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**Whatever you are in search of, KZN has it all.**

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**28 – 31 March 2024**  
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**Harvest & Gin Festival**  
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**1 May 2024**  
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**4 May 2024**  
**Newcastle Comedy Show**  
Newcastle Show Grounds



**19 May 2024**  
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**25 May 2024**  
**Jazz, Gin & Wine Festival**  
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**Ford Fest 2024**  
Ezulwini Berg Resort

**29 May 2024**  
**VOTING DAY**

**6 – 8 June 2024**  
**COMRADES MARATHON EXPO  
2024**  
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**9 June 2024**  
**Comrades Marathon**  
Durban to Pietermaritzburg

**29 June 2024**  
**Welcoming of the Whales**  
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## 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.

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Like a wave racing towards the shore.  
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Each striving for more and more.

As the crowd urges their fancies on,  
With each stride the horses draw near.  
The roar from the stands echoes the roar of the waves,  
As they jump, shout and cheer.

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Sat	4-May	Hollywoodbets Grey	World Sports Betting Guineas	2	1600	R500 000
			Independent On Saturday Drill Hall Stakes	2	1400	R500 000
			World Sports Betting Fillies Guineas	2	1600	R500 000
Sat	11-May	Hollywoodbets Grey	World Sports Betting 1900	2	1900	R500 000
Sat	25-May	Hollywoodbets Grey	Daily News 2000	1	2000	R2 000 000
			TabGold Woolavington 2000	1	2000	R1 500 000
Sat	1-Jun	Hollywoodbets Scot	Golden Horse Sprint	1	1200	R1 000 000
			South African Fillies Sprint Brought to you by The Witness	1	1200	R1 000 000
			Gold Medallion	1	1200	R1 000 000
			Allan Robertson Championship	1	1200	R1 000 000
Sat	8-Jun	Hollywoodbets Grey	Hollywoodbets Gold Challenge	1	1600	R2 000 000
			Tibouchina Stakes	2	1400	R500 000
			Cup Trial	3	1800	R250 000
Sat	15-Jun	Hollywoodbets Grey	The Oaks	2	2400	R500 000
Sat	29-Jun	Hollywoodbets Grey	The Derby	3	2400	R350 000
			KZN Breeders Mile	NB	1600	R600 000
Sat	6-Jul	Hollywoodbets Grey	Hollywoodbets Durban July	1	2200	R5 000 000
			Ridgmont Garden Province Stakes	1	1600	R1 500 000
			Post Merchants	2	1200	R500 000
			Durban Golden Horseshoe	2	1400	R500 000
			Golden Slipper	2	1400	R500 000
			SplashOut 2200	3	2200	R300 000
			DStv Gold Vase	3	3000	R300 000
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			Sun	28-Jul	Hollywoodbets Grey	World Pool Gold Cup
			The HKJC Champions Cup	1	1800	R1 500 000
			Mercury Sprint	1	1200	R1 000 000
			Premiers Champion Stakes	1	1600	R1 000 000
			Thekwini Stakes	1	1600	R1 000 000
			Gold Bracelet	2	2000	R500 000
			Umkhomazi Stakes	2	1200	R500 000
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“Good Vibrations is more than just a concert,” “It’s a musical vacation, a passport to far off musical paradises where you can dance with Bob Marley in Jamaica, groove with Bruno Mars in California, and sip cocktails with Gloria Estefan under the Latin sun.”

The electrifying show will transport you to a beach of musical memories, with tributes to:

- Island Rhythms: Los Del Rio, UB40, Bob Marley
- California Dreamin’: The Beach Boys, Toto, Boston, Prince, Bryan Adams
- Pop and Funk Extravaganza: Lionel Richie, Celine Dion, Miley Cyrus, Bruno Mars
- Latin Fiesta: The Gypsy Kings, Gloria Estefan, Santana
- South African Sunshine: Mango Groove, Johnny Clegg
- Forever Young Legends: Cliff Richard, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers

Mark your calendars and grab your party crew, because Good Vibrations is the perfect way to celebrate summer and simply let the good times roll. Get ready for an unforgettable musical adventure filled with high energy performances, pitch perfect vocals, and infectious summertime vibes.

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# Comrades Marathon Expo 2024



**A highlight of the historic Comrades Marathon is the Comrades Expo which coincides with the official registration of the 2024 event.**

**The expo takes place at the Durban Exhibition Centre from 6 – 8 June 2024.**

Expecting nearly 50 000 visitors over 3 days, the Comrades Marathon Expo is not just collecting race numbers, goodie bags, and the must-have race T-shirt. It's about soaking up the pre-race atmosphere, stocking up on race day essentials, and experiencing all latest in lifestyle, sport, health, and nutrition.

The Expo caters for all sports enthusiasts, for families who are supporting runners, and for the newbies who are aspiring to be on the start line one day.

The Comrades Marathon Expo offers an exceptional opportunity for your participation as an exhibitor;

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## Dates and Times:

Wednesday 5th June	Exhibitor Build-up
Thursday 6th June	Expo 10:00 - 19:00
Friday 7th June	Expo 09:00 - 19:00
Saturday 8th June	Expo 09:00 - 16:00

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Sponsored by **Plascon**, the East Coast Radio House & Garden Show 2024 is a celebration of colours and trends, with all the tools to help you work wonders in your own home. Explore and unpack inspiring new tricks and treats in décor, appliances, DIY, cooking and gardens. Whether it's loving everything local at the new-look Home Grown Design Fair or discovering the latest inspiration for a life in the great outdoors. You can dream, look, learn and shop.

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# Family Fun & Adventure

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Sodurba's alluring shores boast some of KwaZulu-Natal's finest beaches, accompanied by a rich aquatic world teeming with marine and reef life. Nestled within is the Stainbank Nature Reserve, a sanctuary of natural beauty. The Millennium Tower and lighthouse stand as iconic beacons, visible from kilometres away, offering a warm welcome to all who approach.

The picturesque landscape is interwoven with areas of industrial growth; featuring South Africa's largest shipping industry, a prosperous car sector, the renowned South African Breweries and the productive Mondi Paper.



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# WELCOMING OF THE WHALES

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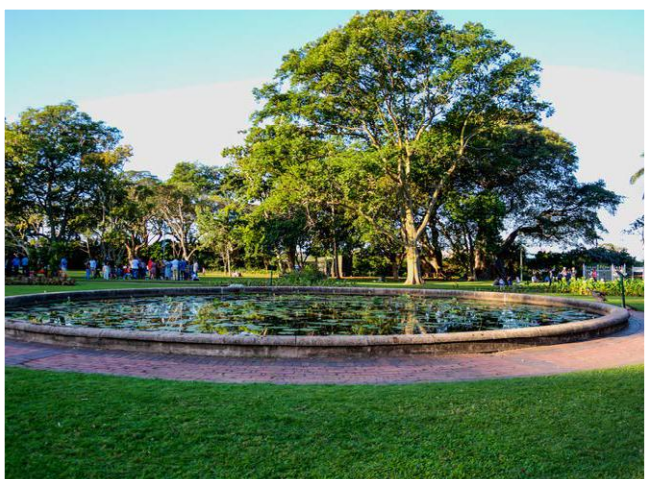
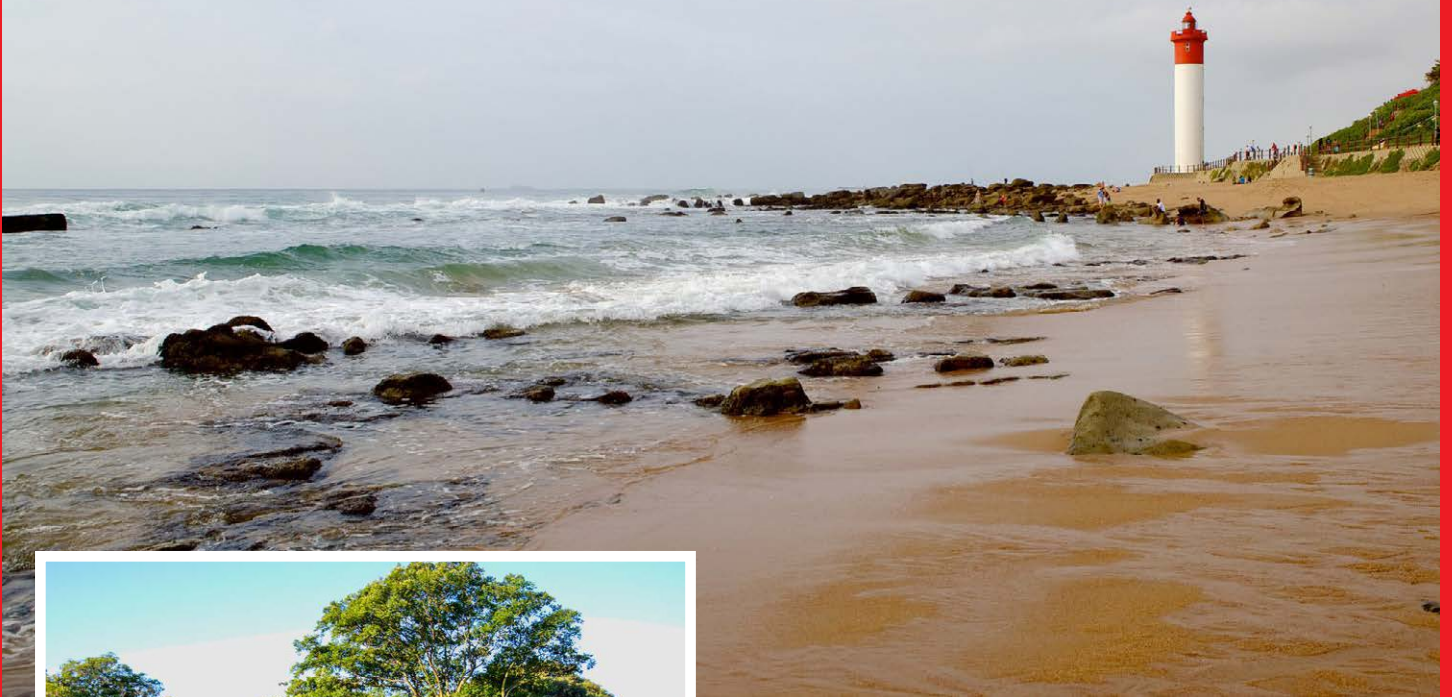
***Durban has always held a special charm for visitors... it offers the buzz of a large metropolitan city, a vibrant mix of cultures, miles of sun-drenched beaches and a wonderfully moderate climate. Its subtropical weather makes it the perfect place for some nature walks, sunset cruises, and fun family picnics... or for the more adventurous, quad biking, helicopter flips or even shark cage diving – but for today, join us in as we experience the city in 24 hours.***



There's no better way to start the day than with an early morning beach walk. Head down to the uShaka side of the promenade, park your wheels and haul out your camera – the Moyo pier is exceptionally photogenic bathed in early morning light. After a brisk walk you should be ravenous and ready to tuck into a big breakfast. Pop into Circus Circus Beach Cafe on the promenade, and hope like heck there's a table in the beach section – nothing like a good brekkie with your feet in the sand and the waves crashing nearby.

One thing I love about Durban is its multicultural feel – its colonial past reflected in many of the buildings, its Indian heritage in a good Durban curry and its Zulu culture ever present. A great way to immerse yourself (and to walk off breakfast) is with a walking tour of the Markets of Warwick. Here you will meet and greet the local traders – some of these include the Bovine Head Market, where you get to sample a cooked portion of this authentic Zulu delicacy of bovine head meat, along with traditional dumpling tastefully served on wooden boards; or the Bead Market, Herb Market and the historic Victoria Street Market that was established in 1910. Parking is available at the Victoria Street Market on Bertha Mkhize Street.





Or, if you prefer, spend the morning strolling around the Durban Botanic Gardens, a beautiful garden with an extensive collection of sub-tropical trees, palms, cycads, orchids and much more. It is Durban's oldest public institution and Africa's oldest surviving botanical gardens. Admire the ancient cycads, walk beneath towering trees and picnic on the expansive lawns – the perfect escape from the hubbub of the city. Kids will also enjoy a visit to the Durban Natural Science Museum. The Bunny Chow is a quintessential Durban meal, said to date back to around the 1940s and originating from Durban's large Indian community.

It is a hollowed-out piece of bread filled with curry, perfect for lunch after a busy morning. Or pop in at the Chairman Café, located on the somewhat infamous Mahatma Gandhi St, it's a fairly recent addition to the hip and trendy jazz lounge that many Durbanites love. The Chairman has literally risen out of a ramshackle old building, repurposed rather than rebuilt and decorated in an eclectic style that is both quirky and creative.

Enjoying a sunset gondola ride on the Point Waterfront canals is just the way to get into a relaxed mood. Appreciate the swish of paddles, palm trees silhouetted against a subtle sky and twinkling lights as the day begins to fade. End your Durban experience with sophistication and style at the Lighthouse Bar in Umhlanga. Located in the luxurious Oyster Box Hotel, and with spectacular views over the Indian Ocean and iconic Umhlanga lighthouse, the Lighthouse Bar is one of the hottest spots in Durban for live music and sundowners in style.

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# A Whale of a Time!

They are coming



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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.**



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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.

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### VENUE HIRE

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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.



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# COMING SOON

## 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:



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## Reasons to visit **MIDLANDS/PMB**

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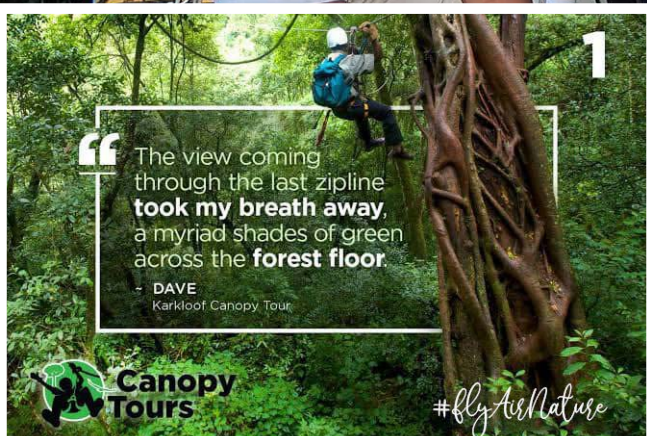


Located within the **Karkloof Nature Reserve** just outside Howick you'll find one of South Africa's larger mist belt forests, and it's here that you can swing through the trees like the resident forest dwelling, branch swinging Samango monkeys.

The **Karkloof Canopy Tour** experience, starts with a safety briefing, followed by a scenic trip by 4x4 into the forest above. From there, with much (nervous) anticipation, a short walk deeper into the Karkloof forest has you at the first platform. It is aptly named the 'Rabbit hole' and isn't even visible from the path below. This trend has been meticulously followed through on all platforms, with the forest trees taking first priority (after guest safety of course!). There's a demonstration on how to handle the slides and assurance that the strong safety lines will prevent you from tumbling down into the canopy below.







“ The view coming through the last zipline **took my breath away**, a myriad shades of green across the **forest floor**.  
 - DAVE  
 Karkloof Canopy Tour

**Canopy Tours**  
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Join us as we head down the ‘Rabbit hole’, which is a great introductory slide for those who are a bit nervous, as it isn’t too fast or too long. The next slide, called ‘Last Chance’, is a different story! Before setting off along this slide, our guide asked if anyone wants to turn back, because from there on out, there would be no turning back... Thankfully no one decided to take the walk back, as Last Chance was a blast! At 150m long, it took us across a valley in the forest which seemed to drop a 100m’s below. With views across the valley in the direction of Howick to our right, and the dense forest below and to our left, we were now well and truly ‘swallowed up’ by the dark, dense, beautiful Karkloof forest.

I had done the **Karkloof Canopy Tour** before, and knowing what to expect with each slide, I had more time to actually take in everything around me. At the third platform with me perched on the edge of a cliff, the platform seemingly just hanging off the rock face, I felt as though I was part of the forest, like one of the many ferns that call these rocks their home. And the magnificent old yellowwood and stinkwood trees that the canopy tour is built around. What a privilege it is being able to get this close to some of the wonders of the Karkloof forest.

At about the halfway point, we enjoyed a snack break high up at the start of the somewhat ironically named slide, ‘shorty’. But I’ll leave the story here, and say no more about the slides, as you really do need to try this out!

At the end of the tour we enjoyed a chilled walk back through the forest, listening to the chirping of birds, the gentle rustling of leaves and the peaceful trickle of the stream – a great ‘wind down’ after our adrenalin pumping adventure!

**MAKE SURE YOU ADD THIS TO YOUR NEXT TRIP INTO THE MIDLANDS – OR PLAN A TRIP ROUND THIS FUN ADVENTURE. THIS IS WHAT MEMORIES ARE MADE OF!**

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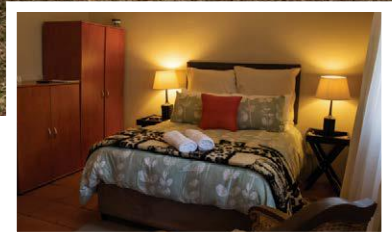
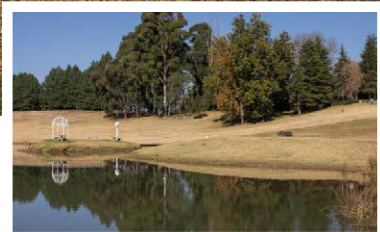
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The Karkloof Canopy Tour consists of 12 platforms and 10 zip-line slides, the longest of which is 200m! A tour lasts approximately two hours, this is a safe, fun adventure for people between the ages of 6 and 80+ and includes refreshments during the tour.







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# TyreLife Solutions Cars in the Park



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## The excitement begins!

Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated **TyreLife Solutions Cars in the Park** event taking place at the Gold Circle Training Centre, Ashburton on **Sunday, 19 May 2024**. This event, the biggest in KZN and the oldest in the country, attracts motoring enthusiasts from all corners of South Africa.

The TyreLife Solutions Cars in the Park is the highlight event on the Vintage Sports Car Club calendar. This event promises to be a great day for all car enthusiasts and their families. Visitors can look forward to a range of activities, including food stalls, a flea market, the popular beer tent near the “Vikings” restaurant, live music shows, children’s entertainment, and much more.

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To register your vehicle for this year’s Cars in the Park event, go to [www.carsinthepark.net](http://www.carsinthepark.net).



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# Reasons to visit **UKAHLAMBA DRAKENSBERG**

***You're visiting the spectacular Drakensberg mountains, which is a World Heritage Site for both its unspoilt natural environment and its wealth of ancient San rock paintings. So, pull on your hiking boots and grab your binocs, water bottle, snacks and plenty of sunblock, and you're ready to explore this magnificent region.***

The lower slopes of these mountains were once teeming with herds of eland, prized game for the San, the original inhabitants of this region. Some 350 years ago they were displaced by African tribes and the arrival of early European settlers, but evidence of their reverence of the eland can still be seen as rock art in numerous cave and overhang sites between Royal Natal National Park in the north and Bushman's Nek in the south.

In the Southern Drakensberg the popular and easily accessible Giant's Castle Main Cave Museum is the commercialised of any rock-art site and is a mere half-hour hike on well-marked paths. But for a more off the beaten track experience visit the Kamberg Rock Art Centre for a guided four-km hike up to the Game Pass Shelter to view the incredibly well-preserved San paintings depicting their way of life – chances are you'll be the only ones visiting.







Your local guide will explain the history and culture of the San people as well as the meaning behind the art. Enjoy the wildflowers and diverse grasses on-route, look out for eland, bushbuck and gazing skywards one might be lucky and spot a Lammergeier, the endangered bearded vulture. Specials for birders in this region are the Drakensberg siskin and the Drakensberg (orange-breasted) rock jumper.

It is a tough hike if you're unfit but take it slowly, enjoy the views and fill your water-bottle from the mountain stream... the result is well worth the effort!

In the Northern Drakensberg, departing from The Cavern, the Big Five Hike covers 18km and takes in five classic Drakensberg hills/peaks. Hike along an old, rusted fence which marks the boundary between KZN and The Free State, enjoy a collection of natural pools, magnificent views of the Amphitheatre and if lucky, sightings of bushbuck, eland, or baboon. All this while enjoying any number of wildflowers, grasses and ferns. Whilst doable as a guided hike at any time of the year, consider signing up for The Cavern's annual Big Five Hike for Education, over the weekend of the 17 – 19 May. Should the 18km sound too daunting, there is the Little Five Hike, an equally spectacular but a little less challenging 10km hike. [www.big5hike.co.za/](http://www.big5hike.co.za/)

For a more leisurely option check out the hikes and trails that wind around the Dragon Peaks Mountain Resort estate linking all of the main natural features of interest, such as the ancient seven-hundred-year-old yellowwood tree, pristine indigenous forests and several streams with refreshing rock pools.

***BE SURE TO ADD SOME OUTDOOR TIME TO YOUR KZN DRAKENSBURG VISIT, YOU'LL GET TO ENJOY THE GLORY OF CREATION AND THE WONDERFUL VISTAS THAT A MOUNTAIN WALK OFFERS.***

**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION IN THE AREA** 





# American Authors to Headline at the 2024 Splashy Fen Music Festival



**The hit-making American Rock Band, among others, are headed for South Africa and will be rocking fans at this year's Splashy Fen.**

December saw the launch of Splashy Fen's Phase One acts, a selection of local and international acts set to light up the Main Stage across the 4-day music and lifestyle festival from the 28th of March to the 1st of April 2024. Now, in the second batch of artist announcements, festival organisers are super excited to announce that American Authors, best known for their chart-topping song 'Best Day Of My Life', which charted #1 across SA.

One thing is clear... fans are in for a musical treat.



Since its inception in 1990, Splashy Fen Music Festival has offered festival goers the best selection of music from a range of local and diverse South African artists as well as a curated selection of international acts, who travel from far and wide to perform at the unforgettable foothills of the Drakensberg mountains. While the festival's early focus was folk and light rock, today sees the inclusion of African music styles, light rock, pop, and electro – offering something special for every single fan.

The festival has confirmed its first 7 acts who will perform on the Main Stage over the Easter long weekend, and festival organiser Stu Berry believes it is a line-up not to be missed. "We'll be bringing back some of the firm favourites again this year," says Berry. "Artists who brought the magic at last year's festival and made a great impression on the fans. We'll also be seeing favourites like South Africa's very own Parlotones, who fans would not have heard from in a long time! We like to mix up the music offering, making





sure everyone enjoys every moment of the festival.”

The main stage line-up mixes current South African favourites like the eclectic Hot Water, Rubber DUC, Tanner Wareham, and a special performance by The Parlotones. The festival will also host 6 international acts to complement the selection of top South Africa’s acts. These include The Dreggs from Australia, Casey Lowry from the United Kingdom, Nordista Freeze and Felipe Baldomir. Already, we’re excited for Zimbabwe’s Black Mamba Man, Jozi’s 4am, and Durban’s Veranda Panda... and global favourites the Ndlovu Youth Choir... to name a few.

Stay tuned to the festival’s social pages to stay up to date with the latest announcements and if you haven’t already, grab your ticket from [www.splashyfen.co.za](http://www.splashyfen.co.za). The festival is currently running a group special for 6 tickets. Grab your friends and get ready for #splashy2024.



Splashy Fen 2024 will take place over the traditional Easter weekend from the **28th of March to the 1st of April** when festival-goers will experience a long weekend in the picturesque setting of Underberg, enjoying the best Splashy Fen experience to date.

 **Tickets are available at [www.splashyfen.co.za](http://www.splashyfen.co.za)**



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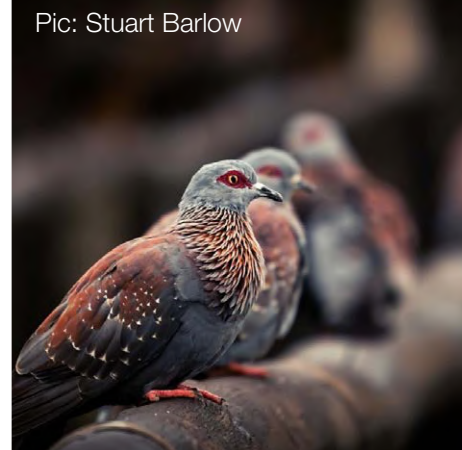


# Your Favourite Family Resort

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.

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# Reasons to visit **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 Ballito and the North Coast than its beaches, so join us as we learn about the lives of two historic icons in this region.***



We start our road trip in Groutville, KwaDukuza, at the Luthuli Museum, once the home of legendary Nobel Peace Prize winner Chief Albert John Mvumbi Luthuli, a great believer in democracy, freedom and non-racialism. The Luthuli Museum in KwaDukuza is a site of international historical significance and is an encounter not to be missed – and we were taking the opportunity to fill in the gaps of our knowledge of South Africa's political history. It celebrates the life and legacy of a human rights champion and was declared a National Monument in 2004.







We follow the signs to the Groutville Congregational Church, founded in 1847, and the gravesite of this great man, it's dated 1898 – 1967. Chief Luthuli led the ANC until 21 July 1967, when while out on a walk near his home he was reportedly struck by a train and killed - the accident site is marked by a plaque of remembrance. Visiting the Luthuli Museum reinforces Chief Luthuli's commitment to the struggle against Apartheid and his vision for a unified and democratic South Africa and African continent. Something we would do well to remember.

A bit further along, also in KwaDukuza, we then visit the King Shaka Gravesite and Memorial. Here we enjoy the 20-minute slide show on the history of King Shaka at the interpretative centre and learn about his birth in 1787, his mother, Princess Nandi and his father King Senzangakhona; we learn about his life as he became King in 1816, at which time he was living at his royal settlement, KwaBulawayo in the heart, of Zululand. And we learn of his death in 1828. We stand beneath the Indaba Tree where King Shaka held council, as well as the Assassination Tree where it is said that he was assassinated in 1828 by his brothers Mhlangana and Dingaana. These trees are almost 200 years old! The exact site of Shaka's grave remains a mystery, but the memorial is located in the area of his death, near the remains of a grain pit in which his body was supposedly dumped. Adjacent to the memorial is the very rock on which he was sitting when he was killed in September 1828.

**SO TAKE SOME TIME AWAY FROM THE BEACHES AND ADVENTURE TO LEARN ABOUT THE ICONS OF HISTORY THAT ARE INTEGRAL TO THE REGION.**

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# 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.***

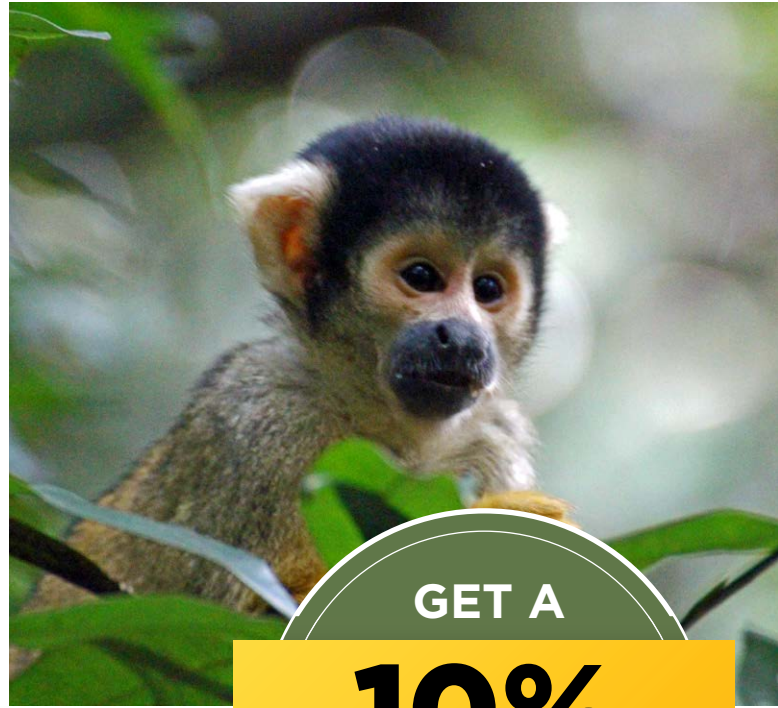
Your adventure starts with a short drive on an open-top vehicle past lush sugar cane fields to the “hidden forest”. Then you will head into the stunning 23-hectare indigenous forest on a guided walking safari, a truly unique and unforgettable experience. You might see ringtailed lemurs soaking up the 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 8.30 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.



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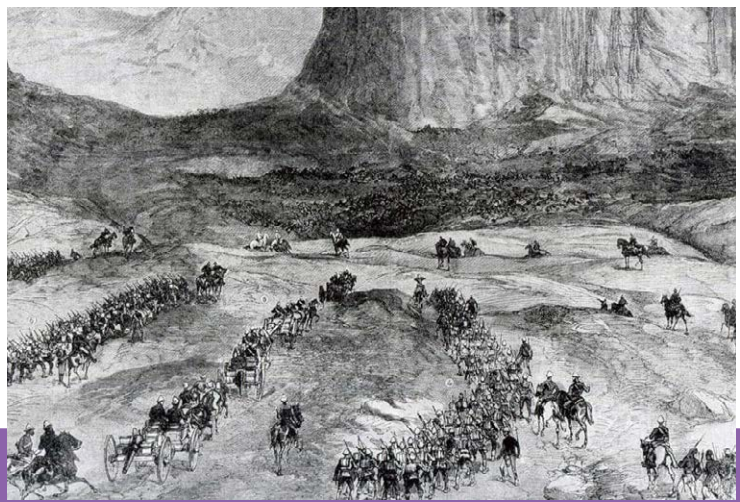
## BATTLEFIELDS

***You're in the KwaZulu-Natal Battlefields, standing atop the iNyoni hill remembering that fateful day in 1897. Your local guide tells you that it's the very spot where tens of thousands of Zulu warriors had lain low waiting, and in valley below, on the Eastern slope of the Isandlwana hill, was the British camp – completely unaware of the bloodshed that dawn would bring.***

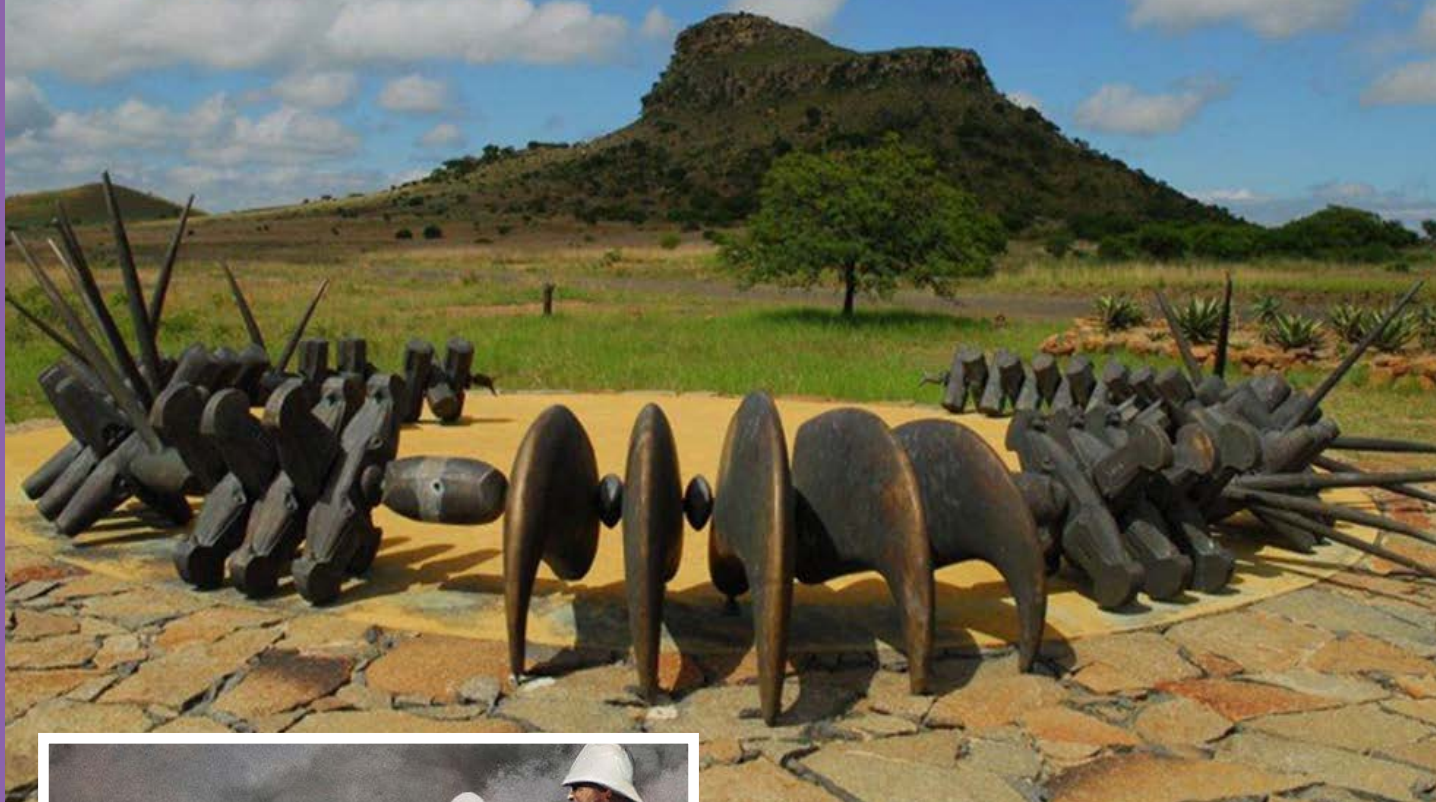


Walking on the Isandlwana Battlefield you'll see a pile of white stones. They're not just the memorial to one death, but many – an unmarked grave. Look up, and you'll see many more such piles. The extent of this horror, and the futility of war becomes a reality. There are memorials, their names representing many nameless.

The Battle of Isandlwana was the first major confrontation between Brit and Zulu. It began on the 22 January 1879, at around midday. On a day when the moon eclipsed the sun, the 'day of the dead moon'. The British soldiers were no doubt weary, and hot – their red uniforms designed for the cooler climates of the northern Hemisphere. This was to be the Zulu Nation's greatest victory. Of the 1,412 British soldiers, only 55 survived. The Zulu army are thought to have suffered the loss of around 1,000 men.







In the late afternoon of that very same day, the second battle of that historic day commenced. Fresh from their victory, a group of around 4,000 Zulu soldiers advanced on the mission station and trading post at Rorke's Drift. Alerted by two surviving soldiers from Isandlwana, the small garrison of about 150 soldiers set about fortifying their position. The defence began at about 4:30 pm, where wave after wave of Zulu warriors stormed the garrison. The British amazingly survived the onslaught, losing only 16 men. After the battle 351 Zulu bodies were counted.

At both Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift one gets to remember the lost from both sides. Sadly the memorial to the Zulu's who lost their lives is a fairly recent addition. The memorial to the fallen Zulu warriors at Isandlwana Hill is an impressive brass structure representing a traditional Zulu warrior's necklace, and that the tree planted alongside is that of the buffalo thorn – a tree with historic and cultural significance.

A branch of the buffalo thorn (*Ziziphus mucronata*) has the Zulu name *umLahlabantu* meaning "that which buries the Chief", is used to retrieve the spirit of a deceased person from where he died. The chosen person goes to the place where their family member died carrying a branch of the spirit tree (as it is called by the Zulus), it gives the spirit something to hold on to where it is then taken back to the homestead where it is given a resting place near the family.

***WITH CURIOSITY AND AN OPEN MIND, EVERY JOURNEY THROUGH KWAZULU-NATAL WILL HAVE YOU LONGING TO LEARN MORE AND STAY LONGER.***

**CHECK OUT ACCOMMODATION  
IN THE AREA**



**Battlefields**  
LEGENDS OF THE ZULU KINGDOM



# Utrecht - a town within a Game Park



Utrecht, located below the Balele Mountains, is rich in history and charm, offering striking architecture. It is the only town in South Africa encircled by a Game Park and borders on the Mpumalanga Highveld town of Wakkerstroom in the Groenvlei area.

Utrecht was one of the five original Voortrekker towns laid out before 1850. The town played a prominent role in the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879 and for several weeks, Colonel Evelyn Wood's No 3 column was stationed here and used the town as a supply base.

With its interesting architectural features, the town has 10 national monuments and 10 historical sites, including the Old Parsonage which dates back to 1888. It also houses the Utrecht Museum, sandstone Dutch Reformed Church, the old military cemetery and quaint colonial houses.

The Balele Game Park was established in 2002 and surrounds Utrecht, making it a 'Town within a Game Park'. It covers an area of 2500 ha, including the surrounding mountains.

Over 13 species may be found roaming here, including Giraffe, Zebra, Eland, Kudu, Blue Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Impala, Blesbok, Warthog, Bush buck, Nyala, Waterbuck and Grey duiker. Prolific birdlife also inhabits the area namely the Black Throated Canary, Kingfishers, Fiscal Flycatchers, Robins and over 200 other species.

The Game Park is beautiful and can be appreciated even more by going on a game drive or guided hikes, walks, cycling, fishing or enjoying a relaxing picnic in the day visitor area and picnic areas dotted all around next to the dam.

The vegetation in the park varies from open spaces and grassland to dense Acacia woodlands and thickets, and mountain grassland on top of the mountain plateaus. Hunting season runs April to September.

Overnight visitors looking for a little luxury, can explore the magnificent Kiepersol Lodge, located on the mountain slopes overlooking the game park. It is built around a central lapa and swimming pool.

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For more information contact: 060 994 2524.







## UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT NAME	DATE	VENUE
Dance Ritual (Umcimbi)	23 March	Kwantu Village [Utrecht]
Shis'iPetrol Jozi & Durban invades Newcastle	30 March	Scrapyard Lifestyle Lounge [Newcastle]
Easter's Lifestyle Market	30 March	KwaNtu Village [Utrecht]
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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.

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# Reasons to visit **SOUTH COAST**

***Sub-tropical 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. While this paradise of the Zulu Kingdom is renowned for its Blue Flag beaches and world-class dive sites, the enchanting hinterland is home to incredible natural beauty and adventure. Join us as we explore a few of those cultural treasures...***

Situated between Port Shepstone and Paddock, en-route to Oribi Gorge, is the beautiful KwaNdwalane region. It is rich in natural beauty, including mountains, cliffs, rivers, forests, and the 80-metre Nyandezulu waterfall. The **Nyandezulu Cultural Experience** starts in the rural village of Nyandezulu located 9km inland of Shelly Beach. This guided tour includes an overnight stay in a guesthouse in the village, and a hike to Ntantana Mountain which overlooks the Nyandezulu Waterfall on the Izotsha River. Hike through waist high grass, perch on rocky outcrops and take in the expansive views, walk to a Shembe Church and to the top of the holy uMdlungwana Mountain, reputed to harbour a seven-headed water monster.







In addition to this there's a new route that starts at Phola Park, 1.5km from Murchison Provincial Hospital near Port Shepstone. Along this 5km route, visitors enjoy a hike through the indigenous forest home to hundreds of protea flowers. The walk also goes along the Izotsha River to the waterfall, which has a designated picnic and braai area. Pause for a cup of tea brewed over an open fire and enjoy a refreshing dip in the pools beneath the waterfall. Incredible birds and wildlife can be sighted including bushbuck, water mongoose, warthog, and porcupine. The route passes by local eateries such as Carrot House and Halalisa Restaurant where you can enjoy shisanyama – traditional Zulu braai'd meat.

The **KwaNzimakwe Cultural Experience** starts at the WowZulu Welcome Centre in KwaNzimakwe, near Port

Edward. From here visitors go on a guided walk to a scenic viewing site, visit a cattle kraal, an organic garden and a sangoma, or traditional healer. Hear stories of the area, watch crafters at work and learn to weave, drum or do a traditional dance, and have the opportunity to buy colourful arts and crafts.

Another option is a scenic guided hike to the KwaXolo Caves near Port Edward, a recently discovered range of caves with San paintings that are more than 100 000 years old. A brand-new walkway improves access to the caves. The scenic beauty and authentic rural village in the area creates added interest. There is also ziplining, a suspension bridge, and a picnic site with views of the gorge to end the day.

The region's many nature reserves, farmlands, and outstanding natural terrain are an ideal backdrop for hiking and biking adventures and there are many established trail routes and guided tours that give visitors a close-up experience in the natural world. These include the 8km Weza Hiking Trail which is a guided cultural tour that crosses two amaKhosi areas ending at the Mkhoba Waterfall. And for a real immersion into the culture and communities on the South Coast there's the 71km Umzumbe River Trail connects the hinterland with the coast, with authentic homestays en-route.

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# 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 VIDEO****Wild 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 a 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?







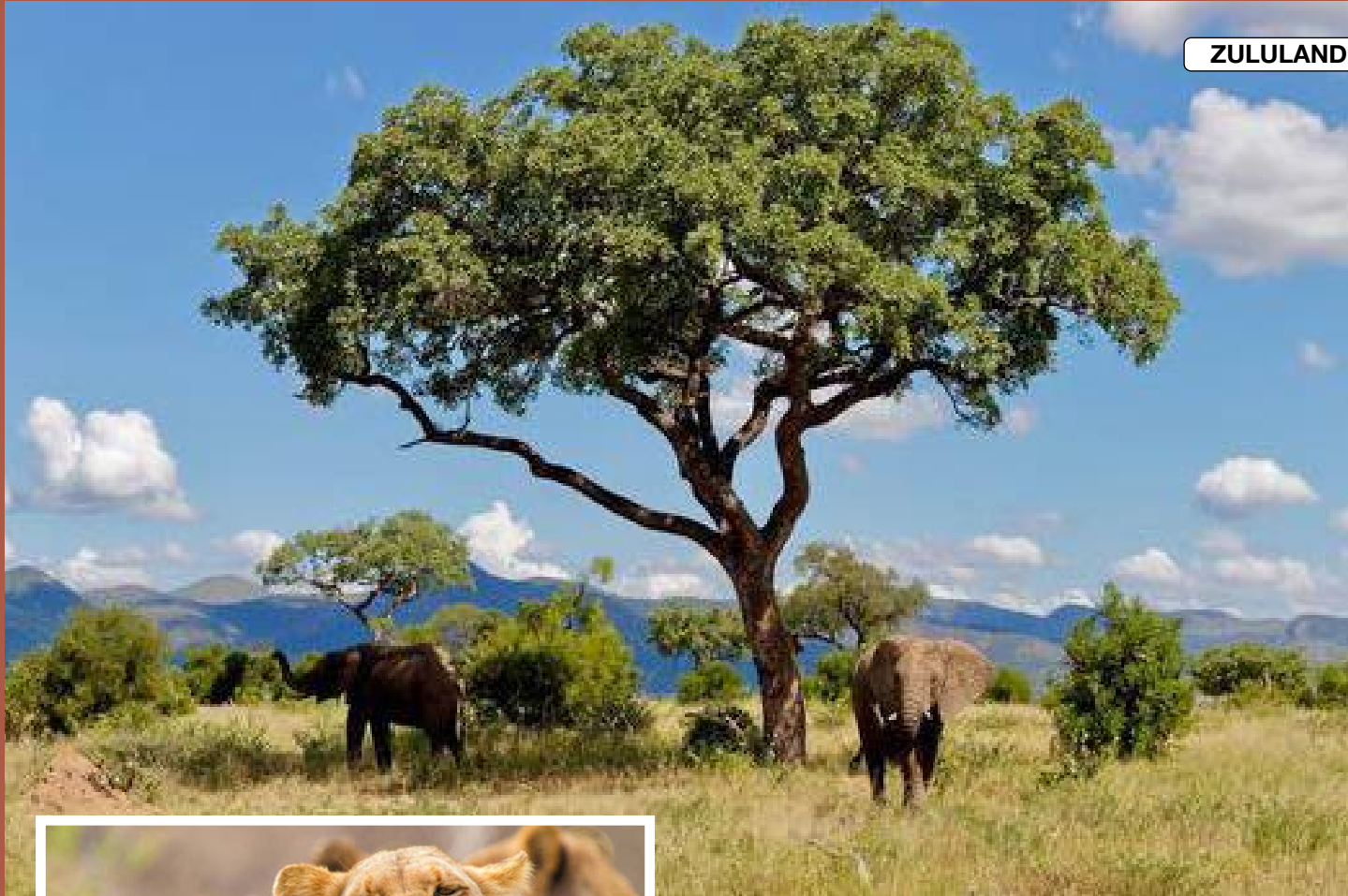
# Reasons to visit **ZULULAND**

***You're on an open game viewing vehicle driving through a game reserve – it matters not which one, it could be KZN's flagship Hluhluwe iMfolosi National Park, Mkhuze Game Reserve or iSimangaliso Wetland Park or even one of the many private game reserves in the region. Not only do you have the privilege of seeing wildlife in their natural habitat but through your guide you'll learn about their habits and idiosyncrasies...***

Such as that a rhino lies down from about nine o'clock, until three o'clock when he starts waking up, then he eats all night and in the morning drinks water – just to repeat it all over again. And that baboons love to feed on the fruit of the sycamore fig which grows along the banks of our rivers. The baboons climb up to the very top and in their haste to feed themselves they spill many figs on the ground. Animals, such as, bushbuck, rhinoceros, warthog, grey duiker and nyala will then feed on the fallen fruit.







It's about epic African sunsets and watching a herd of buffalo cool off in a waterhole or in the river. It's about getting a glimpse of a lioness with her young cubs or watching the dominant lion scent marking his territory just in case there was any doubt as to who was in charge of this area. It's about watching elephants doing what elephants do best, eating, dust bathing and enjoying the water with much drinking, bathing and sloshing in the mud – the littlest in the herd often providing much entertainment as they battle to keep their balance and can't seem to work out what their trunk is for!

A visit to a game reserve is not just about seeing the Big 5, it's about the birds, the trees and all the other creatures and critters... as well as learning about Zulu culture and traditions, such as the story of the Marula tree (*Sclerocarya birrea*), which is referred to by the Zulus as the 'marriage tree'. It is believed to be a symbol of fertility, where a powdered mixture of the bark of a female tree will produce a baby girl, and that of the male tree a baby boy – the Marula tree is dioecious, meaning there are separate male and female trees.

And that the fruit of the sausage tree are hung at the top of a home to stop lightning; that the tamboti (*Spirostachys Africana*) and wild camphor tree (*Tarchonanthus camphoratus*) are rubbed together to create a powder that is used as a perfume; and how the fruit of the snake apple (also known as poison apple, a nightshade species, *Solanum panduriforme*) can be used for snake bite.

***SO, IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, MAKE SURE YOU ADD A GAME DRIVE OR TWO INTO YOUR ZULULAND EXPERIENCE.***

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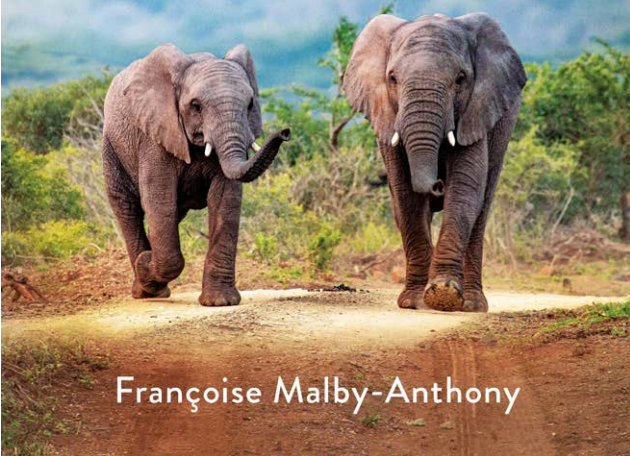


# Peace, Tranquility and Happiness in the Zululand Bush

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## THE ELEPHANTS OF THULA THULA

Finding peace and happiness with the herd



Françoise Malby-Anthony

**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

**HELLO FROM GOBISA,  
ONE OF THE GUESTS BIG  
FAVORITE.**



Gobisa is a rescue from elephant ride safari and joined the Thula Thula herd in 2010.

After an attempted escape after his arrival, (they all seem to try...) he was brought back to his new home and settled in as our dominant male.

He was our previous Matriarch Frankie favorite companion and was devastated when she passed away in January 2021. Gobisa enjoys getting to meet our new guests during game drives and tends to be over friendly with some very close encounters.

### **SISSI OUR MIRACLE BABY RHINO TURNS 4 YEARS OLD**



Birthday month for Sissi, who will be four years old on 26th of March. She is our surprise baby rhino born during Covid, two months after the death of her sister Lisa, who passed due to a virus within 48 hours in January 2020. From her earlier days, she had already demonstrated a strong character, courage and determination

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**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:**

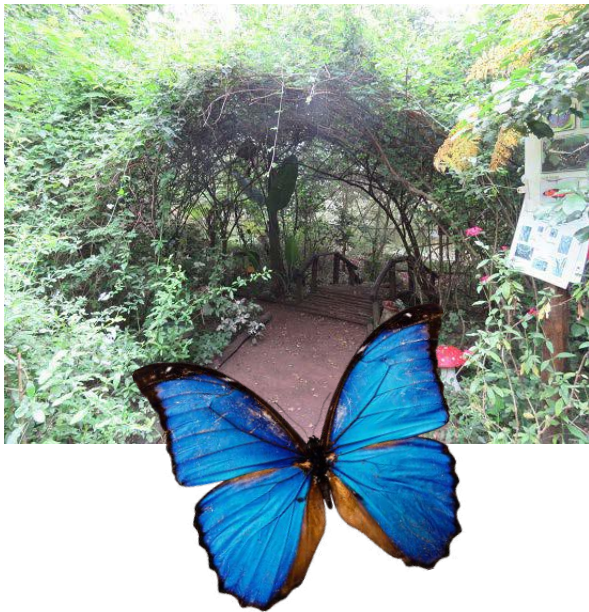
In this section, visitors can view a stunning collection of traditional Zulu artefacts (historical and contemporary).

**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**

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# The Eshowe Butterfly Dome



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

## 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.

**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**



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# Reasons to visit **ELEPHANT COAST**



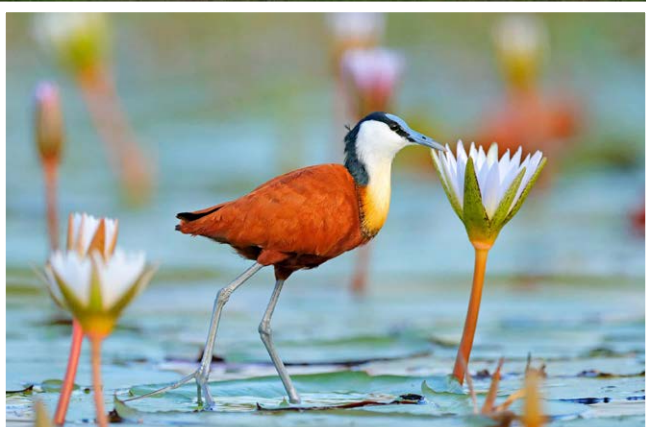
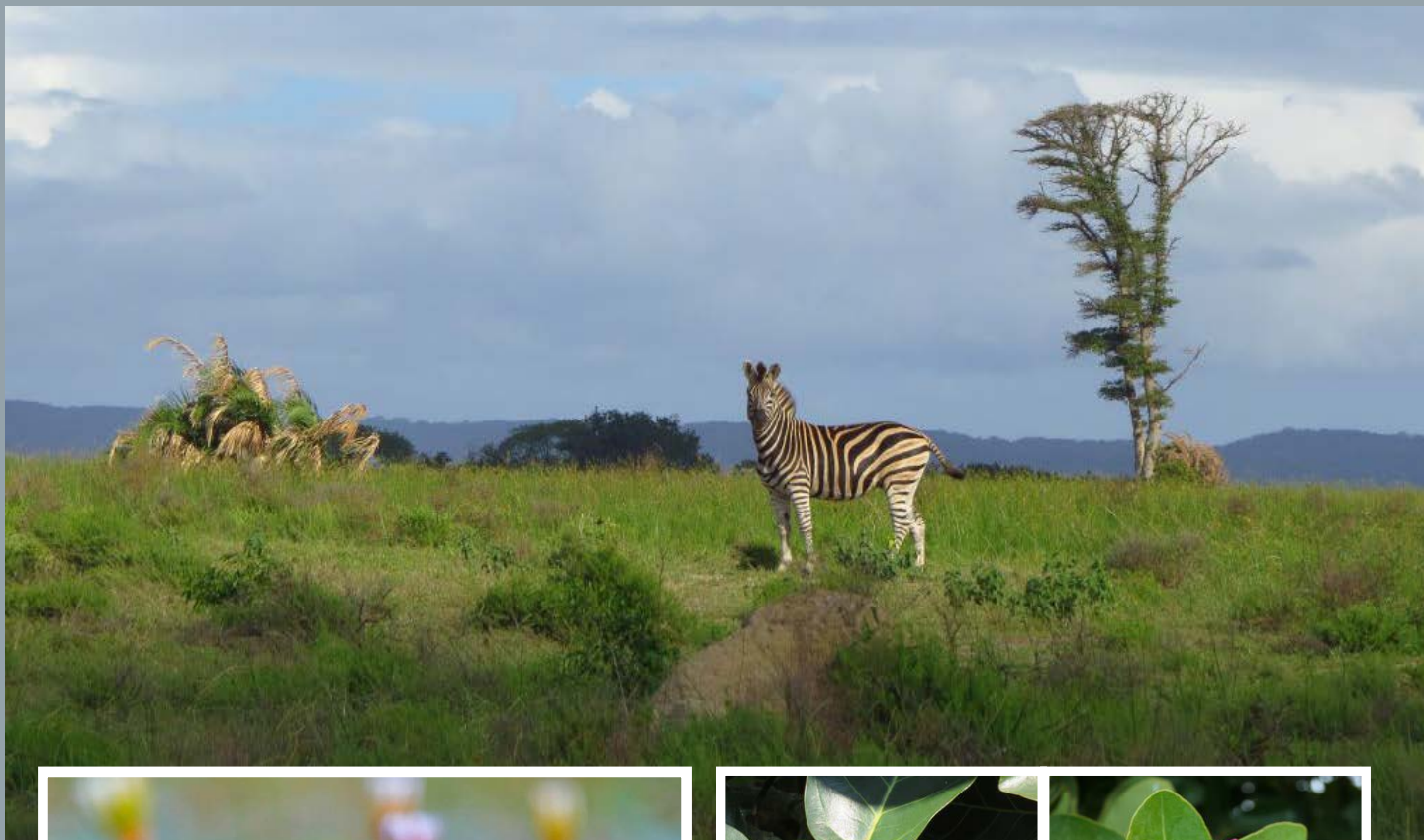
***The Elephant Coast stretches from Lake St Lucia in the south to Kosi Bay in the north and extending inland across to the Lubombo Mountains in the west. Discover the magic of the region as you explore the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that encompasses diverse ecosystems, including lakes, estuaries, dunes, and savannas. Join us as we explore the magical forests and lakes of the Kosi Lake system...***

We walk through the magnificent Raffia Palm Forest; our guide shares his knowledge of the area and the biodiversity of the forest. We learn that the Kosi palm (*Raphia australis*) flowers only once in its life and then dies – which thankfully takes in the region of forty years. We see fruit in its various stages of ripening and a tiny palm tree, its seed still attached, and glance up to see an adult palmtree vulture alighting from the crown of a fruiting Kosi palm – they were thought to be the only vegetarian vulture species, but in actual fact are opportunists and will scavenge fish from the African fish eagle given half a chance.

Venturing deeper into the forest, the Kosi palms towering above us, I stand in awe at the size of the fronds that are said to be the longest in the world at about 10 metres. They are incredibly strong, and due to their buoyancy are used by the local Thonga people as building materials for both huts and rafts.







Walking waist deep through indigenous ferns we glimpse the Sihadla channel, lined with swamp fig (*Ficus trichopoda*), waterberry (*Syzygium cordatum*) trees and mangroves – the only area in South Africa where five species of mangrove are found, two of which (*Lumnitzera racemosa* and *Cerriops tagal*) are at the southernmost limit of their distribution. We emerge into a clearing on the edge of the channel. There's a raft on the other side, and our guide explains that it is used by the locals to cross the channel, while he hauls on the rope tethered to the raft. I step on tentatively, it's more stable than I thought. And with his help, we cross to the other side.

Birding along these channels is particularly satisfying and early the next morning we glide quietly into the water, our guide doing the paddling – which is just as well as we're juggling cameras and binoculars as we quickly tick off African jacana, African purple swamphen, African pygmy goose, African darter and squacco heron.

A Palmnut vulture feeds on top of a Kosi palm... and we hear the distinctive call of the African fish eagle, and we pause as the Sihadla channel enters fourth lake. We glide slowly past lilac water lilies, see magnificent Kosi palms reflected on gently rippled surface of the water and appreciate the countless shades of green and hues of brown along the water's edge and a troop of Samango monkeys feed noisily in a large African fig tree (*Ficus* spp).

***A MUST-DO EXPERIENCE WHEN IN THE REGION,  
PERFECT FOR BIRDERS, HIKERS AND NATURE  
LOVERS IN GENERAL.***

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