

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS, SHOPPING, DINING, ART, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

www

WHAT, WHERE & WHEN

DEC - FEB 2024

in the Zulu Kingdom

Trail of Lights

Fun & Adventure

*Festive
Entertainment*

*# Explore
KZN*

www.whatwherewhen.co.za



WHERE THE FUN NEVER STOPS

Be entertained at Durban's most loved casino and entertainment destination.

Pick your pleasure from Barnyard Theatre, movies, Magic Company, slots and tables games PLUS over 20 eateries.

- Billy G
- Jeera
- John Dory's
- La Parada
- Calisto's
- Tiger's Milk
- Lupa Osteria
- Havana Grill
- Ocean Basket
- Daytona Spur
- Mugg & Bean
- Nikos
- Wimpy

AND MORE...

SUNCOAST
TSOGO SUN

TSOGO SUN PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING PROGRAMME. WINNERS KNOW WHEN TO STOP. ONLY PERSONS 18 YEARS AND OLDER ARE PERMITTED TO GAMBLE. NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNSELLING TOLL-FREE HELPLINE 0800 006 008.

CONTENTS

WELCOME Sanibonani

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Welcome | 3 |
| Highlights | 4 |
| 50 Carat Gold..... | 8 |
| Family Fun & Adventure | 10 |
| KZN Sharks Board | 12 |
| Trail of Light..... | 14 |



| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Durban | 16 |
| A Whale of a Time | 18 |
| The Barnyard Theatre | |
| Upcoming one-off artists | 20 |
| Queen: It's a Kinda Magic | 22 |
| Abba Arena Spectacular | 24 |
| Sarie Marais | 26 |
| Msinsi..... | 28 |

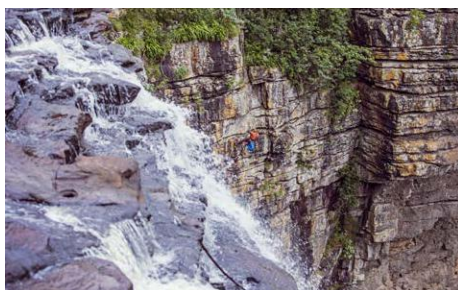


| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Midlands / PMB..... | 32 |
| Tala Collection Game Reserve | 34 |

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| North Coast..... | 36 |
| The Hidden Forest | 38 |



| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Battlefields..... | 40 |
| Explore Amajuba | 42 |
| Nambiti Plains..... | 44 |
| Grey Goose Game Lodge..... | 46 |



| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| South Coast | 48 |
| Wildcoast Sun | 50 |
| Zululand | 52 |
| Thula Thula..... | 54 |
| Fort Nongqayi Museum | 56 |
| The Eshowe Butterfly Dome | 57 |
| Elephant Coast..... | 58 |
| Advantage Cruises | 60 |
| Drakensberg..... | 62 |
| Dragon Peaks..... | 64 |

KZN HAS IT ALL

As we celebrate the arrival of SUMMER in our province, we are encouraged to discover the hidden gems and explore all that it has to offer...

#Believelt there is so much available...

Entertainment venues have taken it up a gear with must see shows on offer.

The culture, history, beauty and Big 5 wildlife of the Zululand and Elephant Coast regions.

The scenic beauty, exciting adventures and hiking trails in the Drakensberg await.

The Pietermaritzburg and Midlands Route offers a kaleidoscope of speciality craft, art and food experiences.

The fascinating history of bygone conflicts will enthral as you tour the Battlefields.

The cool coastal options and ocean adventures on offer at the premier resort of Umhlanga, the North Coast and South Coast as well as Zululand Coast regions.

Whatever you are in search of, KZN has it all

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Editorial: Tessa Buhrmann
tessa@responsibletraveller.co.za

Publishing: Jen Du Preez
jen@azalea.co.za

Advertising: Fiona Fryer 082 498 4247
fiona@fryer.net.za

Design: Lyn Grandemange
grandemangelyn@gmail.com
 Website: www.whatwherewhen.co.za

Check out our website: www.whatwherewhen.co.za
 Follow us on our social media platforms



#KZNHasItAll #Believelt #TourismMonth2023 #BeHere #Zulu #MyKZN #KZN
 #TravelKZN #TourismKZN #KZNTourism #Beauty #Travel #Tourism

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

7 Oct – 27 Jan 2024

50 CARAT GOLD

Barnyard Theatre, Suncoast

See upcoming shows on page 20



7th Dec 2023 - 14th Jan 2024

ALADDIN

Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre

8 Dec 2023 to 3 Jan 2024

TRAIL OF LIGHTS 2023

Durban Botanic Gardens



from 14 Dec 2023

**Carvin H Goldstone -
My Fellow South Africans**
Sibaya Izulu Theatre



from 15 Dec 2023

The Nutcracker

Playhouse Company - Opera
Theatre

16 Dec 2023

Gas Live - 2023

Dezzi Raceway



16 Dec 2023

Anywhere Festival - Season 4
Peoples Park, Moses Mabhida
Stadium

21 - 23 Dec 2023

QUEEN: IT'S A KINDA MAGIC

The Globe at Suncoast

from 26 Dec 2023

DURBAN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2023

Hazelmere Dam, Verulam

27 - 30 DEC 2023

ABBA

The Globe at Suncoast



27 – 28 Jan 2024

THE DRAK CHALLENGE

Underberg

8 & 9 Feb 2024

MIDMAR MILE

Midmar Dam

15 – 17 Feb 2024

DUSI CANOE MARATHON

PMB to Durban

A Whale of a Time!

No doubt, the best way to view whales and dolphins up close is from a boat. However, by law, you are not allowed to approach 300m of a whale, unless you are aboard a boat permitted by the Department of Marine and Coastal Management. There are currently only two boat-based whale watching permit holders in Durban, one of which is Isle of Capri. The Trip takes you into the Indian Ocean and close to the Mozambican current to view them at close range.

14-18 Boatman's Road, Wilson's Wharf | Tel: 031-305 3099 | Cell: 061 435 8202 | info@isleofcapri.co.za | www.isleofcapri.co.za



Educational tours • Fun ferry rides • Birthday Parties • Pleasure cruises • Fishing • Evening trips • Scatter ashes

SUNCOAST



THE
BARNYARD
THEATRE

50 CARAT GOLD



Tribute to Legends

NOW SHOWING!

TICKETS FROM R200^{PP}

THU: R200 BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

SUN: R220^{PP} + KIDS U12 & PENSIONERS GET 50% OFF

*The ideal show for FUNDRAISING EVENTS, CORPORATE EVENTS,
TEAM BUILDERS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES & so much more*

031 940 0500 | BARNYARDTHEATRE.CO.ZA

**“Another
score bet
to play!”**

8 GAMES

R2 A LINE TO PLAY

*** TEAM A WIN ***

*** DRAW ***

*** TEAM B WIN ***

NEW!



score8

from...



SOCCKER BETS

www.tabgold.co.za

GOLD CIRCLE IS A LICENSED BETTING OPERATOR. NO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ARE PERMITTED TO GAMBLE. WINNERS KNOW WHEN TO STOP. NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING PROGRAMME, TOLL-FREE COUNSELLING LINE 0800 006 008.



FESTIVE

SEASON FIXTURES

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE

| | | | |
|----|-----|------------------------------------|------|
| 18 | DEC | MONDAY | Poly |
| 20 | DEC | WEDNESDAY | Turf |
| 26 | DEC | TUESDAY (Flamboyant Stakes GR3) | Turf |
| 1 | JAN | MONDAY (New Years Day) | Turf |

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE

| | | |
|----|-----|-----------|
| 3 | DEC | SUNDAY |
| 13 | DEC | WEDNESDAY |
| 24 | DEC | SUNDAY |
| 31 | DEC | SUNDAY |

CAPTIVATING AUDIENCES:

50 Carat Gold shines at The Barnyard Theatre Suncoast!



In the heart of entertainment, The Barnyard Theatre Suncoast presents 50 Carat Gold. With a 10-piece cast, this tribute to musical legends embarks on a captivating journey through the past five decades of music.

The show features a stellar lineup of iconic tunes, from the timeless charm of Elvis Presley's "Blue Suede Shoes" to the powerhouse energy of Tina Turner's "River Deep Mountain High." Dive into the 90s nostalgia with Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" and Bryan Adams' "Everything I Do (I Do It for You)."

One of the show's highlights is the duet challenge, showcasing the vocal prowess of the cast with renditions of Meatloaf & Lorraine Crosby's "I'd Do Anything for Love" and Lionel Richie & Diana Ross's "Endless Love." The South African Gold segment pays homage to local talent with Mango Groove and Freshlyground classics including "Home Talk," "Dance Sum More," and the iconic "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)."

As the musical journey unfolds, the audience is treated to hits from the twenty-first century, including Adele's "Rolling in the Deep," Katy Perry's "Dark Horse," Bruno Mars's "Uptown Funk," and Rihanna's "Only Girl (In the World)." The unexpected throwbacks to the eighties with Spice Girls' "Wannabe," Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby," and M.C. Hammer's "U Can't Touch This" add a playful twist to the show.

The audience has spoken, praising the performers as "spectacular" and expressing gratitude for a "mind-blowing experience." The Barnyard Theatre Suncoast continues to shine, providing a well-organized venue with top-class shows and friendly, helpful staff. As one enthusiastic testimonial states, "Overall, we rate you 200% the best."

CHECK OUT THIS PREVIEW

SUNCOAST
THE **BARNYARD** THEATRE

50 CARAT GOLD

Tribute to Legends

NOW SHOWING!
TICKETS FROM R200^{PP}
THU: R200 BUY 1 GET 1 FREE
SUN: R220^{PP} + KIDS U12 & PENSIONERS GET 50% OFF

The ideal show for FUNDRAISING EVENTS, CORPORATE EVENTS, TEAM BUILDERS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES & so much more

031 940 0500 | BARNYARDTHEATRE.CO.ZA



For those seeking an unforgettable night of music and entertainment, 50 Carat Gold at The Barnyard Theatre Suncoast is not to be missed. Visit barnyardtheatre.co.za for more information and secure your tickets.

Family Fun & Adventure

KWAZULU-NATAL SHARKS BOARD

Tourists and scholars alike can enjoy a dynamic audio visual presentation that has a powerful combination of aerials, slow pans, tight close-ups and superb imagery. Although the 26 minute presentation is designed to entertain, it is also educational, providing information on subjects such as the sensory biology of sharks and their role as top predators in the marine environment. The show is followed by a shark dissection where you can see the internal anatomy of one of the ocean's most feared predators.



1a Herrwood Drive, Umhlanga



SARIE MARAIS CRUISES

Excellent for the whole family, school activities and holiday experiences. Suitable all year round. We offer the most unique and extraordinary boat trips and cruises in Durban which is the biggest and busiest port in South Africa, offering a great vibrant atmosphere. We offer standard cruises for both personal and corporate events, and can accommodate 16 to 56 people on our boats.



ISLE OF CAPRI BOAT CRUISES

The ISLE OF CAPRI CRUISES commits to giving the customers and experience that they would never want to forget. We are giving our customers a lifetime experience. Fun Boat Rides Booze Cruises, Fun Ferry Rides and Birthday Parties.

14 Boatman's Road, Durban



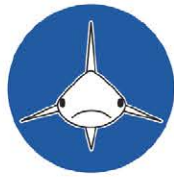
WILD WAVES WATER PARK

Home to some of the world's best water rides, Wild Waves Water Park at Wild Coast Sun offers thrill-seekers a wide selection of adrenalin-pumping slides including the Aqualoop, Superbowl, Boomerango and two steep body slides. With an exciting assortment of water slides to choose from, there's something for everyone at Wild Coast Sun Water Park.



Wild Coast Sun, Port Edward





KWAZULU-NATAL
SHARKS BOARD
Maritime Centre of Excellence

HARBOUR CRUISE BOAT TRIP SPECIAL

R100
PER PERSON
FOR 30 MINUTES



VALID UNTIL
31 JANUARY 2024

BOOKING AT: 082 403 9206



KWAZULU-NATAL
SHARKS BOARD
Maritime Centre of Excellence

The only organisation of its kind in the world

Curio Shop

Museum

Boat Trip

Audio-Visual

Dissection Show

EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

09H00 AND 14H00

SUNDAY: EVERY 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 14H00 - 16H00

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

CONTACT +27(0) 82 403 9206 FOR BOOKINGS



www.shark.co.za

The KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence (KZNSB) was established in 1964, strives to be a leader in environmentally sensitive protection of bathers against sharks and capacity building in the maritime sector.

KZNSB safeguards 37 beaches on the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) coastline with shark safety gear owned and maintained by the KZNSB. The organisation positions itself as "The Only Organisation of Its Kind in the World. The organisation has achieved distinguished accomplishments in its existence, defining the organisations successes towards achieving its' mission. KZNSB offers a dynamic audio -visual presentation. Although the 26 minutes presentation is designed to entertain, it is also educational, providing information on subjects such as the sensory biology of sharks and their role as top predators in the marine environment. The show is followed by a shark dissection where you can see the internal anatomy of one of the ocean's most feared predators. "SHARK"

SHOW TIMES / Tuesday to Thursday: 09h00am and 14h00pm, First Sunday of the month: 14:00pm

BOAT TRIPS

There are also boat trips to venture out to sea to watch the shark safety gear off Durban's Golden Mile. Boat trips lasting for an estimated two hours, leave Wilson's Wharf at 06:30 and they include opportunistic viewing of marine life including seabirds and get to see the beautiful, magnificent Moses Mabhida Stadium.

SHARK MUSEUM / They get a chance to view the large variety of life-like replicas of sharks, as well as other marine animals.

CURIO SHOP / You can browse around the Curio Shop where a treasure chest of unusual and stylish gifts awaits you, including handcrafted ornaments, T-shirts, Caps, leather goods and jewellery and shark tooth necklaces etc.

VENUE HIRE

The KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence is in the affluent residential, commercial and resort town of Umhlanga in the north of Durban. This venue is not too far from the King Shaka International Airport. The venue offers a versatile auditorium of 19m x 19m that can accommodate. Reception/ party seating and Minimum of 160 guests and maximum 300 guests. Presentations: Seating cinema style up to 300 people. The hall hire comes standard with:

- Exclusive use of the venue inside and an exquisite outside location to consider for use at no extra costs

- Tables
- Security
- Cleaning staff

VENUE HIRE

- Secure parking
- Armless chairs
- Fully equipped kitchen
- We are ideally situated close to the freeway: with access to and from the N2 and M4.



Gardens a-glow promised at the Durban Botanic Gardens TRAIL OF LIGHTS 2023

Get Ready for a Spectacular Holiday Experience!!

CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO

PLAY

IT'S THAT
TIME AGAIN

DURBAN, KwaZulu-Natal – Following a bumper show last year, Durban's favourite festive event is back to bring enchantment and joy to visitors of all ages starting **8 December 2023 to 3 January 2024 from 18:00-22:00 each evening.**

Now in its 7th year, the theme of this year's Trail of Lights is 'Garden Glow' and the talented technical team behind the event are promising 'a radiant spectacle that showcases the breathtaking beauty of the Durban Botanic Gardens', says event organiser Alene Naidoo. "There'll be the annual favourites, but we have loads of new displays that promise to surprise and delight our regulars."

In addition, the historical gardens themselves are a cause for celebration. Reaching a milestone, 2024 marks 175 years since the Durban Botanic Gardens was established. Renowned for its lush greenery and vibrant flora, the oldest botanical gardens in Africa, will be transformed into an enchanting wonderland of lights. Visitors can wander along the trail or take a detour, to find a surprise around every corner, revealing multiple pockets of dazzling light installations that showcase the natural surroundings in all their beauty.


Ticket prices range from R70 - R90 per person, depending on the time you visit and are available through Webtickets or at select Pick n Pay outlets. Tickets are available at the door, subject to availability, at R120 pp (card payments only) and are limited, so early booking is advised in order to secure your preferred date.

The Trail of Lights will be closed on 11th, 12th, 25th & 31st of Dec.

The Trail of Lights is a family-focused outing with something that will appeal to everybody - from the really young to the young at heart!

- A variety of entertainment and live music each evening
- Festive characters and live 'selfie spots' across the gardens
- Two food gardens offering a wide selection of food and beverages, to suit every palate
- Grab a picture with Santa in Santa's Grotto and share your holiday wishes with him
- Have your face painted, play a game or find the Grinch while supporting various worthy causes at the charity-hosted Santa's Workshop
- Mail off your Christmas Wish List at the North Pole Mailbox
- Do your last minute (or first) festive shopping with some of Durban's most talented traders
- Wheelchairs will be available to hire on a first come first served basis

One of last year's most popular attraction's PAWS AND CLAUS, is back for three nights on 10th, 13th and 14th December, when visitors can bring along their 'fur kids' ...dogs ONLY... to join in the fun!! Ticket sales from these evenings goes to Feeding the Furballs charity. Tickets on the Paws and Claus nights are R50 per pet, when booked with a full-paying adult ticket.

 Check out social media for more info



DURBAN BOTANIC GARDENS
Trail of Lights
EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC

8TH DEC 2023 - 3RD JAN 2024

DURBAN BOTANIC GARDENS
18H00 - 22H00

TICKETS FROM
R70PP
R120 AT THE DOOR
(CARD ONLY)

web tickets **Pick n Pay**

LET THE HOLIDAY MAGIC BEGIN!
LIGHT DISPLAYS, FOOD GARDEN
AND FUN GUARANTEED!

Durban Botanic Gardens
EastCoastRadio





Reasons to visit DURBAN

Durban has always held a special charm for visitors... it offers the buzz of a large metropolitan city, a vibrant mix of cultures, miles of sun-drenched beaches and a wonderfully moderate climate. Its subtropical weather makes it the perfect place for some nature walks, sunset cruises, and fun family picnics... or for the more adventurous, quad biking, helicopter flips or even shark cage diving – many of which will take you beyond the city centre.

Enjoy the beach vibe:

Those with families will appreciate uShaka Beach, with its long stretches of golden sand, and welcoming warm water that's perfect for kayaking, SUP boarding and kitesurfing and is a great surf spot for beginners. Or pop into uShaka Marine World, Africa's largest Marine Theme Park and the 5th largest aquarium in the world by volume of water. Another Durban favourite, especially with the 'hip' crowd, is Durban's North Beach. Enjoy afternoon strolls on the long piers, grab a quick munchie or ice-cream at one of the adjoining food joints, let the kids frolic and play in the paddling pools and surrounding entertainment venues. The paved promenade is popular with walkers, joggers, cyclists and skaters – early mornings are always a hit with both photographers and exercise fanatics. Head towards Suncoast and enjoy a meal and a movie, or some of the other entertainment options they offer – and for some fun make sure you head to The Barnyard Theatre for a fun night out!

Head out into the Harbour:

For the best views of Durban harbour head to Wilson's Wharf, a marina and waterfront complex set within the working slipways of the busiest harbour in the southern hemisphere. Take a fun cruise on the harbour with the Sarie Marais, South Africa's oldest boat company, or the Isle of Capri for a more informative experience with experienced marine life guides on



board. Get up-close to a variety of docking points and cargo loading areas as well as Durban's famous North Pier where ships enter and exit the harbour through a relatively narrow channel. Alternatively, charter a yacht for some high life living or a deep-sea fishing boat for some serious action.

Visit Phezulu Cultural Village and Reptile Park:

Discover KZN's Zulu heritage with a visit to Phezulu Cultural Village and Reptile Park. Enjoy an immersive Zulu cultural experience and meet a sangoma, or traditional healer, learn about the traditional beehive-shaped huts and spear making, and watch as Zulu dancers in traditional attire perform. Before you take some time out at the coffee shop and restaurant, be sure to go on an informative tour of the reptile park to learn first-hand about resident crocodiles and snakes, including the venomous green and black mamba.

Take a festive steam train ride:

Take a break from frenetic holiday activities and choo-choo your way along under steam at a train window while still taking in the countryside and its history on one of South Africa's oldest steam trains. This family friendly fun activity is operating a Christmas Train with five departures daily from the 15-24 December – consult their website for further info and dates. It runs from the colonial era Inchanga Station (built in 1895), running along the edge of the picturesque Valley of a 1000 Hills to Bothas Hill Station – the ride is about 1 hour 15 minutes on the old main line, built in the late 1800's reaching Drummond in 1879, and one of the oldest active railway lines in South Africa today – thanks to the maintenance and upkeep by a dedicated bunch of volunteers.

Before or after your trip, you can browse through the Inchanga Station Craft Market where there are various

treasures on sale, food to suit most tastes, and activities for the whole family.

Pop into the BuzzArt Christmas Fair:

Be sure to pop into the KZNSA Art Gallery for the BuzzArt Christmas Fair for beautiful artisanal gifts and Christmas décor. This event, which runs through December to the 14 January, is KZN's biggest local-only Christmas fair offering local entrepreneurs and creatives, designers, and crafters the opportunity to display and sell their wares. From locally made high-end designs to goods made from wire work, textiles, ceramics, beads, and other arts. A great place to stock up on uniquely African Christmas trees and wreaths made from red, white, and green beads.

Learn all about Sharks:

Explore the world of sharks and their vital role in marine ecosystems at the KZN Sharks Board, with a captivating presentation and shark dissection show. This provides insights into shark nets along the coastline and their conservation and environmental efforts. The display hall boasts lifelike replicas, including an impressive 892 kg great white shark. 'Fathoms', the curio shop, entices with unique gifts like handcrafts and jewellery. If you're feeling adventurous you can participate in early morning boat trips and gain insights into marine life beyond sharks, such as dolphins and seabirds.



**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**



A Whale of a Time!

They are coming



CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO

PLAY

NO DOUBT, THE BEST WAY TO VIEW WHALES AND DOLPHINS UP CLOSE IS FROM A BOAT

The anticipation of the whales returning to Durban, South Africa, is palpable among locals and visitors alike. These majestic creatures make their way to the warmer waters of the Indian Ocean during the winter months, and watching them breach and play in the waves is truly a breathtaking sight. It's not just about the awe-inspiring visual spectacle, though; the return of the whales is symbolic of the natural rhythms of life that we too often take for granted. It's a reminder to stop and appreciate the beauty around us, and to do our part to protect these magnificent creatures for generations to come.

From mid-May until the end of November, majestic whales make their way to our shores in search of a bountiful feast.

The Isle of Capri Cruises boasts one of two whale watching permits awarded in Durban.



We also offer:

- Hourly Harbour Cruises from 10am - 4pm (conditions apply)
- Sea Cruises at 12.30pm and 2.30pm
- Educational School Trips
- Boat Rides
- Party Cruises
- Fishing



AFRICAN PRINCESS



UMLINGO



DA BOSS



BAFANA

FOR AN UNSURPASSED WHALE WATCHING OPPORTUNITY OR BOAT RIDE, MAKE YOUR BOOKING TODAY!

14 - 18 Boatman Road, Wilson's Wharf

Tel: 031 305 3099 | Cell: 061 435 8202 | info@isleofcapri.co.za | www.isleofcapri.co.za



Your favourite Cruise Boat!



We will take you on an UNFORGETTABLE boat cruise around Durban. Durban Harbour is the Biggest and busiest harbour in the southern hemisphere. There is so much to see, that the trip would seem shorter, than what it was. We will show you enormous ships up close.

We will also ensure that you spend an informative hour on the boat. We also show visitors the different docking points, Cargo Loading Areas and Durban's famous North Pier, where large cargo vessels exit the harbour through, what with respect to shipping, is a very narrow channel.

Our knowledgeable staff is well versed on local sea and marine life, and is on hand to discuss and answer, questions in this regard. Owner operator and skipper in charge Bennie, has an unrelenting passion for marine ecology and welcomes the opportunity to inform and educate.

✉ info@isleofcapri.co.za

🌐 www.isleofcapri.co.za/

f iocruises

☎ Ph: +27(0) 31 305 3099 | Cell: +27(0) 61 435 8202

THE BARNYARD THEATRE



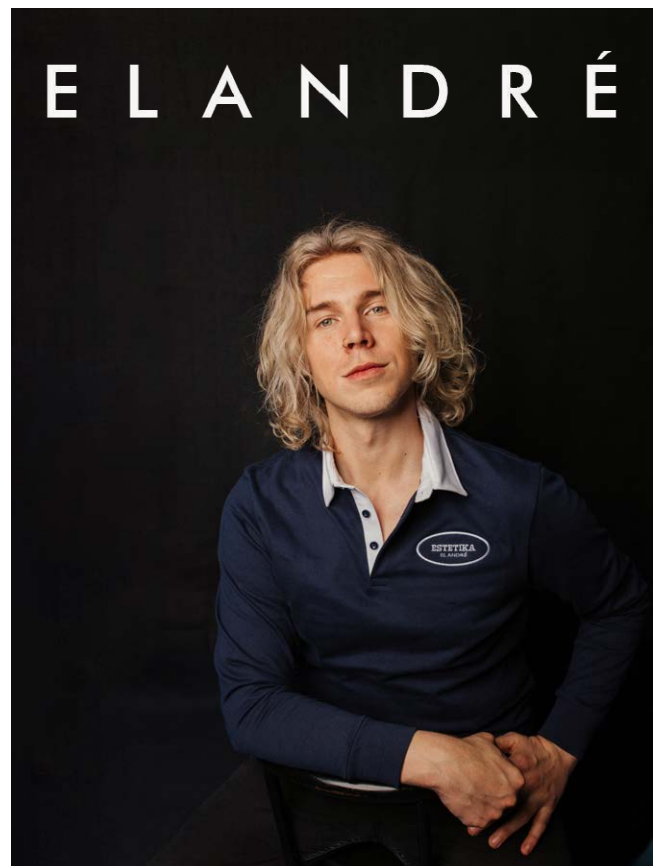
Upcoming one-off artists

Discover a world of diverse entertainment at The Barnyard Theatre, where the spotlight shifts from the resident Barnyard show to captivating performances by renowned South African bands, comedians, and artists. Check out the enticing lineup below:



STREET LIFE: 18 December 2023

Unveil the realities of the streets in "STREET LIFE," a production conceived by music artists Keegan Williams, Jessie Shane, and DJ Faizel Vahed. This collaborative masterpiece, featuring jazz legend Ernie Smith and celebrity MC Keri Miller, partners with the EXPOSE HOPE FOUNDATION to shed light on the unseen facets of life.



ELANDRÉ: 27 December 2023

Elandré returns after two years with "Estetika," his most ambitious project yet. This romantic journey through Afrikaans-Garage-Rock & Roll showcases Elandré's hook-laden lyrics and nostalgic energy, following the success of his previous three hit albums and tours.



LEAH & FRANJA 31 January 2024

Look forward to a stellar lineup of songs, including hits like “Met Jou Klere Aan,” “Volmaan,” “Ek Like Jou,” “Ligte Laag,” “Bring Dit,” “Gee Me un Boerseun,” “Hakahana,” and many more.



**TOURING WITH THE LEGEND:
28 February 2024**

Experience the ultimate Rodriguez tribute show in “Touring with the Legend.” Dive into the life of Rodriguez through his music and personal stories from tours in South Africa and the USA.



**DAN PATLANSKY:
6 March 2024**

With a decade of global acclaim and 10 studio albums, DAN PATLANSKY is a blues icon and exceptional storyteller, solidifying legendary status worldwide.



**JUANITA DU PLESSIS:
24 July 2024**

Juanita du Plessis makes a triumphant return with her new single, “Lieve Jinne,” achieving gold status and over 2 million YouTube views in just 78 days.

Keep a close watch on The Barnyard Theatre’s website for updates on their upcoming shows! Visit barnyardtheatre.co.za for more information.

QUEEN: IT'S A KINDA MAGIC

Returns to Suncoast this Festive Season

CHECK OUT THIS PREVIEW

QUEEN
IT'S A KINDA MAGIC

PLAY



Back by popular demand! Calling lovers of rock music, fans of Queen and Freddie Mercury and anyone wanting to experience the greatest hits and rock anthems of the legendary band, Queen in an arena atmosphere. Following on from its sold-out concert in 2022, Queen: It's a Kinda Magic tribute show returns to The Globe at Suncoast for three shows on 21,22,23 December 2023. On holiday or away on leave in and around Durban over the festive season? Then treat yourself to a rockin' night out. Book now at www.ticketpros.co.za, call 086 100 8277.

Showtime Australia proudly introduces the South African musicians Warren Vernon-Driscoll performing lead vocals, guitar and piano live on stage in Freddie's original key; Rusty Red takes on the famous guitar riffs of Brian May with Michael Dickens on drums and Andre van der Merwe on bass guitar.

Get ready for a night of non-stop rock anthems including We Will Rock You, We Are the Champions, Radio GaGa, I Want to Break Free, Somebody to Love, Don't Stop Me Now, Another One Bites the Dust, A Kind of Magic, Bohemian Rhapsody and so many more.

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF "THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL STARRING BELINDA DAVIDS"

QUEEN

IT'S A KINDA MAGIC

Starring

WARREN

VERNON-DRISCOLL






**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**

21-23 DECEMBER
THE GLOBE AT SUNCOAST

BOOK NOW! Online at ticketpros.co.za, +27 86 100 8277

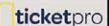
 queenitsakindamagic.com

 [queenitsakindamagic](https://www.facebook.com/queenitsakindamagic)

  [queeniakmshow](https://www.instagram.com/queeniakmshow)



SUNCOAST
Feel the Beat



ABBA ARENA SPECTACULAR RETURNS TO SUNCOAST



CHECK OUT THIS
PREVIEW

PLAY

The ultimate fun, frivolous concert experience is returning to Durban and Cape Town this Summer - Dancing Queen: A Tribute to ABBA, is set to perform four nights at Durban's The Globe at Suncoast, 27-30 December 2023, and one night only at Grand Arena, GrandWest, in Cape Town on Saturday 13 January 2024.

Last time the international hit tribute toured South Africa was four years ago in early 2020, and it garnered a sold out Grand Arena crowd of 5000 people and played a massive nineteen shows in Durban and was one of the most talked about tours of the Summer.

Produced by Australian-based 'tribute king' Johnny Van Grinsven, who is also responsible for Belinda Davids' worldwide hit show The Greatest Love of All and rock spectacular Queen: It's a Kinda Magic, the show is described as a full-scale concert experience featuring a live band, arena sound and lighting shipped in from overseas, replica ABBA costumes and even the famous dance moves that the original Pop group made famous.

"It's an incredibly fun show to see in these big arena-style

venues, with all the dancing and singing along and people dressing up, it's just a really fun atmosphere," says Van Grinsven.

It's undeniable that ABBA's legend lives on, with over 600 million records sold, the famous Mamma Mia movie and musical franchise continuing to wow audiences globally and many of their hit dance floor classics gaining new younger fans via viral TikTok videos.

Dancing Queen: A Tribute to ABBA will feature a non-stop setlist of massive ABBA hits, all performed live, including Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Waterloo, SOS, Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!, Knowing Me Knowing You, The Winner Takes It All, Super Trouper, Fernando, Ring Ring, Thank You for the Music and many more.

Tickets for the Durban performances are available now from Ticketpro while tickets for the Cape Town performance are available from iTicket. Fans are encouraged to book early as all shows are expected to book out in advance.

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF "THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL STARRING BELINDA DAVIDS"

PERFORMED BY **ABBASOLUTELY FABBAULOUS**

DANCING QUEEN


A TRIBUTE TO ABBA



LET'S ABBA PARTY DURBAN!

27-30 DEC | THE GLOBE AT SUNCOAST

BOOK NOW! Online at ticketpros.co.za, or phone 086 100 8277

  [thedancingqueenshow](https://www.instagram.com/thedancingqueenshow)

SUNCOAST
Feel the Beat

 [ticketpro](https://www.ticketpro.co.za)

*Not associated with the ABBA estate

Showtime ★

You haven't seen *Durban...*



*until you have seen it
from the Sea!*

We offer standard cruises for both personal and corporate events, and can accommodate 16 to 56 people on our boats. Whether you are organising educational sea cruises or if you would like to hire one of our boats to use as a party boat, we can help.

The **JOLLY ROGER** can carry up to 56 passengers.

LE CASSIE is a 16 seater fibreglass composite covered boat that is perfect for family or boat trips for smaller groups.

KANYEZI is a 2017 Ace Gilder. It is a 28 seater fibreglass vessel and the latest addition to the Sarie Marais Fleet.

Cruises from early to late. Conditions apply.
Maritime Place 031-305 2844 | Wilson's Wharf
031-304 7737





The origin of the Sarie Marais origin goes back to early 1900's when all the boats were used for transport, ferries and fishing when it was still Springbok Boating Company and belonged to King & Sons. The Pleasure Cruises came in the early 1970's and then named Sarie Marais Pleasure Cruises. It was a fleet of four wooden boats of which Jolly Roger is the only one left of many from the first fleet. Jolly Roger was first launched in 1965 and has been carrying people safely since. Jolly Roger was used as ferry boat to Salisbury Island.

The Jolly Roger was used to ferry students and naval soldiers between the mainland and Salisbury Island which hosted a University and Naval base in the 1970's. In time Fancy Me, Sea Joy and Sea Isle were decommissioned and more and more boats were acquired. We cater for small and larger groups from 16 to 56 passengers. Book our boats for an educational, romantic or party cruise or join the public cruises around the harbour or out to sea. We are located in the lively Durban Harbour which is the largest and busiest port in Sub-Saharan Africa.



check out this video



MORE TO EXPLORE



Hiking Tours

Msinsi offers a number of hiking routes for any age group ranging from 2-3 hour hikes to half and full day hikes. Get closer to nature as you summit the 3 peaks of Nagle Dam or take a bird watchers trail with an expert guide



Paddle Boating

Paddle boat experience offers a different view of Nagle Dam. An exciting tour close to the Dam Wall is sure to get the adrenaline pumping.



Game Drives

Enjoy close encounters with a vast range of Game whilst our expert guides provide in depth knowledge. View Giraffe, Zebra, Kudu, Wildebeest and more...



Fishing

Msinsi offers a range fish for anglers from Talapia, Carp, Bass, Bubble fish and more...

ENQUIRE NOW



Msinsi Holdings



031 765 7724 / 082 416 8006 (WhatsApp)



guestfeedback@msinsi.co.za / info@msinsi.co.za



EXPLORE

Msinsi Holdings

Profile

Nagle Dam & Game Reserve offers variety of accommodation ranging from a twelve sleeper Nagle Lodge, six sleeper Msinsi Lodge, 3-star graded two sleepers' modern safari tented accommodation and 32 non-electrical campsites. A 20-seater conference centre, situated on an island in the dam, which provides unique natural location for conferences and workshops.

Albert Falls Dam & Game Reserve offers a 3-star graded accommodation in a form of 16 (two-sleeper) and 4 (six-sleeper) chalets. There are 124 (54 electric and 70 non-electric) campsites with well-maintained ablutions that are serviced daily. Outdoor lovers can hold small conferences on the thatched gazebo situated at the Notuli site. Wildlife in the reserve includes several animal species such as the Impala, the Red Hartebeest, Oribi, Giraffe, and Warthog, Buffalo, Zebra and a wide variety of bird life. Visitors can enjoy various types of water sports such as boating, canoeing, skiing, sailing, fishing, etc. The reserve offers nature trails for adventurous visitors. The game drives offered by experienced tour guides afford visitors an exciting educational experience on wildlife.

Bon Accorde Resort offers 12 four-sleeper chalets which are 3-star graded and 27 (17 electrical and 10 non-electrical) campsites designed to ensure outdoor lovers enjoy a peaceful night along the shoreline. The gazebo which is situated on the edge of the dam can be used for garden weddings and parties. The resort also offers exciting family-oriented activities which can be enjoyed by everyone and is conveniently located on the western shores of Albert Falls Dam & Game Reserve.

Inanda Dam Resort offers 91 (40 electrical and 51 non-electrical) 2-star graded campsites; picnic sites as well as 4 four-sleeper self-catering tented accommodation set on the edge of the dam affording magnificent views of the surrounding hills which makes the Inanda Dam an ideal venue for water sport enthusiasts and nature lovers. A 35-seater Cruise Boat offers a unique experience to visitors who wish to host different activities including conferencing, weddings, birthdays, baby/bridal shower parties etc.

Hazelmere Dam Resort offers a day's outing at family oriented picnic spots which will reward every nature lover with a breath of fresh air and many birds and butterflies to delight visitors. Visitors can enjoy camping in 26 (13 electrical and 13 non-electrical) campsites and have access to the thatched lapa while preparing meals in the communal kitchen. Hazelmere is popular for hosting major events, namely the Durban Jazz Festival and Fun in the Sun, to mention a few.





Experience Coastal Magic at Ocean Blue Guesthouse!

CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO

PLAY



Indulge in the enchanting allure of the Indian Ocean from the comfort of our stunning self-catering holiday haven nestled in the serene heart of the Bluff. Our Chalet, a seaside gem, boasts two separate bedrooms with a balcony that opens up to panoramic ocean views, making it an ideal retreat for a family of five. Fully equipped and offering complete privacy with a separate entrance, the Chalet is your coastal sanctuary. For couples seeking an intimate escape, our Garden Cottages beckon with open-plan layouts and fully equipped kitchenettes. Picture yourself on a lovely braai patio, enjoying the sea breeze and stunning views – a perfect setting for shared moments.

All our units, adorned in coastal charm:

- Air-conditioned • Free Wi-Fi
- Fitted with showers
- Equipped with washing machines
- Bath towels and linen provided
- Secure on-site parking
- Various DSTV channels



GET IN TOUCH:

OceanBlueGuesthouse

www.oceanblueguesthouse.co.za

+27 83 321 3792

helga@oceanblueguesthouse.co.za

237 Dr Hoosen Haffajee Rd, Brighton Beach



ESCAPE TO THE BEACH

The beach is calling! Escape to luxury at Tsogo Sun's Suncoast Hotel and Towers located in the heart of Durban, along the impressive Durban Promenade which stretches north and south for 7 kilometres. With easy access to the beach and other Durban landmarks, the hotel is the perfect choice for your next business or leisure trip.

Accommodation

Suncoast Towers is an award-winning luxury hotel offering 5-star accommodation in 37 elegantly decorated rooms and suites with panoramic views over the Indian Ocean and easy access to the beach.

Suncoast Hotel offers 128 stylish rooms finished with Art Deco inspired furnishings that are open plan and comfortably spacious with a choice of city, garden or sea facing rooms. The Suncoast Hotel is ideal for the business executive and couples looking for a special getaway.

All rooms are equipped with all the modern amenities to ensure your time away is hassle-free.

When you're not out enjoying the beach or visiting the other local attractions you can take advantage of the relaxing treatments at the luxurious **Suncoast Spa** or dine out at **Jeera**, the on-site Durban inspired Indian restaurant where dishes are skilfully prepared using only the finest, most authentic, high quality spices and ingredients.

Things to Do

The hotel's location within the **Suncoast** complex, Durban's most exciting and fun-filled entertainment destination provides a host of dining and entertainment options to choose from. From the casino to Barnyard Theatre to live events in The Globe, movies and over 20 eateries – you cannot get bored.

The Hotel is also in close proximity to Durban Country Club, Ushaka Marine World, Moses Mabhida Stadium and King Shaka International Airport.

Escape to Durban! You'll find everything that you may need to reset, recharge and relax when staying at Suncoast Hotel and Suncoast Towers.

For more information on Durban's premier entertainment destination visit www.suncoastcasino.co.za

Email: suncoasthotel.reservations@tsogosun.com

Tel: 031 314 7878



SUNCOAST
HOTEL & TOWERS



Reasons to visit the MIDLANDS/PMB

The Pietermaritzburg Midlands region offers visitors wonderful options for summertime outdoor escapes. Walk through farmlands and forests, cycle across the rolling hills and explore country lanes. This is a great time of year to enjoy the fascinating mix of arts and crafts, artisanal produce, sublime spas, and world-class restaurants – and in keeping with the festive season cheer, there are food markets, wine tastings and craft beer galore.

Festive Food:

The Karkloof Farmers Market is the destination to purchase all things 'Midlands' – from fresh fruit and vegetables to local produce and hand-made crafts. If olives, sauces, and tapenades are your thing, then Romesco Olives found in Howick has a wonderful selection for you to taste before purchasing for your Christmas table. Fill your cheese board with fabulous Midlands cheeses from Indezi River Creamery, Swissland Cheese as well as The Gourmet Greek. For those with a sweet tooth, you will delight in the knowledge you are catered for! The Midlands houses Chocolate Heaven, Pye's Honey and Tashas Fantastic Fudge amongst others. And don't forget Terbodore Coffee to go with your mince pies and Christmas cake.

Wine wanderings:

If you are into fine wines, then this region does not disappoint. Meander down a shady gravel road to the picturesque Abingdon Wine Estate near Lions River. The tapas-style restaurant and tasting room offers a great lunch stop and wine tasting experience – and the opportunity to purchase their wines, that are not available through retail outlets. The Highgate Wine Estate adjacent to the Piggly Wiggly Centre has a showpiece cellar and fine dining restaurant too, so be sure to pop in for a wine tasting and delicious cuisine.



Craft beer anyone?

Prefer hops? No problem, the KZN Midlands doesn't disappoint, with a great selection of craft breweries... pop into the Nottingham Road Brewing Company for a taste of their eight brews, daily from 11am onwards at the Boars Head Pub, located at Rawdons Hotel. Book an appointment and you will be able to sample Balgowan Brewery craft beers whilst enjoying the stunning vistas from Caversham Estate or visit the Lions River Craft Brewery in Lidgetton for a brewery tour, followed by beer on tap and delectable country platters.

Candle dipping fun for the kids:

The Candle Dipping Shop at The Junction Complex in Nottingham Road is a great destination for fun-filled activities for the whole family. Kids can choose from a selection of candles, including teddies, bunnies, and owls as the base for their creative masterpiece, and mom can create dinner table candles perfect to adorn the Christmas table. Other fun activities include mosaics and sand art, as well as take home kits ideal to keep the kids busy during the holidays or as Christmas gifts.

Don't miss the Nelson Mandela Capture Site:

One of the historical sites in the Midlands Meander is the Nelson Mandela Capture Site, one of the most-visited memorial sites in KZN with a visitor centre and a world-renowned sculpture of the peace activist and politician Nelson Mandela, designed by the South African artist Marco Cianfanelli. The Nelson Mandela Capture Site is a cultural and historical exhibition that is situated at the site at which Nelson Mandela was apprehended for his anti-Apartheid acts in August 1952. There is a museum with videos and photographs that will give you goosebumps as the peoples'

Struggle is retold through sound and images.

Explore the Umgeni Valley Nature Reserve:

The Umgeni Valley Nature Reserve is easily accessible near the Midlands town of Howick. A vast part of the nature reserve lies in the spectacular gorge created by the Howick Falls, with the upper part being the rolling hills of the plateau on either side, ensuring spectacular scenery and dramatic views. There is an indigenous tree trail surrounding the Education Centre and self-guided walks that offer visitors the possibility of seeing giraffe, zebra, and a variety of antelope. It is also a birders paradise, with over 200 species listed throughout the year.

Explore the local PMB art scene:

Visit Pietermaritzburg's Tatham Art Gallery, one of South Africa's major art museums, located in the historic old Supreme Court Building, completed in 1875, and the adjacent Old Presbyterian Church dating from 1852. The gallery hosts a range of art exhibitions, some travelling exhibitions as well as exhibitions based on art works in the permanent collection. These include works by South African and European artists as well as a section dedicated to KwaZulu-Natal artists.



**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**



PIETERMARITZBURG
MIDLANDS



CAPITAL OF THE ZULU KINGDOM



Essential Summer Experiences



One of the most appealing aspects of Tala Collection Game Reserve is its ease of accessibility, coming to or from Durban - although, once here, you'll feel like you're a million miles away from everything. Spanning some 3000 hectares, this malaria-free wildlife sanctuary is located in the hills of a peaceful farming community

The landscapes are characterized by a mix of acacia thornveld, open grassland and sensitive wetland, providing exceptional game and bird viewing opportunities. Tala is home to more than 380 bird species, as well as big game like Rhino, Kudu, Hippo, Giraffe and other plains game. Plant species found in this area include the Fiery Aloe, the imposing Euphorbia and fragrant Wild Sage.

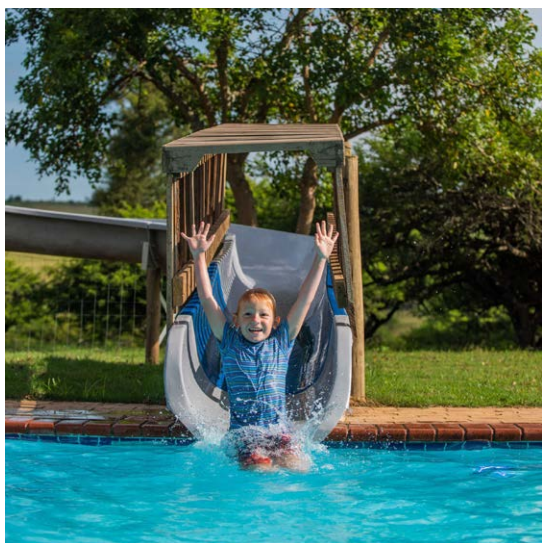
Tala Collection Game Reserve is an excellent destination to choose for celebrating special occasions, or simply relax and enjoy some pampering. In this picture perfect setting, guests are able to escape from the hurried pace of modern life, to a place devoid of stress and crowds. Guests can also explore the reserve on guided game drives and segways.



Day visitors are welcome. Activities include game drives, paintball, archery, segways, mountain biking and so much more offering you the perfect opportunity to tap into your inner adventurer. There are picnic and braai areas surrounding the impressive rock pools swimming area. Picnic Baskets can be pre-ordered.

Paperbark Restaurant located in Paperbark Lodge is just a short walk from reception where day visitors can now pop in for a bite to eat while admiring the scenery of bush and birdlife. No need to pay for a drive around the game reserve, although, why would you not want to?

This venue also has a welcoming fireplace and a boma outside where overnight guests can sit around a fire listening to the African sounds



📞 031 781 8000 ✉ reception@tala.co.za

🌐 www.tala.co.za



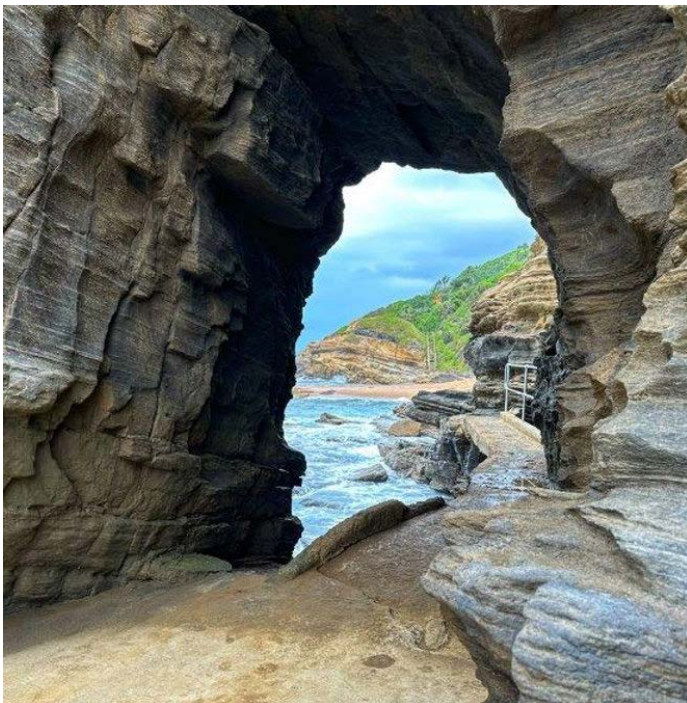
tala collection
GAME RESERVE

www - W

Reasons to visit the NORTH COAST



Spending time on the KZN North Coast is all about the fun of being outdoors and enjoying the sunshine. And no visit would be complete without enjoying the warm waters of the Indian Ocean – from the exhilarating surf breaks to paddling in the shallows with the kids, exploring the rocky shores or relaxing on golden beaches. But there is much more to this region than its beaches, so take some time and add an adventure activity or two to your North Coast holiday experience.



Enjoy a sunrise stroll on the Ballito Boardwalk:

Bring your enthusiasm and energy – don't forget the camera to capture the magnificence of the sun rising over the ocean. The lengthy Ballito Boardwalk, with its beautiful ocean views, is the perfect place to stretch those legs and get the blood pumping – whether it's a gentle stroll, some powerwalking or even a determined run, this is the place to be seen doing it. The raised wooden boardwalk not only protects the dunes beneath it but offers spectacular sunrise views and possibly the opportunity to see pods of dolphins – a common sight along the North Coast shoreline. There are plenty of coffee shops and restaurants if you need a break and some refreshments. The energetic will enjoy the more challenging hike and the spectacular views all the way to Salt Rock, but there is a tunnel along the route, so this is best attempted at low tide.

Explore the beach at Salt Rock:

The Salt Rock beach offers breath-taking views with the endless stretches of white sand and warm Indian Ocean. Explore the nooks and crannies of the rock formations of the rocky shores – look out for brightly coloured anemones, hermit crabs and maybe even a star fish. Take pleasure in sinking your toes into the soft white sand, taking a dip in the tidal pools, and savouring the sweetness of an ice-cream purchased from one of the ice-cream vendors. Take a dip in Granny's Pool, a tidal pool located near the main beach of Salt Rock but is a little more secluded than the main beach areas. It is

perfect for families offering safe and fun swimming as it is relatively shallow and enjoys waves of warm ocean water pouring into it regularly. It has both a rocky section and a sandy section, making it a real delight for kids to both swim and explore.

Visit the Flag Farm Animal Farm:

Make time for the kids and take them to the Flag Farm Animal Farm, where they can take pony rides, hand feed chickens, ducks, rabbits, cows, goats, sheep, geese, and various types of birds as well as enjoy learning how to milk a cow! All activities are specially made to entertain the young kiddies. But the best part is that 80% of their animals are rescued from unfortunate circumstances and now have a fabulous forever home.

Visit The Hidden Forest Wildlife Sanctuary:

This is a free-roaming multi-species primate sanctuary is a family-friendly eco-attraction. The tour starts with a short drive on a safari vehicle from the reception site to their 23-hectare hidden forest. From there, you will be taken on a guided walking tour during which your guide will help you look for the multiple species of free-roaming primates including capuchin monkeys, ringtail and black-and-white

ruffed lemurs, buff-cheeked gibbons, squirrel monkeys, black howler monkeys and spider monkeys in their forest home. You will also experience countless other natural wonders whilst on your walking tour in the forest.

Take Surfing Lessons:

The North Coast, with its amazing beaches and world class waves, is one of South Africa's top surf destinations. The Ballito Surf School offers a unique surf experience suitable for beginners as well as intermediate surfers. The surf lessons are subject to weather conditions and tides on the day, with the most suitable spot chosen for each lesson. Their surf instructors are all local surfers, and qualified in basic first aid and ocean rescue techniques, making it both a fun and safe experience. Another option is to try kitesurfing, an exciting water sport that is becoming very popular globally. And the KZN North Coast offers some of the best kitesurfing conditions and playgrounds in the world. At Surfers Ballito Bay instruction is offered by IKO (International Kiteboarding Organisation) qualified instructors and, they say, that whether you are 8 or 88 their courses will provide you with the skills that you need to tackle the wind and waves.

**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**





The Hidden Forest Wildlife Sanctuary



Located just 16kms from exit 222 of the N2 in the Dolphin Coast, The Hidden Forest Wildlife Sanctuary is the largest free-roaming multi-species primate sanctuary in Africa and a must-do outing the whole family will love.

Your adventure starts with a short drive on an open-top vehicle past lush sugar cane fields to the “hidden forest”. Then you will head into the stunning 23-hectare indigenous forest on a guided walking safari, a truly unique and unforgettable experience. You might see ringtailed lemurs soaking up the sun or capuchins and squirrel monkeys foraging for insects; maybe you’ll hear the call of the black howler monkey, the loudest land mammal in the world. The “hidden forest” is also naturally home to a wide range of indigenous wildlife so maybe you’ll also spot a natal duiker, bush buck or banded mongoose on your forest adventure.

The Hidden Forest Wildlife Sanctuary is a true sanctuary, fully supported by Wild Choices and 2023 winners of the SKAL International Sustainable Tourism Award in the category of Major Tourist Attraction. The sanctuary has a strict no-touching policy; this ensures the animals in their care don't feel threatened by the presence of visitors and don't have to perform for them either – a truly safe place for these animals to live as natural a life as possible. Here you'll have a unique opportunity to see the primates behaving as they would in the wild, marking their territories, forming social bonds and foraging. Visitors are welcome to take unlimited photos and videos.

Tickets are valid for the whole day so why not go on tour, enjoy a pizza lunch at the licensed restaurant and then go on a second tour; the kids will love playing in the jungle gym whilst you're pizzas are being made.

The Hidden Forest Wildlife Sanctuary is open from 8.20 until 4pm every day, including all weekends and public holidays. Bookings are recommended to be sure of a place on tour. If you do just turn up without a booking, the team will endeavour to ensure that you won't have to wait for more than 30 minutes.



10% DISCOUNT

Show this article for a 10% discount on your day tickets* (WWW10).

***Terms and conditions apply, cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount or special offer.**



Reasons to visit the BATTLEFIELDS

The rugged splendour of the landscape is dotted with haunting memorials, reminders of the bloodiest battles in history that were fought between Zulu, Brit, and Boer. The Battlefields region, however, not only plays host to innumerable monuments and well-preserved artefacts, its towns, hills and valleys are home to game reserves, crafters, art galleries, hot springs and a wealth of adventure activities.



Go Birding:

Don't miss the chance of 'ticking' one of the nearly 400 species of bird that have been identified along the Amajuba Birding Meander which offers a wide range of activities for birding enthusiasts, particularly for species where 'grassveld meets the berg'. A whole range of species normally associated with grassveld, bushveld and mountain habitats are found in the Meander which is also well known for its water birds. Some of the special birds of the area include the ground woodpecker, blue korhaan, Botha's and Rudd's lark, all three cranes, buff-streaked chat, mountain chat, bush blackcap, yellow-breasted pipit, pale-crowned cisticola, the black egret, all five of the harriers, both sparrowhawks, and most of the kestrels. The Meander has been developed to give birdwatchers easier access to most of the wonderful birds found in this region.

Spend some time in nature:

Explore the trails of the Ncandu State Forest Nature Reserve, KZN's second biggest indigenous forest, with its grassy plains, impressive yellowwood trees and majestic waterfalls. Or go hiking, trail running or mountain biking in the scenic splendour of Grey Goose Game Lodge Nature Trails or spend a night out on the Ingogo Hiking Trail which starts at the Vulintaba Estate office – don't stress, the overnight accommodation offers electricity, hot water & flush toilets!

Spending some time in nature:

Explore the trails of the Ncandu State Forest Nature Reserve, KZN's second biggest indigenous forest, with its grassy plains, impressive yellowwood trees and majestic waterfalls. Or go hiking, trail running or mountain biking in the scenic splendour of Grey Goose Game Lodge Nature Trails or spend a night out on the Ingogo Hiking Trail which starts at the Vulintaba Estate office – don't stress, the overnight accommodation offers electricity, hot water & flush toilets!

Follow the Fugitives Trail:

In the company of a local guide (enquire at either Isandlwana Lodge or Fugitives Drift Lodge) one has the opportunity to follow the escape route that the fugitives from the Isandlwana massacre on the 22nd of January 1879 took. This was the first major encounter of the Anglo-Zulu War, and a mighty defeat of the British at the hands of the Zulu army. This 8km hike takes you from the imposing rock of Isandlwana, past the whitewashed rocks that mark the graves of those who died that day, through peaceful grasslands and up a rough hillside to view the spot where the fugitives tried to cross the fast-flowing Buffalo River.

Visit the Talana Museum:

Talana Museum, Battlefield and Heritage Park was established in 1982 to coincide with the centenary of Dundee - the name Talana is Zulu and means 'the shelf where precious items are kept'. The museum houses extensive collections relating to the area's rich coal mining history, glassworks, agriculture, cultural diversity, and the military heritage of the area with exceptional displays of weapons, uniforms, photographs and other military artifacts. The battle of Talana took place across the peaceful lawns of what is now the museum on Friday



20 October 1899. The verandas of the Smith cottage and Talana house were used as British dressing stations during the battle and the plantations of gum trees were used by the British troops for cover. The museum is unique in that it is the only one in South Africa located on a battlefield and where the buildings from the time of the conflict still exist.

Go on a game drive:

At the luxurious Nambiti Plains Private Game Lodge guests have the option of twice-daily game drives included in their stay, as well as the option of guided bush walks. In addition to wonderful wildlife sightings, which include the Big5, enjoy the sights, sounds, smells, and textures of the African bush. If you'd love a luxury game lodge experience but can't quite manage an overnight stay, then Nambiti Plains Private Game Lodge has just the answer – a day trip game drive.



CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION IN THE AREA





Explore Amajuba



Amajuba, which means 'Place of Doves', is made up of rolling hills, majestic and dramatic landscapes. There is something for everyone to explore in this region. A wealth of attractions include: historic Battlefield sites, nature and game reserves, horse riding, hiking, birding, waterfalls, arts, culture and 4x4 trails.

NTSHINGWAYO DAM AT CHELMSFORD NATURE RESERVE

Chelmsford Resort lies 23 km from Newcastle in northern KwaZulu-Natal, just off the N11 between Newcastle and Ladysmith. It is a short, three-hour drive from Johannesburg. Chelmsford Nature Reserve surrounds the Ntshingwayo Dam, which lies on the iNgagane River and is the third largest dam in KwaZulu-Natal.

The surrounding grasslands and acacia veld are the playground of several large game, including wildebeest, hartebeest, springbok, and blesbok. The Reserve makes a wonderful day's outing for those taking a break from the Battlefields route, or for those who want to enjoy the freedom of the great outdoors and the excitement of windsurfing, canoeing and jet-skiing. Ntshingwayo Dam is a renowned fishing destination, with carp, barbel and scaly being the most popular fish caught.

Ntshingwayo Dam is a renowned fishing destination, with carp, barbell and scaly being the most popular fish caught.

There is also a 1000 ha game park, which is well stocked with a range of Highveld game. Bird and game-viewing are particularly rewarding. Visitors may game from their own vehicles or requested a guided game drive by prior arrangement. Sailing, power boating, water-skiing and swimming are all popular pastimes on the 3 400 ha dam.

Visitors are free to walk or cycle anywhere within the game park as there are no dangerous animals. A shop with bait, liquor, wood and other basic provisions is open daily. Ample facilities for day visitors are available, including playgrounds and boat launching ramps.

Medical assistance, police and all other amenities are available at Newcastle, about 26 km away.





Hikeobics est. 2019
 Hike * Explore * Enjoy *

Hikeobics est. 2019
 Hike * Explore * Enjoy *

A BUSH HIKING EXPERIENCE

BALELE GAME WALK



R300
 PER PERSON

24 FEB 2024

BALELE GAME DRIVE
 15KM MODERATE HIKE

MEETING TIME 05:15 AT
 BALELE GAME DRIVE

INCLUDES: PROFESSIONAL GUIDE, PHOTOGRAPHY, HIKING ENTRANCE FEE, LUNCH AND WATER
BRING: SNACKS, SUNSCREEN, CAPS, COMFORTABLE WEAR





 @Hikeobics @TMMPHYSIO
 hikeobics@gmail.com • 078 208 6744
 Reserve tickets @www.hikeobics.co.za, Strictly No Refund



For map and tourist guide information contact Amajuba District Municipality
 T: 034 329 7200 | E: tourism@amajuba.gov.za | W: www.amajuba.gov.za



Experience Africa...

WHERE EVERY MOMENT
IS FOCUSED ON THE
WONDERS OF THE WILD

Nambiti Plains is an exclusive, intimate 5* Lodge in the heart of the malaria free Nambiti Game Reserve. Offering our guests a private bush experience where Africa meets absolute luxury in an earthy environment.

The reserve consists of 22 000 acres of pristine nature – including an abundance of natural water and a beautiful waterfall on the Sundays River making it a unique sanctuary. Game viewing include amongst others the Big 5, Cheetah, Eland, Gemsbok and Nyala as well as several rare bird species such as the Crowned Cranes, Martial Eagle, and Secretary Birds.





Rooms imitate the wide-open space of the plains in front of the lodge and the décor tie into the natural environment. Each room is specially designed to offer 180 degree panoramic views of the plains with floor to ceiling sliding doors offering you the chance to bath right in the bush! Homemade biscuits complement the coffee and tea stations while the mini bar is stocked to your request. All rooms feature aircons and the Honeymoon Suites have outside bush showers. The Lodge boasts big stone fireplaces for winter and a tucked away swimming pool for summer months where you will frequently see the elephant herd coming to drink.

**CHECK OUT THIS
INCREDIBLE VIDEO**

PLAY




NAMBITI PLAINS
PRIVATE GAME LODGE



+27 (0) 71 680 4584

+27 (0) 87 170 0716

info@nambitiplains.com

www.nambitiplains.com

nambitiplains



GREY GOOSE
GAME LODGE

*Simple –
Comfortable – Peaceful*

A very warm welcome to Grey Goose Game Lodge, where we strive to make your stay fun, relaxing and memorable. Serenity and tranquility combined with a love for nature and hospitality excellence lies at the heart of what we do. Whether you are staying for business or travelling for pleasure, we have all that you need in one place.

WEDDINGS

CONFERENCES

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

JUMPING PILLOW

SEASONAL SWIMMING POOL

7 MODERN, NEWLY RENOVATED VENUES

GOOSEBERRIES FAMILY RESTAURANT

MODERN MENUS

Host Your Event In Style! BREATHTAKING VIEWS SURROUND YOUR GUESTS CREATING A WARM AND WELCOMING, TRANQUIL EXPERIENCE!

 1 Memel Road, Newcastle, 2940



www.greygoose.co.za



034 315 3221



067 237 1164





Reasons to visit the SOUTH COAST

Subtropical forests, blue lagoons, golden beaches, rocky coves, the warm Indian Ocean, and sunny weather – this is what makes the South Coast such a popular holiday destination. This coastline is a haven of unique and less-explored places, set amidst rolling hills and fringed by palm fronds and wild strelitzias. In addition to all things beach, there are several fun and family friendly activities and experiences to consider.

Get active at the Wild Coast Sun:

The Wild Waves Water Park, located at the Wild Coast Sun, provides hours of family fun and enjoyment on an assortment of fun water rides, from slides and tubes to loops and gentle rivers. Some of the fun rides include the Aqua Loop, SuperBowl, and Speed Slides – and if you're into thrills, then don't miss out on the Boomeranga, an exhilarating ride complete with high-banking turns and heart-pounding plunges. Those less inclined to the adrenaline rush will appreciate the leisurely Lazy River rides. But whether you are aged three or 63, the Wild Waves Water Park has a water world ride perfect for you.



Or feel the freedom of riding along the shoreline as waves break onto the sandy beach, feel the exhilaration of the wind through your hair and fresh salty air on your face. This experience, under the care of experienced guides from the Ocean Trails Equestrian Centre (based at the Wild Coast Sun) offers both experienced and new riders an experience of a lifetime. Take time to explore the wide-open beaches, the rocky shores and the fossil caves, and revel in the breath-taking scenery of the Mzamba River and gorge.

Hike the Umtamvuna Nature Reserve:

The Umtamvuna Nature Reserve in Port Edward is famous for its magnificent views of the deep Umtamvuna River Gorge. This southern-most nature reserve in KZN is a botanical paradise with its rolling hills, riverine forest and steep rocky cliffs. There are three magnificent trails, from the 30-minute Kingfisher Trail to the more extensive two-hour Loerie Trail and the four-hour Fish Eagle Trail, a circular route providing hikers the opportunity to discover diverse habitats, an amazing array of birdlife including some rare bird species and breath-taking views - look out for the Cape vulture and fish eagle, both of which breed on the reserve. Bushbuck, baboon, samango monkeys as well as blue and grey duiker and reedbuck also occur in the reserve.

Hit the MTB trails:

This region is a paradise for mountain bike enthusiasts, offering a plethora of thrilling trails that blend natural beauty with exhilarating challenges. Mountain bikers of varied skill

levels can explore an extensive network of trails that wind through indigenous forests, meander along rivers, and ascend to stunning viewpoints, rewarding riders with awe-inspiring vistas of the Indian Ocean. So, whether you're craving fast-paced downhill descents, technical singletrack adventures, or leisurely rides immersed in nature, there's a trail just waiting for you to explore.

Explore Oribi Gorge:

Marvel at the breathtaking views offered as one explores the Oribi Gorge – don't miss the legendary Leopard Rock. The Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve offers wonderful walking trails revealing hidden treasures, including the picturesque Samango Falls. In addition to over 300 documented bird species, visitors can observe a breeding colony of rare Cape vultures on a guided tour to the vulture hide and restaurant. And for the adrenalin junkies there's the Wild Gorge swing - an unbelievable experience that leaves you breathless yet exhilarated. Situated at the top of Lehr's Waterfall, this is the highest swing in the world. Hurl yourself (or simply step) off the edge of the waterfall to swing into the gaping depths of the gorge – 165m (55 storeys). Unlike a bungee, where you are strapped by the ankles, you experience the swing securely and comfortably fastened in a full body harness. You can also go rafting or abseiling.

**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**



Fun things to do at The WildCoast Sun



Beach Time:

Walk along the sandy unspoilt beach where the only footprints are your own, and the crashing waves and cry of a seagull the only refrain. Hunt for relics from old shipwrecks along the coast or take a guided walk to the petrified forest and Mzamba cretaceous deposits. Explore the rocky shores and appreciate the marine life that calls these pools home, let the waves wash over your feet and cool off with a dip in the ocean. Another popular beach activity is horse riding on the beach and can be combined with a petrified forest experience.



Explore the River:

At the Mtamvuna River visitors can try paddle-boating, canoeing or simply relaxing on a river cruise. Stock up on your beverage of choice from the Riverside Bar, and then just sit back and relax as you meander up-river through the Umtamvuna Nature Reserve. Enjoy the riverine forest vegetation and keep a look out for herons on the water's edge or the majestic fish eagle perched in a tree.



CHECK OUT THIS VIDEOWild Waves:

Head to the Wild Waves Water Park for a day of fun and adventure that the entire family will enjoy. Choose from a gentle Lazy River tube experience, to fast paced, heart-pounding body slides, tube rides and flume experiences, which will certainly result in an adrenalin rush. There's even a Kidz Zone offering as safe, fun, and inter-active water-play area for the little ones.

Quad Biking:

The multi-terrain quad biking tours, for over 16's, offer the opportunity to get off the beaten track and explore some of the incredible vistas that this region has to offer, from lagoons, rivers and breath-taking sea views from the top of a craggy cliff.

Golf:

The championship 18-hole Wild Coast Sun Golf Course is famed for its magnificently curated



fairways and greens that cross rugged terrain of hills, ravines, rivers, dams, waterfalls and the lagoon until the final hole, with unforgettable views of the Indian Ocean. Are you up for the challenge?



Reasons to visit ZULULAND



Find your perfect escape under the hot African sun and experience vibrant Zulu culture and wonderful wildlife, gaze upon the Indian Ocean or wander through indigenous forests. This is Zululand, located just north of the Thukela River and extending up to Richards Bay in the north and into the rural heart of the region as you head inland. Zululand is an area of breath-taking hills and valleys, where hiking and nature trails abound, and game viewing opportunities are never far out of reach. Come and experience all that this region has to offer.

Visit Fort Nongqayi in Eshowe:

For a glimpse into the history of the region, pop into the Zululand Historical Museum located within Fort Nongqayi, the striking white mudbrick and three-turreted fort established in 1883 as the base for the most unusual peace-keeping Zulu force, called Nongqayi. Amongst its many displays, the Museum offers a rare look at John Dunn, South Africa's only official white Zulu iNkosi and husband to 48 Zulu wives!

Go game viewing in the Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park:

This park, which is said to be the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, is home to Africa's Big 5 as well as a variety of other game species. With approximately 96,000-hectares of conserved wilderness the park contains an incredible diversity of fauna and flora and offers plenty of opportunity for visitors. Experience the vast open spaces and abundant wildlife on a guided game walk, atop an open game viewing or by self-driving in your own vehicle (purchase a map on entry). The roads are well-marked and there are several viewing hides overlooking waterholes enabling visitors to view game at close range.



Conservation:

Visit for a day and you'll want to stay for more. Thula Thula Private Game Reserve, which is home to a variety of game including elephant, buffalo, leopard, hippo and giraffe offers visitors a safari whilst enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the bush – the literal meaning of the Zulu word thula. In addition to a wildlife experience one can support Thula Thula's conservation efforts by helping to expand the elephant habitat by sponsoring one acre of the extended land, buying one metre of fencing, or adopting a Thula Thula elephant.

Go birding:

Zululand has much to offer avid birders, and a great place to start is Mtunzini with its lush mangrove swamps and forests and is considered a birders' paradise. Some of the special birds to look out for are the African finfoot, Narina trogon, green malkoha and mangrove kingfisher. It is also famous for having a colony of rare palm-nut vultures that live in the raffia palms, near the railway line - there is a timber boardwalk through the swamp forest that will get you closer to the palms.

A must-do is a walk in the treetops at the Dlinza Forest Aerial Boardwalk - the 125-metres long boardwalk with an elevation of 10 metres, allows visitors to walk right under the canopy and climb a tower that offers expansive views out across the treetops. It's a place where eagles soar, and where the calls of trumpeter hornbills and purple-crested turacos ring out over the indigenous scarp forest, and where, if you're lucky you may catch a glimpse an elusive Narina

trogan. The Dlinza Forest is probably the most accessible forest and is visited by birders from all over the world hoping to catch a glimpse of rare bird species such as the spotted ground thrush and eastern bronze-naped pigeon. It is best visited at dawn in the company of a local birding guide. If you have some time to spare, then a walk along the forest trails is a must – there's the short Impunzi Trail and the 1.8km Unkonka Trail, both of which enable you to experience the wonder of the forest.

Learn about Zulu Culture:

Visit the KwaBulawayo Heritage and Cultural Site, it is the site where King Shaka established his military headquarters and is also where the legendary Mzilikazi betrayed him. Legend has it that, during its heyday, KwaBulawayo boasted 30 000 bee-hive huts, making it the biggest city in Africa at the time. Be sure to also allow time to stop in at Emakhosini, the traditional burial ground of Zulu Kings, aptly known as the Valley of the Kings, and the 'Spirit of Emakhosini' monument and uMgungundlovu, the Royal Residence of King Dingane and kwaMatiwane where Voortrekker leader Piet Retief and his men were killed, and subsequently buried. A must-do is King Cetshwayo's royal settlement at Ondini (near Ulundi) which was razed to the ground after the final battle of the Anglo-Zulu War, as well as the KwaZulu Cultural Museum, which was opened in 1984 and houses one of the most representative collections of the rich cultural heritage of the region and is famous for its collection of beadworks. There are also several items which belonged to King Cetshwayo who ruled the Zulu nation during the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879.

**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**

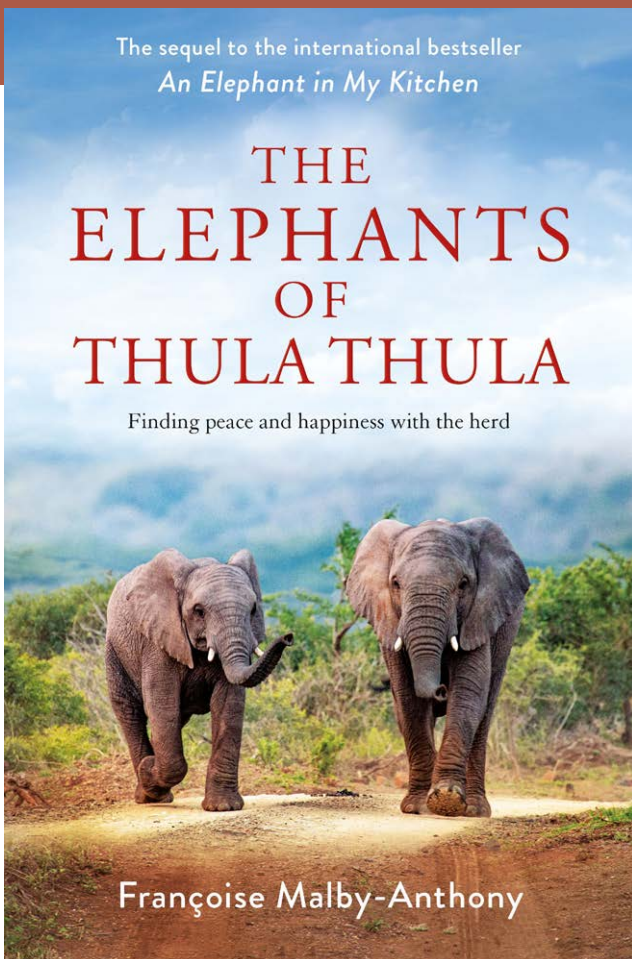


ZULULAND

HEART AND PULSE OF THE ZULU KINGDOM



Peace, Tranquility and Happiness in the Zululand Bush

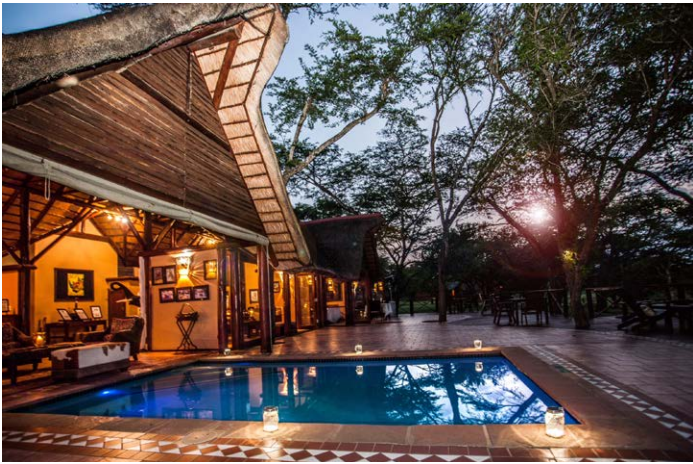


Thula Thula Private Game Reserve, only two hours from Durban, offers all animal lovers a true spiritual adventure with encounters with the legendary Thula Thula elephants.

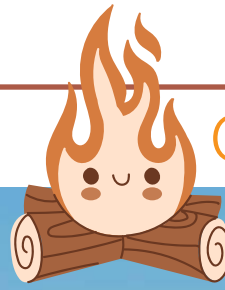
Situated in Zululand, only two hours from Durban, and one hour from Richards Bay, Thula Thula is a luxury safari destination where our game rangers will share their incredible knowledge of the bush during exciting game drives. Observe elephant, rhino, buffalo, hippo, leopard and a spectacular variety of other indigenous species, great and small. Birdlife is prolific with over 350 identified species, including raptors.

*Thula Thula is also the home of our matriarch Nana and the special herd of elephants made famous in the best-selling book **THE ELEPHANT WHISPERER** by Lawrence Anthony.*

Thula Thula is run by his wife **Françoise** who carries on the legacy of Lawrence with all conservation projects and the running of both lodges. Françoise has written the sequel of The Elephant Whisperer, **AN ELEPHANT IN MY KITCHEN**, published in July 2018. A new book, **THE ELEPHANTS OF THULA THULA**, was released early September and is already an international best seller.



With its unique atmosphere, stylish décor and superb cuisine, Thula Thula offers you the choice of exclusive accommodation between the **Elephant Safari Lodge**, renowned gourmet destination, and the **Luxury Tented Camp**, which offers an authentic African bush experience in the heart of Zululand. Both provide very unique and different experiences.



Campfire stories



NEWS OF OUR RHINO FAMILY

Since the sad passing away of baby Iphi, her mother Ntombi seems to find some comfort in the company of Rambo.

While our lonely Thabo is looking for new friends...



ENQUIRE ABOUT OUR VERY SPECIAL RATES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDENTS



ESHOWE

FORT NONGQAYI MUSEUM VILLAGE

The Fort Nongqayi Museum Village is situated in Eshowe, a picturesque town in Northern KwaZulu Natal. The Museum Village comprises the following attractions:



FORT NONGQAYI:

A British built Fort completed in 1883 with the purpose of housing the Nongqayi Police Force. Historical displays on the Zulu kings, John Dunn (the famous white chief), the Anglo Zulu War and the natural history of the area can be seen here.



THE FORT NONGQAYI NORWEGIAN MISSIONARY CHAPEL

The chapel documents the Norwegian Missionary presence in Zululand dating back to 1844.



THE VUKANI ZULU CULTURAL MUSEUM:

In this section, visitors can view a stunning collection of traditional Zulu artefacts (historical and contemporary).

Opening hours are Mon to Thurs 07:30 - 16:00; Fri 07:30 -15:00 and Sat - Sun 08:30-15:00. ☎ 035 474 2281

✉ JohannesD@umlalazi.gov.za |  [Fort Nongqayi Museum Village](#) |  www.visitumlalazi.com

The Eshowe Butterfly Dome



AMÉRICO NÉSTOR BONKEWITZZ, PH.D



Zoologist and Biologist. Americo studied Licenciature in Biology at Universidad Nacional del Sur in Bahia Blanca, Argentina and then earned his doctorate in Zoology at University of Natal (now University of KwaZulu-Natal) in Pietermaritzburg.

He established Biological Application Software in 1994 developing expert systems, among them the Black Fly Control of the Orange River for the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute. In late 1990 he started butterfly farming using the indigenous species, targeting particularly the breeding of the Emperor Swallowtail.

In 2007 carried out several butterfly surveys in KwaZulu-Natal, in particular the extensive butterfly survey of Mkhondeni-Mpushini area in Pietermaritzburg contracted by G. Nicholson CC.

In 2010 he got involved in a butterfly project with African Conservation Trust establishing four large butterfly domes.

In 2013 was contracted by African Insight to carry on invertebrate modules. Later on, from 2015 onward, run several butterfly training courses and invertebrate modules for Bhejani Nature Training. recently started to produce Eco Rocks, a faux rock that connects all animals of the ecosystem.

Situated adjacent to the Fort Nongqayi Museum Village in Nongqayi Road Eshowe.

Owned and operated by Dr Americo Bonkewitz, PHD

He provides a consultancy service with the goal of educating people about the need of protecting the local indigenous forest in order to protect the biodiversity of the environment.

Among the services are:

- 1 constructing butterfly habitats (butterfly gardens and butterfly exhibits) for educational or commercial use.
- 2 conducting invertebrates and butterfly courses
- 3 providing butterfly watching opportunities in certain parts of KwaZulu-Natal
- 4 assisting environmental specialists with butterfly surveys.

For the wildlife garden, I additionally offer the following items:

- 1 Eco-rocks
- 2 Nectar and host plants for butterflies

An advertisement for the Eshowe Butterfly Dome. It features two butterflies: a blue one with black and orange markings and a black one with blue markings. The background is a mix of black and teal. Text is overlaid on the image.

Eshowe Butterfly Dome

A large dome displaying live indigenous butterflies

Available chairs and tables inside the dome, as well as a "Coffee & Tea Bar" with free WiFi.

Come and relax with your family and friends while drinking coffee and watching the butterflies flutter by

Admission Fee: R40/adult & R20/child

Next to Fort Nongqayi Museum, Eshowe, KZN
Open on sunny days from 10:00am to 3:00pm

 **Contact 063 421 9000**



Reasons to visit the ELEPHANT COAST

The Elephant Coast stretches from Lake St Lucia in the south to Kosi Bay in the north and extending inland across to the Lubombo Mountains in the west. This exceptional area offers the perfect outdoor escape and is fast growing in popularity with its incredible variety of habitats and eco-systems, delivering an unforgettable blend of adventure, unspoilt scenery, and unique experiences such as those found in Kosi Bay.



Go snorkelling at the Kosi Bay Mouth:

Not to be missed is a snorkelling experience in the warm waters of the rock pools and the estuary, a natural 'aquarium' with an abundance of marine life. The inflowing seawater of high tide offers the best visibility to spot boxfish, Moorish idols, moray eels and the spectacular lionfish as well as the devil fire fish along the estuary reef. You will need to have access to a 4X4 to drive to the Kosi mouth. Should you not have a 4X4 or not be travelling as far as Kosi Bay, there are several operators that offer guided snorkelling trips along the coastline.

Turtle Tours:

A highlight at this time of year (generally from November to end February) is turtle viewing at Bhanga Nek beach. Witness

the extreme effort and determination of a loggerhead or leatherback turtle as they come out of the surf and across the shore to lay their eggs in carefully prepared nests, often on the exact beach that they themselves hatched from. And approximately 70 days later, see the hatchlings making for the safety of the sea. Another popular spot for turtle tracking is at Sodwana Bay with Ufudu Turtle Tours.

Birding:

Birding is also excellent in Kosi Bay – a special of the region is the palmnut vulture which feeds on the fruit of the Kosi Palms. Other species to look out for along the estuarine lake system are Pel's fishing owl, African finfoot, swamp nightjar, bar-tailed godwit and if you're lucky a Mongolian plover. Other popular birding spots are Ndumo Game Reserve, Mkhuze Game Reserve, and of course the iSimangaliso Wetland Park.

Fish Trap Tour:

Dotted along the Kosi Lake system you'll see the intricately woven fish traps. Embark on a guided tour of the fish traps with a local fisherman. He will explain the rich history of fish traps to the Thonga people, the cultural significance of the fish traps and how they are handed down from one generation to another. Learn about the process, from the construction of these traditional woven traps to the skill (and patience) required to spear a fish. This tour can be booked through most of the lodges in Kosi Bay.

Three Lake Boat Cruise:

Traverse three of the four lakes by boat, meander through the channels, drift between the fish traps, snorkel in the protected mangroves and view an incredible diversity of birds. A wonderful way to spend a day – include a picnic on the beach of the Kosi estuary.

Canoe Safaris:

Enjoy a guided canoe safari with your guide from Utshwayelo Lodge and paddle around the fish traps and into Lake Kahlua – get up close views of nesting cormorants, flamingos, fish eagles and if you're lucky the rare palmnut vulture. Or if you're staying at Kosi Forest Lodge, you'll have the opportunity to paddle the narrow channels connecting the lakes, just remember to keep a lookout for Pel's fishing owl or even the elusive African finfoot – both big ticks with birders!

Kosi Bay Fishing:

The waters of the pristine Kosi Bay ecosystem are teeming with fish and keen fly fishermen will appreciate targeting specific species, like grunter, kingfish, river bream and pick-handled pike, amongst others. But regardless of your fishing skills, fishing in lake two and three offers great fun – but keep a lookout for hippos and crocodiles! Just remember that no fishing is allowed between First Lake and the mouth and don't interfere with the fishing kraals of the Thonga people. Rock and surf angling along the length of the coastline is also a popular activity, just make sure you have the relevant fishing licences.

**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**





ADVANTAGE CRUISES

iSimangaliso means “Place of Wonder” in the Zulu language. St Lucia Tours and Charters, inspire to make life-long-lasting memories for you and your loved ones. With a custom itinerary you’ll make the most memories you can.



DEEP SEA FISHING WITH FREESPIRIT IN ST LUCIA

With extensive knowledge of our local St Lucia waters, our dedicated and experienced skippers will host your fishing experience, catering to both seasoned and novice anglers wanting to add a bit of adrenaline to their holiday.

WHAT YOU CATCH IS YOURS TO KEEP – according to the size and bag size limits on species and we support tag and release on Bill Fish. WE DO NOT DO BOTTOM FISHING.

WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING



Whale Watching St Lucia is a magical 2 hour St Lucia tour taking you as close as 50 meters from the giants of the deep. Humpback whales are the most commonly spotted, but Minky’s,

Right and Sperm whales are also seen. Whale Watching St Lucia begins with a high energy surf launch which requires decent “holding on strength”.

For more information contact us on

+27 35 590 1259 | St Lucia Tours Charters Safaris | www.advantagetours.co.za

Advantage Tours St Lucia

WHALE WATCHING




Boat based whale watching in the St Lucia section of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site.

Whale season 1 June - 1 December

We also offer:

- Hippo and croc cruises
- Deep sea fishing charters
- Ocean adventure cruises
- Big 5 Safari
- iSimangaliso Safari

35 Mc Kenzie Street St Lucia

+27 (0)35 590 1259 | +27 (0)83 487 2762 |  info@advantagetours.co.za |  www.advantagetours.co.za



Reasons to visit the DRAKENSBERG

Summer is a glorious time in the Drakensberg with the mountains resplendent in their shades of green. Enjoy one of the many hiking routes on both lower and upper slopes - there are several marked trails, from short ambles through indigenous fern forests to more strenuous full day hikes traversing rivers and hillsides to full-on adventuring. But don't forget to take time to pause and appreciate nature's splendour – from the tiny wildflowers that add colour to the grasslands, to the massive blooms of the king protea, and from the tiniest birds flitting through the forests to watching the majestic lammergeier as it glides the thermals.

Take to the air:

Nothing can match the totally exhilarating experience of flying in a helicopter, especially across the breath-taking scenery of the Drakensberg... swoop over gorges and through lush valleys, hover above rivers and waterfalls, and marvel at the treacherous peaks and gullies. And how about a glass of chilled bubbly, or a picnic breakfast, whilst you're up there soaking in the magnificent views?

Or start your day before dawn, and float majestically up into the sky in a hot air balloon. Watch as the mist rises in the valleys below and the sun paints the mountains with a soft glow. Take in the spectacular scenery, marvel at the tones and textures of green, the verdant valleys, rising hills and mountain cliffs. Drift slowly in the wind, enjoy the romance of the experience and feel the combination of exhilaration and absolute calm. Food for the soul!

Be adventurous:

If you cannot soar in the sky like an eagle, you can at least fly through the treetops like a bird. A Canopy Tour Experience enables you to glide between platforms perched in trees and on cliff faces - feel the wind in your hair and fresh air on your face. Be inspired by the nature of the majestic Drakensberg as you whizz past huge yellowwood trees, over flowering Cape chestnut trees and past rugged cliffs. Being able to gaze down upon ancient





indigenous forest, waterfalls and cascading streams make this an opportunity not to be missed.

Prefer to keep your feet on the ground? No problem, experience the spectacular route up Sani Pass, once a rough mule trail and now the well-known entry point into Lesotho from the Drakensberg. This is a highlight for 4x4 enthusiasts with spectacular scenery, breathtaking drop-offs, and gushing waterfalls, with the reward being amazing views and the opportunity of enjoying a pint at the highest pub in Africa (2874 metres above sea-level).

Pull on your hiking boots:

Enjoy the pristine indigenous forests and streams with refreshing rock pools as you hike the trails around the Dragon Peaks Mountain Resort estate, be sure to look out for the ancient seven-hundred-year-old yellowwood tree, and enquire about the guided hike to the protected rock art. Or explore the nearby trails within the uKhahlamba World Heritage Site, easily accessed from Monks Cowl Reserve. One can also hike to Nandi's Falls, a scenic 8km circular hike that passes the Sterkspruit Falls and continues on to Nandi's Falls.

Departing from Ezemvelo Wildlife's Didima Camp is a moderately challenging 5.6km trail that takes you up into the mountain, through indigenous forest with magnificent yellowwoods and wonderful bird life. Follow the river upstream into a gorge, past rock pools, rapidly flowing streams, and waterfalls. Whatever your choice of hike, pack a picnic to enjoy beside a mountain stream and do take a leisurely dip in a mountain stream before heading back. Be aware that thunderstorms are common during the summer months and although accidents are rare, be sure to complete the Mountain Rescue Register prior to setting off, even for a day walk.



**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION
IN THE AREA**



**uKhahlamba
DRAKENSBERG**
SOUL OF THE ZULU KINGDOM



Your Favourite Family Resort

Dragon Peaks offers a wide range of accommodation to suite all tastes. From well-appointed Self Catering Units to Caravan and Camping sites, as well as numerous activities and easy access to the many hiking trails on the surrounding mountains.

SELF-CATERING: Dragon Peaks Mountain Resort offers some of the most beautiful views in the Drakensberg. Our Self Catering Units comprise of a selection of 2 to 12 sleeper self-catering units, fully equipped and all with TV.

CAMPING AND CARAVAN: Our family-orientated Resort provides beautiful shady, grassed and paved caravan and camping sites with electrical points and three ablutions facilities. Sculleries and coin-operated laundries are also provided for the convenience of our guests.



2 BURGER FRIDAY

ONLY **R110**

2 X DRAGONS BASIC BURGERS, A PORTION OF CHIPS AND ONION RINGS



CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO



Tel: 036 468 1031

dpp@dragonpeaks.com

www.dragonpeaks.com

#LetsGoWild



“

Offering vast silence

when even the sighing of the wind ceases, Giant's Castle provides a feast of beautiful mountain scenery, sparkling clear streams, solitude and comfortable accommodation ...”



Giant's Castle Resort

Maloti-Drakensberg Park
World Heritage Site



Giant's Castle is situated in the central part of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site, about a six-hour drive from Johannesburg via the N3 and about three hours from Durban. Giant's Castle, dubbed "the Flower of the Drakensberg" due to its impressively rich floral diversity, rolling grasslands, crags and cliffs, lies in the "Little 'Berg", with Giant's Castle Resort overlooking the Bushman's River. It offers much for the outdoor enthusiast as well as those searching for the tranquility of natural surroundings.

Activities: vulture hide, historical sites, rock art sites, mountaineering, hiking/walking trails, game viewing, ice climbing, mountain huts, picnicking, mountain biking, seasonal rock fountain and champagne pool.



Your Ultimate
 *Adventure* Destination

T: +27 (0) 33 845 1000 E: bookings@kznwildlife.com
Online booking: bookings.kznwildlife.com Web: www.kznwildlife.com



Take a walk on the wild side!



Quad Bike Rides



Wild Waves Waterpark



18 Hole Golf Course



Segway Tours



Horse Riding

For more information, call 039 305 9111
or email: wildcoastmvg@suninternational.com