can contact Durban Tourism on 031 322 4164 to find out about these.

### Upmarket Umhlanga

The new kid on the block, Upmarket ([www.upmarket.mobi](http://www.upmarket.mobi)) is held on the first

Friday and Sunday of every month at Umhlanga Centre, and offers an awesome eating, social and shopping experience. The market is undercover, so come rain or shine it's always on, and there's always a great vibe with buskers creating a lively atmosphere and loads of entertainment for the kids. It's a great family outing, so bring gran and the kids and see what you can see.

### Shongweni Farmers and Craft Market

Established in 1998, Shongweni Farmers and Craft Market ([www.shongwenimarket.co.za](http://www.shongwenimarket.co.za) / 031 777 4686) is something of an institution. Held at Shongweni, just outside Hillcrest, the market oozes country charm and is completely unpretentious. It's open from 6:30am to 10:30am, and it's worth getting there early as it gets busier the later it gets. Take your time choosing something amazing for breakfast; eggs benedict, French toast, pancakes, waffles, falafel wraps, German delicacies, Greek pastries, homemade pies – the range is incredible. You can also buy fresh vegetables, breads, cheeses, meat and flowers, not to mention art, furniture, plants and other crafts.

### I Heart Market

Durban's trendiest market, I Heart Market (<http://iheartmarket.blogspot.com>) is held on the first Saturday of every month at the foot of Moses Mabhida Stadium's iconic arch. Over the years it's grown into one of the country's busiest and best design markets, with all products on sale carefully selected to ensure authenticity, quality design and that they're locally made. Jewellery, clothing, art, retro knickknacks, furniture, toys and delicious food – it's all here, and you might battle to walk away without spending all the cash you have on you!

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# Call of the Mall

Fancy a bit of light shopping or have a craving for some intense retail therapy? You'll be just fine in Durban. Our malls and boutiques come in all shapes and sizes, so hook out that credit card from its hiding place in the freezer and go have some fun.

The up-market suburb of La Lucia is just south of Umhlanga, and **La Lucia Mall** ([www.laluciamall.co.za](http://www.laluciamall.co.za) / 031 562 8420) is as classy and beautiful as the homes around it. It has an exclusive and relaxed atmosphere with many local and international big brand stores and restaurants to choose from. If you want to spend a few unhurried hours browsing around, this is the mall to go to.

Durban's biggest mall by far and set on the top of Umhlanga Ridge, **Gateway Theatre of Shopping** ([www.gatewayworld.co.za](http://www.gatewayworld.co.za) / 031 514 0500) is the ultimate shopping and entertainment destination. There are shops galore, from chain stores to fashion boutiques to jewelers to gadgets – there's almost nothing you can't find at Gateway. There's also lots to do other than shopping – a massive cinema complex, a supper theatre, fun science centre for kids, go karting, the D-Rex double point breaking standing wave and many, many restaurants to choose from.

Conveniently located in Westville just off the N3 (you can't miss it) and ten minutes from the city centre, **The Pavilion Shopping Centre** ([www.thepav.co.za](http://www.thepav.co.za) / 031 275 9800), or the Pav as it's known to locals, is one of the country's busiest malls, pulling in more than 1.8 million shoppers every month. The Pavilion offers

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Perched on the top of the Berea with easy access from Glenwood and Morningside, **Musgrave Centre** ([www.musgravecentre.co.za](http://www.musgravecentre.co.za) / 031 277 8420) is a classy, intimate and well laid-out mall with an emphasis on quality stores. Its location between Musgrave and Stephen Dlamini (Essenwood) Roads makes it ideal for visitors and locals alike to enjoy, and its many independent boutiques hold some lovely treasures for shoppers to discover, as well as a cinema complex.

For a family friendly shopping, dining and entertainment experience, **Galleria** ([www.galleria.co.za](http://www.galleria.co.za) / 031 904 2233) is the premier mall on the Sapphire Coast. With a range of stylish big brand stores, fashion boutiques and restaurants, as well as a host of entertainment for the whole family, including a cinema, mini-golf and an ice-rink, Galleria is conveniently located just off the N2 highway south of Durban.



# Night ON THE TOWN

Did you pack your dancing shoes? Got an itch to party that needs to be scratched? Despite Durban's reputation as a sleepy place, there's always a party somewhere, so dress up and go play.

Durban's trendiest dance club is **The Origin** ([www.theorigin.co.za](http://www.theorigin.co.za) / 031 201 9959) in Glenwood. It has separate zones playing straight-up dance music, soul and funk, deep house, vocal electro and minimal tech.

Set in Suncoast Casino and overlooking the northern end of Durban's Golden Mile, there's always a party at **Café Vacca Matta** ([www.vaccamatta.com](http://www.vaccamatta.com)). It's a nightclub, VIP lounge and restaurant rolled into one, and it's where the city's trendy socialites go to let their hair down.

Set on the top story of the Oyster Box Hotel, the **Lighthouse Bar** ([www.oysterboxhotel.com](http://www.oysterboxhotel.com)) is opulent and relaxed, and has an amazing panoramic view of the Umhlanga coastline. Grab a cocktail and enjoy the sunset, or mingle with the city's jet-setters and break open the bubbly.

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# Eat your heart out

You'll never be at risk of going hungry in Durban – there are restaurants, delis and eateries on just about every street, as well as popular restaurant precincts where Durbanites and tourists flock every night of the week. Whether you're hankering after Italian, Thai, Chinese, Fusion, Contemporary, Indian, burgers, steak or whatever your taste is, Durban has loads of places to choose from. If you're not feeling particularly picky, it's worth driving or walking around to see which places are buzzing – generally, if it's packed with locals, you know it's a safe bet.

### Glenwood gorging

Glenwood is a large suburb on the Berea ridge overlooking the CBD and harbour, and has a few areas where great restaurants have popped up. On the corner of Brand and Cromwell roads is the aptly named **Corner Café** ([www.thecornercafe.co.za](http://www.thecornercafe.co.za) / 031 201 0219), which is open for breakfast and lunch every day except Sunday. It's down to earth, with a neighbourhood hangout feel, all the food is organically grown and fresh, and the coffee is to die for.

Just across the road is **Mooki Noodle Bar** (<https://mookinoodles.wordpress.com> / 031 811 9199), a tiny pan-Asian restaurant serving up some amazing noodle and rice dishes. If you're around on the last Saturday of the month, make sure you check out their Dim-Sum Session, where they serve up platters and individual portions – delicious!

If you're into burgers, you've got to eat at **O'Bryan's Sports Bar** (079 638 8574) at 131 Helen Joseph Road. Their burgers are out of control they're so good, and if you ask a local about them, they'll speak in hushed tones about the last time they ate there.

### Morningside munching

Morningside is a lovely, leafy suburb on the northern end of the city and is home to Durban's trendiest area, Florida Road. There are loads of great eateries and bistros here, the most popular being **Spiga d'Oro** ([www.spiga.co.za](http://www.spiga.co.za) / 031 303 9511). It's one of Durban's busiest restaurants and serves up great Italian food in a lively atmosphere.

Just up the road is **House of Curries** (031 303 6076), which serves up unpretentious curries (try their massive rotis) and has become the area's busiest watering hole, thanks to its large outdoor deck.

For something a little more chilled, **Delfi Greek Taverna** (031 312 7032) at 386 Lilian Ngoyi (Windermere) Road is a tiny, family-run restaurant serving up mouthwatering Greek food. Their moussaka is good enough to commit crime for, and make sure you share their meze platter with someone as a starter to taste a bunch of different delicacies. It's worth booking ahead, as the restaurant fills up very quickly.

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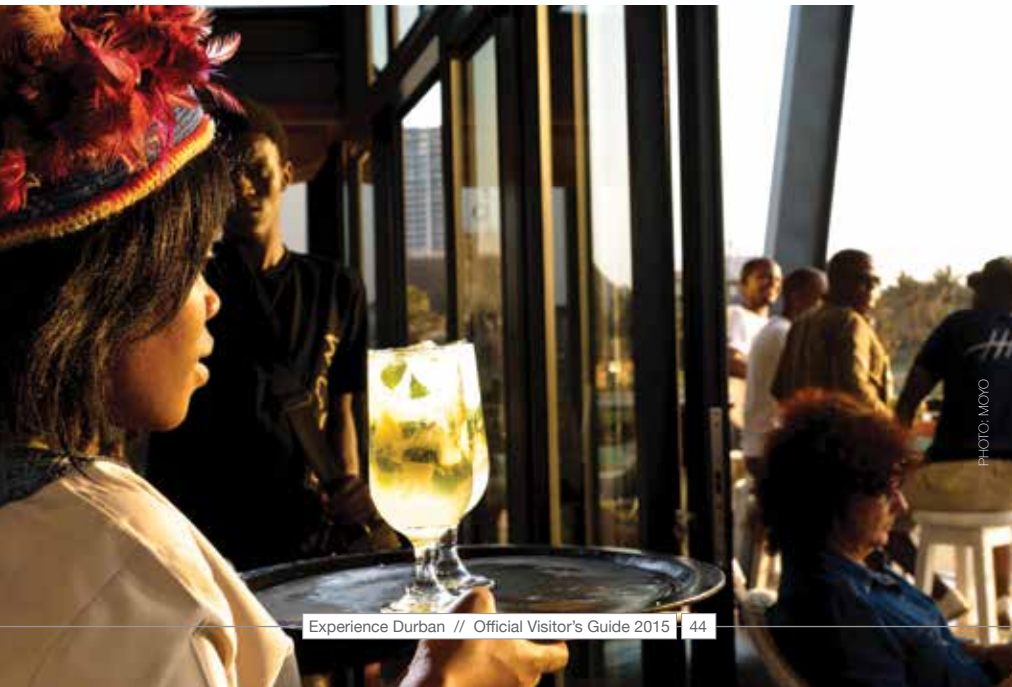
Enjoying Durban's beachfront is hungry work. **The Circus Circus Beach Café** ([www.circuscircus.co.za](http://www.circuscircus.co.za) / 031 337 7700) is right on the promenade overlooking Bay of Plenty, and even has a few tables set up on the sand. It's great for a drink or a light meal and you can't beat the setting.

On the other end of the beachfront is **Moyo uShaka Pier** ([www.moyo.co.za](http://www.moyo.co.za) / 031 332 0606), which offers a 360-degree view of the shoreline from a beautiful two storey tall structure on the end of a pier. Grab a drink and watch the sun go down as surfers and swimmers enjoy the waves below you.

## Upping the ante in Umhlanga

Keen for a dash of fine dining? **Harvey's** ([www.harveysrestaurant.co.za](http://www.harveysrestaurant.co.za) / 031 312 5706), recently relocated to Umhlanga from Morningside, has been a popular fine dining institution for years. Their innovative menu is constantly changing, their wine list is extensive, and the ambience is something special, so treat your partner to a night to remember.

If you feel like dropping in on whatever looks nice, take a stroll down **Chartwell Drive**, which has a staggering range of great eateries, including Thai, Italian, Argentinian, Mexican and more. See what strikes your fancy and just drop in.



# EAT SEASONABLY

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For the past 20 years, Circus Circus have worked tirelessly to create an environment that is comfortable and serves scrummy food to match. "To end up with something good you have to start with something good", says Dan Evans, Head Chef.

And to this end their food teams labour to secure ingredients that are free from the endless additives that now plague our modern food. "It's harder than it sounds and our suppliers have to go to great lengths to meet our fanatically high standards."

Their eggs are free range, burgers are homemade with hormone free beef and most of the fresh produce is naturally farmed, pesticide free and sourced from local farmers.

Next time you're near one of their welcoming stores, pop in and enjoy tasty, fresh food and friendly service.



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# Live sporting action

**D**urbanites are passionate about their sport and support their local teams fiercely. There are action packed contests hosted year-round, so see what's on while you're here and experience the locals cheering on their home-grown stars.

**The Sharks** ([www.sharksrugby.co.za](http://www.sharksrugby.co.za)) are the local rugby team, playing their home games at Growthpoint Kings Park, a stone's throw from Moses Mabhida Stadium, in front of the zealous locals who pack out every game. The Sharks regularly perform well in the local Currie Cup, as well as the international Super Rugby competition, and the team has produced some of the biggest stars of South African rugby. International test matches are also held here, where the Springboks battle it out for supremacy.

Local PSL team **Amazulu FC** ([www.amazulufc.net](http://www.amazulufc.net)) are based at the spectacular Moses Mabhida Stadium, and their passionate fans are easy to spot on match day, decked out in the team's green kit and blasting vuvuzelas. Home games always have a party atmosphere and are great fun. If you hear people chanting 'Usuthu!', it's an old Zulu war cry which has become the club's nickname.

Cricket fans are in for a treat at **Sunfoil Dolphins** ([www.dolphinscricket.co.za](http://www.dolphinscricket.co.za)) games. Based at Sahara Stadium Kingsmead just inland from the beachfront, the cricket is a great place to spend the day or evening, with a family atmosphere prevailing. 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 stadium also usually hosts the Boxing Day test match, where the national cricket team, the Proteas, show why they're one of the top teams in the world.



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# Get some action

Almost every Durbanite has some form of outdoorsy hobby, many of these pretty exhilarating. If you like being outdoors and going on a bit of adventure, there's plenty to be found, so bring along some clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty!

If you can't leave home without your mountain bike, you're in for a treat. **Giba Gorge Mountain Bike Park** ([www.gibagorge.co.za](http://www.gibagorge.co.za) / 031 769 1527) is just a 20-minute drive inland from Durban at Westmead, and has more than 30km of mountain biking trails suitable for everyone from beginners to pros. The trail centre caters to the needs of all riders, and the bike shop is stocked with all the gear you might need, including bikes, gloves, spare tubes, helmets and, if you're not too proud, advice.

Fishing is popular with locals and visitors alike, whether it's shore angling, deep sea fishing or spearfishing. Deep sea fishing charters are a great way to appreciate the city, and the waters off Durban bustle with large game fish. Fishing charters are available from Durban harbour, and from ski-boat launches north and south of the city.

If the idea of being out to sea appeals to you, you can also go on a whale and dolphin spotting charter, but if you don't have your sea legs you have a decent shot of spotting them from land too. Dolphins often frolic behind backline off the Durban beachfront, so get down to the beach a little after dawn, grab some coffee and make your way to the pier to try catch a glimpse of them. Humpback whales and occasionally southern rights can be seen along the coastline from July through to November, so if you catch yourself staring out to sea, keep an eye peeled for a telltale spurt from a blowhole or a massive tail slapping the water.



**The KZN Sharks Board** ([www.shark.co.za](http://www.shark.co.za) / 031 566 0400) is the only organisation of its kind in the world, and protects bathers from shark attacks along the KZN coastline using a combination of nets and drumlines. Their head office in Umhlanga is open to the public for an audio-visual presentation and shark dissection, where visitors can learn more about (and smell) the inner workings of these fascinating creatures. The KZNSB also gives members of the public an opportunity to go out to sea and watch the shark safety gear being checked in the early morning. This two-hour boat trip will also give you an awesome view of Durban's beachfront in the early morning light, and if you're lucky you'll also see dolphins and seabirds.

There's nothing as charming as an old steam locomotive, and the **Umgeni Steam Railway** ([www.umgenisteamrailway.co.za](http://www.umgenisteamrailway.co.za) / 087 808 7715) runs day trips through in the Valley of 1000 Hills on the last Sunday of every month, powered by a 100-year-old locomotive. The train chugs its way between Kloof Station, through the village of Hillcrest, up the steep Bothas Hill, hugging the passes, to Inchanga Station where there is a craft market and loads of good food on sale.

An unusual and exhilarating way to experience the beauty of Durban and its surrounds is from the air. A number of helicopter tour operators offer scenic flips, departing from Durban's Virginia Airport just north of the Umgeni River mouth – bring your camera, because the views you see will be unparalleled.

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# Into The wild

Durban is a particularly green city, thanks in part to its warm, subtropical climate. From finding a bit of solace in a park to exploring the nature reserves and conservancies dotted around the area, to even finding a deserted bit of beach, Durban's natural surroundings are pretty and easy to lose yourself in.

Despite being right under everyone's noses on the northern mouth of the Umgeni River, **Beachwood Mangroves Nature Reserve** (082 559 2839) is one of those places that tends to fly under the radar, particularly if you're a visitor. And yet it's a fantastic place, home to a unique mangrove ecosystem which is as interesting as it is beautiful. Rare bird species flit about the trees, and thousands of lopsided fiddler crabs scurry around in the silt. You can explore the reserve on a raised boardwalk through the mangroves on a guided or self-guided walk, with the boardwalk ending on a lovely stretch of empty beach.

**Umgeni River Bird Park** ([www.umgeniriverbirdpark.co.za](http://www.umgeniriverbirdpark.co.za) / 031 579 4601) is home to more than 200 species of exotic and indigenous birds, and is great fun to visit thanks to its walk-through aviaries – filled with the chatter of brightly coloured birds – the flamingo dam and a cascading waterfall. The free Bird Show, which is run twice daily, is the top attraction, where you can get up close and personal with owls, cranes, hornbills, macaws, kookaburras, toucans, vultures and many other species as they demonstrate what they would normally do in the wild in totally unrestricted free flight. If you're feeling peckish, the on-site Cockatoo Café serves light meals and drinks.



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If you want to grab some peace and quiet, there's nothing quite as therapeutic as an amble around the **Durban Botanic Gardens** ([www.durbanbotanicgardens.org.za](http://www.durbanbotanicgardens.org.za) / 031 322 4021). It's the oldest surviving botanic garden in Africa and boasts extensive collections of both exotic and indigenous trees and plants including cycads, bromeliads, palms and orchids. Entrance to the Durban Botanic Gardens is free although donations are encouraged, and there's a lovely little tea garden that serves light snacks. The gardens also regularly host live music performances, so keep your eyes peeled to see if something is happening during your stay.

Just next to the leafy suburb of Kloof is **Krantzkloof Nature Reserve** ([www.kknr.org.za](http://www.kknr.org.za)) a lush place where two river gorges, the Molweni and Nqutu, meet. The reserve has 20km of scenic walks, including a stunning waterfall and two wonderful view sites of the Krantzkloof Gorge, and is home to small game and lovely birdlife.

Just 30 minutes from Durban is **Shongweni Dam and Nature Reserve** ([www.msinsi.co.za](http://www.msinsi.co.za) / 031 769 1283), and it's such a sanctuary it's hard to believe the city is so close. With thick forest and steep cliffs, the reserve is pretty dramatic, and a favourite place for locals to camp and game watch. If you're keen for adventure, there's canoeing, sailboating, trailing and rock climbing, and if it's animals you want, it's animals you'll get. The reserve is home to rhino, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, impala, kudu, wildebeest, caracal, ostrich and many more, and is rated as one of the top bird sanctuaries in the area.



# A hotbed of culture and history

**D**urban is populated by people who have come from all corners of the globe, creating a cultural mix that makes the city unique. There are the Zulu people, born as a nation under the reign of King Shaka, people of European extraction who arrived due to Colonial expansion from the Cape in the early 1800s, and a large and diverse Indian population, when indentured labourers were brought in from British India to work the sugar plantations.

The result is a cultural mix of Eastern, Western and African influences that are visible everywhere, in the art and architecture, fashion, cuisine and language.

### Shisanyama

There's no vibe like the vibe at a shebeen (which means 'hidden' bar) or a 'shisanyama' (where meat is grilled on open fires). The food is amazing, the drinks flow freely and locals meet together to have a great time. This is one of the best ways to experience local township culture and get to know Durban's friendly people.

**Take a tour: Street Scene – 031 321 5079 / [www.streetscene.co.za](http://www.streetscene.co.za)**

### Inanda Heritage Trail

You can experience some of Durban's most important historical sites on the Inanda Heritage Trail, including the Phoenix Settlement, where Mahatma Gandhi developed his philosophy of passive resistance, and the Ohlange Institute at Inanda Township, founded by the first president of the African National Congress, Rev. John Dube, and where Nelson Mandela cast his historic vote in South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994. Visits to these historic sites can be arranged through specialist tour operators.

**More info: Inanda Tourism – 031 519 2555**

### Mosques, temples and churches

With Durban's different cultures comes a mix of religions and some beautiful places of worship. There's the Jumma Masjid on Grey Street, which is the biggest mosque in the southern hemisphere, Chatsworth's Temple of Understanding, a beautiful Hare Krishna Temple, and the Mariannhill Monastery, built by Trappist monks in 1882.

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## your head

Whatever kind of holiday you're after, there's a place to stay to suit you. If you want maximum time on the beach, then one of the beachfront hotels in Durban, Amanzimtoti or Umhlanga are your best bet, though if you've got a car you can stay in any of the central suburbs and be on the beach in a matter of minutes.

For peace and quiet, a bed and breakfast in the leafy suburbs of Westville, Kloof, Hillcrest or the Valley of 1000 Hills will get you relaxing in no time, and there are plenty of nature reserves, coffee shops and spas to explore. If you're here to party, eat at a different restaurant every night and explore the city, then a hotel or guesthouse near Florida Road is the place to stay.

There's a wide range of accommodation options to suit your budget, too, from luxurious hotels to self-catering holiday apartments, guesthouses, B&Bs, backpacker establishments and lodges.

Visit [www.durbanexperience.co.za](http://www.durbanexperience.co.za) for accommodation listings.

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# On top of

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The KwaZulu-Natal Midlands is a peaceful place, known for its pastoral atmosphere and country lifestyle. But there's more to it than pub lunches, crafts and handmade goods – there's a decent dose of adrenalin to be found, with nowhere better than Karkloof Canopy Tours.

Set in the beautiful mistbelt forest of the Karkloof Nature Reserve, Karkloof Canopy Tours offers up an unforgettable adventure as you slide from one platform to the next along a series of steel cables set amongst magnificent natural surroundings. Regarded as one of South Africa's top eco adventures, the tour takes visitors on a two-hour adventure through pristine indigenous forest, with eight slides – up to 180 metres long and 30 metres high – that zig-zag down the valley.

The scenery and birdlife is spectacular, and on the platforms between slides your guide will explain the ecology of the forest, pointing out different trees and the magnificent giant ferns way below. The birdlife is incredible, so if you're a bit of a

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twitcher then keep your eyes peeled for Emerald Cuckoo, Knysna Turaco, a wide variety of raptors and – if you are lucky – the elusive Narina Trogon or endangered Cape Parrot. The forest is also home to a variety of mammals, but it is the loud calls and fearless tree swinging of the Samango monkeys that you will remember best.

Despite the height, the tour is 100% safe and suitable for people from age five to 95, so it really is something the whole family can enjoy. Karkloof Canopy Tours is open every day, with tours every half an hour from 8am to 3pm. Come experience one of South Africa's fastest growing eco-adventures with thousands of satisfied thrill-seekers having already caught the bug.

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# A place of miracle and wonder

Some 275 kilometres north of Durban lies iSimangaliso Wetland Park, declared South Africa's first World Heritage Site in 1999. It comprises eight ecosystems, three lakes, ancient dunes, the country's biggest estuarine system, swamp forests and incredibly diverse fish, bird, plant and animal species. There aren't many places in the world with such a variety of natural splendour packed together, so it's easy to see why the area is called 'iSimangaliso' – after all, it means 'miracle and wonder'.

Spanning 220 kilometres of coastline from Maphelane and St Lucia in the south to the Mozambique border in the north, iSimangaliso also includes uMkhuze, False Bay and Lake Sibaya inland, and totals 332,000 hectares of pristine wilderness. As such, there's much more to do in iSimangaliso than one article can tell you – or one visit can explore – and it's the kind of place where repeat visits will deliver something special or new every time.

## Amongst the animals

iSimangaliso is home to the Big Five (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo and white and black rhino), with lions recently reintroduced to the uMkhuze section. At just under 40,000 hectares, uMkhuze isn't a particularly big park, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in diversity. Home to the Big Five, hyena, cheetah and wild dog, not to mention nyala, kudu and other antelope, it's incredibly game rich. And yet, it's even better for spotting birds; more than 420 species of birds can be seen, including African broadbill, Narina Trogon, Brownheaded Parrot and Lappet-faced Vulture.

Nestled next to St Lucia town are two lovely wilderness sections – the Western and Eastern Shores. The Western Shores is a 25,000-hectare section of the park which was only opened to the public in December 2013; the animals here aren't used to vehicles and so are properly wild, making spotting game somehow more rewarding. Make sure you stop at the uMthoma Aerial Boardwalk and viewing deck, which is built in a large Cape Ash tree. The view looks over the Lake St Lucia narrows, wetlands and grassland to Cape Vidal and the densely vegetated sand dunes which follow the shore.

A boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary is a must-do – Lake St Lucia is South Africa's largest estuarine system, and home to more than 800 hippos and 1200 crocodiles. A cruise will get you right up close and personal with different hippo families, and you should catch a few crocs sunning themselves on the riverbanks.

## Unspoiled beaches

If tropical beaches are your thing, you simply can't beat the coastline here. Cape Vidal, Sodwana, Mabibi and Kosi Bay offer seemingly endless stretches of white sand, with the blue Indian Ocean on one side and towering vegetated dunes on the other. There aren't many beaches in the world that are this beautiful and yet almost completely deserted.

PHOTOS: ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK, WILL EDGUMBE, RICHARD EDGUMBE





### On and in the water

The area's marine life is just as varied and rich as its birds and animals. Whales and dolphins are frequent visitors to these shores, and a boat trip out to see will get you up close to these fantastic creatures. There's also loads of opportunity to fish, with deep sea charters going out regularly, as well as some great shore angling, spear fishing and even salt water fly-fishing to be had. Just make sure you have the relevant fishing licence, available from your nearest post office.

If being in the water is your thing, the snorkelling at Cape Vidal, Mabibi, Sodwana Bay and Kosi Bay is fantastic at low tide, with a huge variety of tropical reef fish to be seen. If you dive – or want to learn – you've come to the right place, as Sodwana Bay is one of the top dive sites in the world, its reefs home to more than 1200 species of fish, not to mention an incredible variety of corals and other invertebrates.

One of the most special things one can do in the area is to go on a turtle tour. Leatherback and loggerhead turtles lay their eggs on iSimangaliso's beaches at night from November to January, and in February and March thousands of hatchlings make a perilous break for the sea. Night time turtle tours leave from St Lucia and are offered by lodges in the Coastal Forest area, giving you the chance to see these lovely creatures engage in their desperate fight for survival.

### Stay in comfort

There are lodges and camps dotted throughout iSimangaliso but your best bet is to stay in St Lucia town; it has easy road access to the rest of the park, is close enough to the most popular attractions and has all the facilities one would need in the village itself. It's also practically surrounded by the Indian Ocean and the estuary, and bustles with activity without feeling like an overrun tourist town. It's packed with great restaurants and comfortable accommodation options, from basic self-catering holiday flats to luxurious lodges, and most tour operators in the area are based here, making booking an activity easy.

### Contact

iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority – [www.iSimangaliso.com](http://www.iSimangaliso.com) / 035 590 1633  
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# iSimangaliso 2015 ECO Series Events

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- Crocodile Creek** – 032 944 3845 • [crocodilecreek@mweb.co.za](mailto:crocodilecreek@mweb.co.za)

- Wavehouse** – 031 584 9400 • [info@wavehouse.co.za](mailto:info@wavehouse.co.za)
- Fantasy Forest** – 031 566 1897 • [carriehitman@gmail.com](mailto:carriehitman@gmail.com)
- Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife** – 031 462 1127 • [www.crowkzn.co.za](http://www.crowkzn.co.za)
- Science Centre** – 031 566 8040 • [info@sciencecentre.co.za](mailto:info@sciencecentre.co.za)
- De Colores Craft Shop** – 031 903 5004 • [dalenevagner@webmail.co.za](mailto:dalenevagner@webmail.co.za)
- Crocworld** – 039 976 1103 • [crocworld@cbl.co.za](http://crocworld@cbl.co.za)
- Amanzimtoti Bird Sanctuary** – 031 903 1203 • [shangesiphiwe@durban.gov.za](mailto:shangesiphiwe@durban.gov.za)
- Japanese Gardens** – 031 311 5500
- Funland** – 031 903 1068 • [info@funland.co.za](mailto:info@funland.co.za)
- Empisini Nature Reserve** – 039 973 0093 • [empisini@scottburgh.co.za](mailto:empisini@scottburgh.co.za)
- Reunion Park / Isipingo Mangroves** – 031 902 6072 • [larrysingh@yebo.co.za](mailto:larrysingh@yebo.co.za)
- Umbogavango Nature Reserve** – 031 949 2081 • [alvinm@twini.co.za](mailto:alvinm@twini.co.za)
- Umgeni Steam Railway** – 031 303 3003 • [www.umgenisteamrailway.co.za](http://www.umgenisteamrailway.co.za)
- Highstakes Adventure Venue** – 031 782 1139 • [www.highstakes.co.za](http://www.highstakes.co.za)
- Blue Horizons Horse Trails** – 083 269 4945 • [debbie@bluehorizonsestate.co.za](mailto:debbie@bluehorizonsestate.co.za)
- Shongweni Brewery** – 031 769 2061 • [www.shongwenibrewery.com](http://www.shongwenibrewery.com)
- Lion Park/Zoo** – 031 785 1423/083 640 2641
- Shongweni Reserve** – 031 769 1283 • [www.msinsi.co.za](http://www.msinsi.co.za)
- Phezu/Assagay Safari Park** – 031 777 1405 / 1464 • [info@phezulusafaripark.co.za](mailto:info@phezulusafaripark.co.za)
- African Birds of Prey Sanctuary** – 031 785 2981 • [onair@africanraptor.co.za](mailto:onair@africanraptor.co.za)
- Marianhill Monastery** – 031 7004288 • [monastery@ionet.co.za](mailto:monastery@ionet.co.za)
- Krantzkloof Nature Reserve** – 031 764 3515
- Makaranga Garden Lodge** – 031 764 6616 • [info@makaranga.com](mailto:info@makaranga.com)
- Campaign Trails cc** – 031 767 4166 • [info@campaigntrails.co.za](mailto:info@campaigntrails.co.za)
- Springside Nature Reserve** – 083 297 5019 • [pickles@csinternet.co.za](mailto:pickles@csinternet.co.za)
- Waterberry Trails** – 031 765 3412
- Crinkley Bottom Park & Lodge** – 031 763 4149 • [kim@crinkleybottompark.co.za](mailto:kim@crinkleybottompark.co.za)

**Inanda Dam & Resort** – 031 766 9946 • info@msinsi.co.za  
**Animal Farm Yard** – 031 765 2240 • jenny@animalfarmyard.co.za  
**Duck 'n Deck** – 031 768 1029 • cheryl@duckanddeck.co.za  
**1000 Hills Bird Park** – 031 765 6090 • raredleg@iafrica.com  
**Spirit of Adventure** – 0861 333 919 • www.spiritofadventure.co.za

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**AIJays** – 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 7053844/5  
**House of Classics** – 084 504 2626  
**Playtex Factory Shop** – 031 303 7905/460 8752  
**Merry Plastic** – 031 263 1906  
**Just Enterprises** – 031 201 6974  
**Mohamedys Mayfair Discount City** – 031 462 2214  
**Golden Horse Family Market** – 083 262 3693

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**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 Sewgolom Golf Course** – 031 262 7130 • thedurbanclub@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

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**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.armanispa.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

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**Victoria Street Market** – 031 306 4021 • admin@victoriastreetmarket.co.za  
**Essenwood Craft Market** – 031 208 1264 • info@essenwoodmarket.com  
**Amphimarket** – 031 301 3200 • amphimarket@telekoms.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

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### 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  
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**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 (Viki)** – 031 312 2559 / 082 773 6870 • vikif@vodamail.co.za / www.2ride.co.za  
**Bicycle Hire** – 031 312 2559 • greg@cyclesthere.co.za

### FISHING CHARTERS / DOLPHIN & WHALE WATCHING

**Casea Charters** – 031 561 7381/083 690 2511 • info@caseacharters.co.za  
**Durban Charter Boat Boding** – 031 709 0797 • www.durbanboatcharts.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

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Kite Sport** – 082 572 4163 • info@kitesports.co.za / www.kitesports.co.za  
**FishEye** – 031 566 4955/072 731 1270 • info@fisherye.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.electricavenue.co.za  
**Gateway Skatepark** – 031 584 9400 • kim.perry@wavehouse.co.za  
**Splash World** – 031 904 2273 • ragingrapids@yebo.co.za  
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**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@divafricablue.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 3157524 • info@aquaplanet.co.za

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**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 Quarters – 031 7654037  
 Hillcrest Corner – 031 765 5345  
 Christian Village – 031 765 8551  
 Kloof Village – 031 764 5112  
 Bailey Centre – 031 705 3637/083 774 8256  
 Westwood Mall – 031 279 2160  
 Galleria Arbour 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

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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  
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 Zacks – 031 312 0755/305 1677/368 6800  
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 Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre – 031 260 2296/2887 • sneddontheatre@ukzn.ac.za  
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 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 club is smart casual.)*

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 Centre for Jazz – 031 260 3385  
 The Rainbow – 031 702 9161  
 Bean Bag Bohemia – 031 304 2167  
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### NIGHT CLUBS

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Cubana Lounge Durban – 031 303 2076  
 Ice Dance Emporium – 031 561 7740  
 Level 4 – 031 312 0947  
 Cuba Lounge – 031 584 6444/303 6364  
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 Hops – 031 573 1657  
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Connors L'Afrique – 031 362 1300  
 Joe Cool's – 031 332 9697  
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 African Wild Travel – 031 829 3029 • xolani@africanwildtravel.co.za  
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 S&B Shuttles – 083 791 5474  
 Shizembe Travel & Tours – 031 462 8792 • qadis@wall.com  
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**First National Bank International Travel Card Services** – 087 575 9406/0800 110 132

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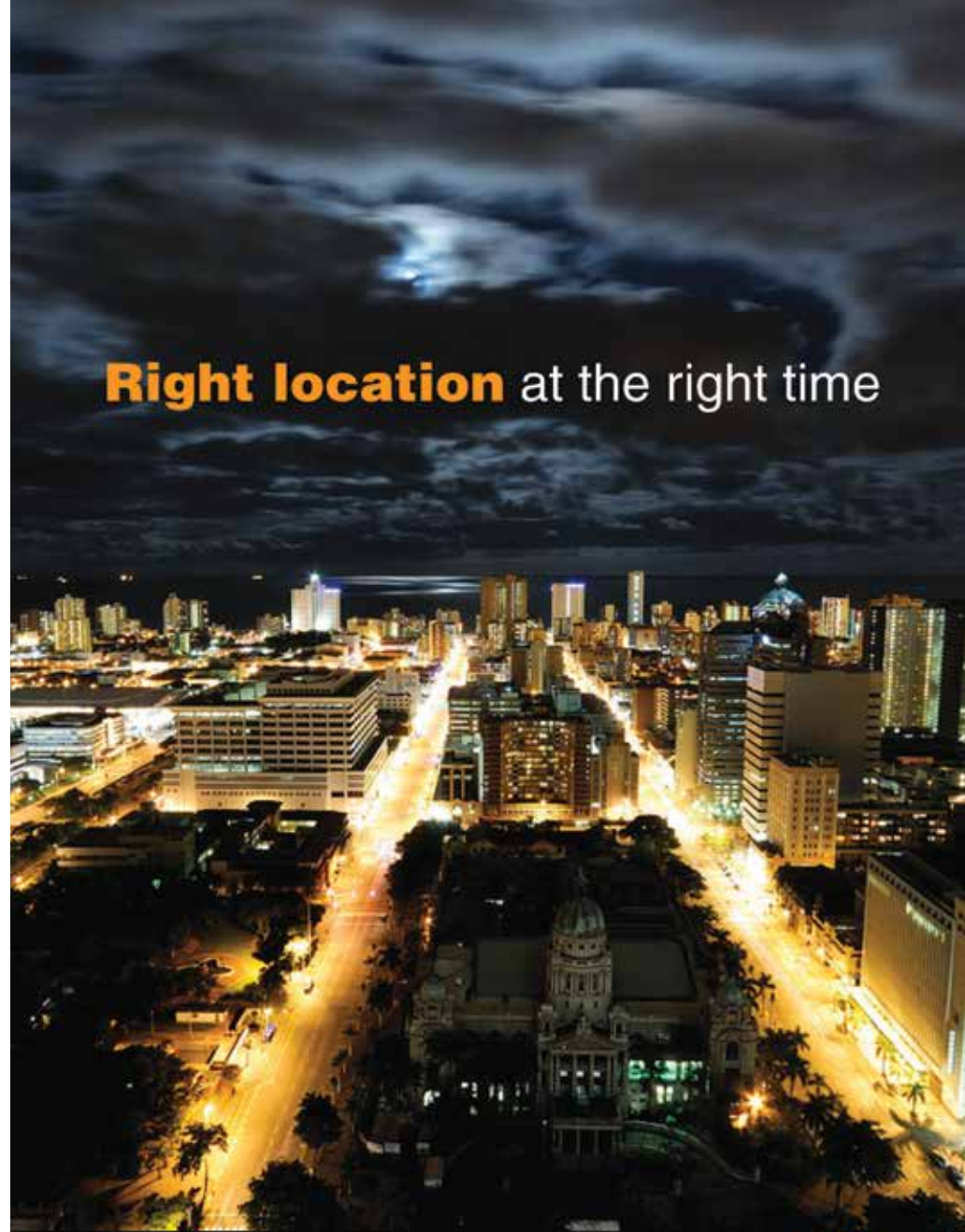
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