

KwaZulu-Natal

Travel & Tourism Guide



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Sanibonani



Welcome to KwaZulu-Natal!

This is South Africa's top domestic holiday destination and whether it is adventure or relaxation you seek, KwaZulu-Natal makes for unforgettable experiences.

Warm year-round weather, arguably the best in the world, and a rich diversity of activities mean that visitors to KwaZulu-Natal are quite literally spoilt for choice.

With an idyllic year-round climate, KwaZulu-Natal is the perfect getaway destination.

Soak up the culture and heritage of the region or relax on the endless golden beaches. Venture into the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, swimming, surfing, snorkeling, fishing and scuba diving on magnificent reefs, or enjoy the sight of whales idling by as dolphins frolic in the waves. Head inland to the majestic peaks of the Drakensberg mountain range and World Heritage Site. Enjoy hiking trails and climbing, including ice-climbing in winter, abseiling and white-water rafting. Tour the untamed wilds, home to the Big-5, before exploring the Battlefields of yester-year and imbibing the sheer beauty of the eco-rich iSimangaliso Wetland Park, the province's second World Heritage Site, at St Lucia.

KwaZulu-Natal is a sports paradise and is ideal for the enthusiast. A host of world-class golf courses, including some of the finest in the country, challenge

golfers at every level, while this province is home to a range of world-renowned annual sporting events, such as the Comrades Marathon, one of the world's great ultra-events, a top open water swimming event, the Midmar Mile, three-day Dusi Canoe Marathon and a number of cycle races, including the Amashovashova Road Race and the Giant's Cup Mountain Bike Race.

This travel guide allows you to embark on the ultimate journey of discovery. Witness the exceptional natural beauty, wonders, adventure and the host of other activities KwaZulu-Natal has to offer... then begin planning your trip to our warm and welcoming shores.

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Enjoy your time in KwaZulu-Natal!

Zulu Kingdom Experience



KwaZulu-Natal, popularly known as the Zulu Kingdom, is a region blessed with astonishing natural beauty and diversity, cultural riches, adventure and mystery. A sunny sub-tropical climate, great holiday activities and excellent travel and accommodation infrastructure, together with warm and welcoming hospitality, combine to make this one of Southern Africa's destinations of choice. This is the Zulu Kingdom experience.



Located on the east coast, the Zulu Kingdom borders the Eastern Cape in the south and Mozambique in the north. The coastal belt, lapped by the Indian Ocean, gives way to the rolling hills and rugged peaks of the Drakensberg Mountains in the west. The Zulu Kingdom boasts two World Heritage Sites. The iSimangaliso Wetland Park is a vast wilderness area and incorporates a pristine marine reserve, lakes and coastal dune forest. The uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park, forming part of the dramatic Drakensberg Mountain range, soaring to more than 3 000 metres in altitude, contains numerous sandstone caves adorned with the San people's rock paintings, depicting times past.

Gateway to the Zulu Kingdom is Durban, a bustling, sophisticated cosmopolitan port city and top holiday destination famed for its beaches and eclectic mix of cultures which form a unique pot-pourri of eastern, western and African influences. The city is served by the King Shaka International Airport and provides links to major centres around the province through a comprehensive road network.

Close by is the historic city of Pietermaritzburg and the Midlands Meander, a fascinating arts and craft route. Then a series of Battlefields and museums echo the epic struggles between the British, Boer and Zulu forces of more than a century ago. This area also offers wonderful outdoor adventure, game viewing, thundering rivers and cool indigenous forests. Zululand, the heartland of the Zulu nation, is a melting pot of vibrant, colourful Zulu culture, expressed through traditional rituals, ceremonies, energetic tribal dancing and exquisite hand-made crafts.

Its very diversity... modern and traditional lifestyles, the tranquility of natural beauty and adrenalin-pumping adventure, warm waters of the Indian Ocean and snow-capped mountains of the Drakensberg, a marine paradise and Africa's Big-5... makes this destination unique, providing the ultimate Zulu Kingdom Experience.



Wild Ocean Adventures



On the doorstep of the Zulu Kingdom is an ocean playground second to none. An exceptional coastline, hot weather and warm waters provide ocean-lovers an array of experiences to enjoy.

Endless golden beaches are ideal for soaking up the sun or for a spot of fishing from the rocks. For the more energetic, snorkeling in rock pools or scuba diving off world-renowned reefs at Aliwal Shoal, Protea Banks and Sodwana Bay provide an underwater treat for enthusiasts, enjoy the thrill of deep-sea fishing from a ski-boat or the breathtaking view of stately whales and frisky dolphins passing along the coast.

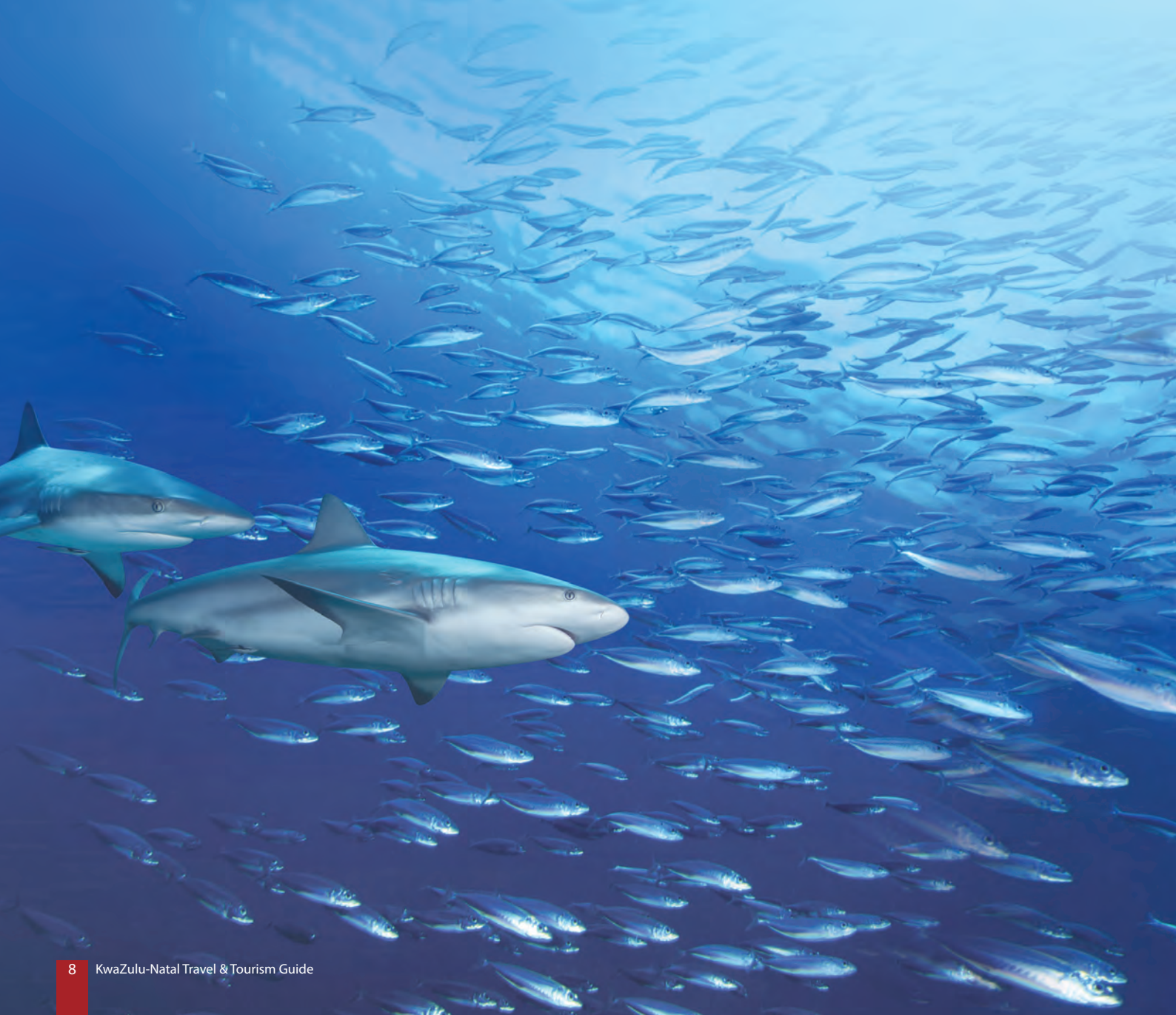
For those keen on ecology, take a night safari to view rare leather-back turtles which come ashore to lay their eggs on the remote beaches of northern KwaZulu-Natal.

The Zulu Kingdom's coastal belt is well-known as having some of the best surfing hotspots in the world and annually hosts an international surfing competition at Ballito, north of Durban. However, top-class breaks Durban's New Pier and North Beach, Greenpoint and Scottburgh on the south coast and Ballito on the North Coast attract surfers of every level from near and far. The region's best surfing is experienced during the mild winter months, with clean, off-shore conditions and strong swells. Surf schools in Durban, Umhlanga and Margate offer lessons and hire equipment to beginners.



The Greatest Shoal on Earth

One of the world's most amazing natural phenomena occurs off KwaZulu-Natal's south coast every year between June and July. Millions of small, silver sardines gather in massive shoals and begin a northerly migration up the coast of KwaZulu-Natal. These shoals attract numerous sharks, dolphins and sea-birds which pursue the sardines in a prolonged feeding frenzy. Occasionally the shoals of sardines draw close in-shore and beach themselves, much to the delight of fishermen, locals and visitors who, each year, flock to the coast to enjoy the spectacle. It is little wonder that this natural marvel has been dubbed the 'greatest shoal on earth'.



Nature on Your Doorstep



The Zulu Kingdom is a region of unprecedented natural beauty, offering tremendous bio-diversity within its various geographic areas which, together, comprise a province of many parts. This is a nature-lover's dream.

The towering sandstone and basalt peaks of the Drakensberg mountain range are but a few hours' drive from the eco-sensitive wetlands at St Lucia on the north coast, while the rolling pasture lands of the agriculturally-rich Midlands gives way to vast areas of grassland and thorn-scrub, interspersed with outcrops of lush indigenous forests.

The uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park is home to numerous species of antelope and birds, as well as baboons and small cats. Raptors, such as the Black Eagle, Cape Vulture and the rare Bearded Vulture, are to be found in this mountainous habitat. Fast-flowing mountain streams and picturesque lakes abound with trout, making this a fly-fisherman's paradise, while numerous hiking trails provide access to the wonders of the area's other flora and fauna.

The iSimangaliso Wetland Park is a massive wilderness area comprising ecologically important lakes, coastal

forests and marine reserves and borders on KwaZulu-Natal's hot plains, home to many game reserves, including Hluhluwe-Imfolozi, and containing Africa's Big-5. Here game drives and walking trails, led by professional rangers, allow for the exploration of the region's bush habitat, home to animals, plants and bird species which have adapted to the harsh environment. Beautiful natural forests, including the Weza State Forest near Harding in the south and the Ngoye Forest in Zululand, complemented by stunning coastal dune forests, also remain hugely popular with nature-lovers from near and far.

Such is the abundance of the Zulu Kingdom's natural environment, that whether you visit the province's two major cities or its numerous towns, nature is always on your doorstep, wherever you are.

On the Edge



We live in an age of adventure and extreme sport, where adrenalin 'junkies' seek the ultimate exploits, putting themselves on the edge and pitting their nerve against nature. The Zulu Kingdom is the supreme playground for those looking for the ultimate adrenalin rush.

In the Air:

This region boasts many paragliding hot-spots, the best-known being Bulwer, in the Drakensberg foothills. Here paragliders are able to soar above the mountains for hours, gazing down on the beauty of nature at its pristine best. Bulwer-based paragliding schools - home to national paragliding competitions - are equipped to teach beginners to enjoy time gliding above the Zulu Kingdom. Micro-light flights provide another adventurous method of enjoying an eye-in-the-sky view of nature.

In the Water:

White-water rafting and kayaking on the Zulu Kingdom's big, fast-flowing rivers, such as the Thukela, Berg, Umkomaas and Umgeni Rivers, are guaranteed to provide an adrenalin rush.

Rapids on these powerful rivers are graded, in terms of degrees of difficulty. The most extreme stretches are reserved for experienced paddlers only. A number of this sport's top exponents also shoot waterfalls on these rivers.

Gorges, Cliffs, Craggs and Stadia:

The region is renowned for its world-class bungee and

swing sites, abseiling and exhilarating rides attached to steel cables.

Two of the world's most definitive bungee swings are located here. Wild Gorge Swing, at Oribi Gorge on the south coast, is the highest swing in the world and is located on the lip of the Lehrs Falls. If this were not enough, there is another world-beater, this time located at the top of a stadium, the Moses Mabhida Stadium, in Central Durban. This is the highest stadium swing in the world, taking urban adrenalin junkies in a 220 metre arc way above the stadium developed for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

It is also possible to zigzag from platform to platform along a series of steel cables 30 metres above the floor of an indigenous forest at Karkloof in the Midlands, or to scale some of the most challenging rock formations in areas of cliffs and crags. Rock-climbing sites, such as the Drakensberg Mountains, Monteseel and Durban's Wave Cave are well-known amongst the international rock-climbing fraternity, with hot-spots graded in terms of degrees of difficulty.



Sani Pass by 4X4

Sani Pass, soaring to an altitude of some 3 000 metres and boasting the highest pub in Africa at its summit, is a great 4x4 challenge for those seeking a novel mountain adventure. The Pass, an old mule track, snakes up a hanging valley and into Lesotho. The road is a tortuous, dirt switchback which climbs steeply, providing 4X4 trippers and quad-bike riders an exciting challenge. From the summit, it is possible to look out over the tapestry of KwaZulu-Natal below, while watching vultures and eagles gliding effortlessly in the thermals above.





International Sporting Events



With its wonderful year-round weather, the Zulu Kingdom has emerged as a major sporting centre, playing host to numerous national and international events which attract thousands of spectators and top-flight competitors from around the world.



Durban's sports precinct on the Beachfront is home to a number of world-class stadia, including the new and iconic Moses Mabhida Stadium. A number of 2010 FIFA World Cup football matches, including a semi-final, were played here. The stadium now regularly hosts national and international games. Adjacent to the Stadium is the Mr Price Kingspark rugby stadium, world-renowned home of the Sharks rugby franchise and venue for provincial, Super 15 competition games and test matches. Also close-by is the Sahara Stadium Kingsmead, a leading test match, one-day international and T-20 international cricket venue.

Comrades Marathon:

First run in 1921 in memory of those who died in the Great War, this grueling 88km race is run between Pietermaritzburg and Durban in June of every year. The event is widely recognised as one of the world's greatest ultra-marathons and attracts participants from around the globe, as well as in excess of 10 000 locals, the vast majority of whom are amateur runners whose aim is just to finish within the designated cut-off time to earn a coveted Comrades medal. Such is the popularity of this event that the entire route is lined with spectators, cheering on the runners amid a party atmosphere.

Midmar Mile:

The Midmar Mile, the world's biggest open-water swimming event, is staged annually in February at Midmar Dam close to the historic city of Pietermaritzburg. It attracts top South African and international swimmers, as well as vast numbers of those simply keen to finish.

Dusi Canoe Marathon:

This is the oldest canoe marathon in Africa and one of the toughest on the international calendar. It involves three days of paddling and portaging from Pietermaritzburg to Durban, down the Umsindusi and Umgeni Rivers, winding through the picturesque Valley of a Thousand Hills. It takes place every year in January and attracts several thousand competitors.

Amashovashova Cycle Race:

The Amashovashova Cycle Race is another run from Pietermaritzburg to Durban and follows essentially the same route as the Comrades Marathon. It attracts thousands of competitors, from the super-competitive to cycling enthusiasts aiming to simply enjoy pitting themselves against the clock.



History and Culture



The history and culture of the Zulu Kingdom is etched in its landscape and celebrated in its museums, memorials and cultural attractions, providing visitors an opportunity to learn and understand this region's unique cultural mix.

The region's history is significant for the fact that it encompasses the meeting of different cultures, their reaction, struggle for survival, recognition and eventual collective inclusion in the melting pot that is KwaZulu-Natal. Today the Zulu Kingdom is a distinctive mix of cultures embodying Africa, the East and the West, reflected in language, art and cuisine.

Iron Age Nguni people first settled on Africa's eastern seaboard, in what is known today as Zululand, in the 14th century. By the early 1800s, King Shaka had united the Zulu clans, creating the present day Zulu nation. White settlers arrived from the Cape in 1824, setting-up a trading station at the Port of Natal, later known as Durban. They were followed in 1838 by the Boers who 'trekked' from the Cape to escape British rule. They clashed with the Zulus at Blood River and later went on to establish a republic, with Pietermaritzburg as its capital. The Anglo-Zulu War from 1879 to 1897 further shaped the early history of the region and led to a period of British rule. In 1860 the first Indian indentured labourers arrived from India to work the then newly established sugar plantations. The steady growth of Indian people provides for today's strong Eastern influence.

The Anglo-Boer War from 1899 to 1902 created another upheaval in the northern reaches of the province, an area today famed for its Battlefields and war memorials. Organised tours, led by local guides who bring alive the events of the day, take visitors to the region's famous battle sites, including Isandlwana, Rorke's Drift, Spioenkop, Blood River and the Battle of Talana. This period of upheaval was followed by the eventual establishment of the Union of South Africa and then a Republic. The then Nationalist Government excluded Black people from the right to political freedom, resulting in the formation of the African National Congress and the struggle for freedom. The year 1994 saw the first fully democratic elections in South Africa.

Against this historic tapestry, it is little wonder that the Zulu Kingdom of today has emerged as a region rich in heritage and cultural diversity.



Zulu Culture



Discover the richness of Zulu culture in a genuine cultural village. These living museums offer unique experiences, exposing visitors to the daily lives of traditional Zulu people.



Learn about the Zulu social system and customs, experience pulsating drum-based rhythms, sample traditional dishes and beer, watch stick-fighting and spear-throwing demonstrations and spend a night in an authentic beehive hut. Watch the painstaking production of beadwork and learn the 'language of the beads' contained in the famous Zulu love letters, while wondering at the age-old techniques for clay pot, basket and spear and shield-making.

Royal Reed Dance:

Annually in September, one of the most colourful and vibrant festivals on the Zulu cultural calendar occurs. Presided over by His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini, Umkhosi woMhlanga – or the Royal Reed Dance – sees one of the most dignified celebrations of the Zulu nation and its traditions. More than 10 000 maidens, each carrying a reed stick, are invited from throughout the region to form a procession celebrating their preparation for womanhood.

eMakhosini - Valley of the Kings:

Nestled in a valley outside Ulundi lies eMakhosini, the birthplace of the great King Shaka and burial site of seven Zulu Kings. It is closely associated with the clans which gave rise to the Zulu Kingdom.

uMgungundlovu (place of the Elephant), the Royal Capital during the 1828 to 1838, reign of King Dingane, who murdered Shaka and usurped his throne is now being reconstructed. Dingane had it razed to the ground with the approach of the Boers following the Battle of Blood River.

Across the valley is Kwa Matiwane, the Hill of Execution, where Dingane disposed of his enemies. Voortrekker leader, Piet Retief, and his party were executed here in 1838. Retief's grave is located nearby. Gqokli Hill, the site of Shaka's first victory against Zwide and his Ndwandwe people is also located here. Having defeated the area's most powerful force, Shaka set about uniting the disparate clans into a formidable kingdom. Ondini (the high place), where King Cetshwayo built his capital, only to have it torched in 1879 by victorious British troops in the Anglo Zulu War, is also in this area. A monument marks the site of the battle. This Royal homestead and military complex is being reconstructed. A museum displays Zulu artifacts and celebrates Cetshwayo's life. Visitors may spend a night in a nearby traditional homestead. The KwaZulu Cultural Museum, in nearby Ulundi, houses one of the region's finest collections of Zulu artifacts.



Music and Dance



The arts, crafts, music and dance of the Zulu Kingdom celebrate the cultures and history which shaped the region.



City nightspots feature the latest in popular music, performed by local musicians from home-grown Afro-Jazz through to rock, punk and the latest club sounds. For those preferring something more refined, the Durban Philharmonic Orchestra regularly performs both classical and modern compositions at a range of events in theatres and at the city's botanical gardens.

A unique Zulu folk hybrid, 'maskanda' music may be heard in the rural parts, evolving from the music of 'walking guitar players' who traversed city and town streets picking out sweet, repetitive riffs on old guitars and singing sadly about their loved ones in far away villages. Also popular are gospel-inspired 'acapella' bands, such as the Zulu Kingdom's own Ladysmith Black Mambazo, an internationally-acclaimed group, performing around the world.

Splashy Fen, South Africa's longest running music festival, is a particular attraction. It entices top contemporary bands from throughout the country and more than 10 000 music lovers who camp in the Drakensberg foothills for more than four days of non-stop music every April.

Theatre and contemporary dance are also celebrated.

Durban's Playhouse Company is one of the leading organisations presenting cutting-edge theatre, dance and musical performances. The University of KwaZulu-Natal's Centre for Creative Arts also presents arts festivals, including Poetry for Africa, Time of the Writer, the International Film Festival and the Jomba Dance Festival, celebrating South African, African and international artists and performers, so making KwaZulu-Natal a 'hub' of contemporary visual, performance and literary arts.

Crafts also reflect the region's cultural mix. Many cities and towns have regular open-air markets where arts and crafts are displayed for sale. A number of art and craft routes, inclusive of the first such route and widely known Midlands Meander, today offer visitors exciting shopping experiences. Unfired clay and ceramic pots, wood carvings and beadwork are among the most popular craft pieces available, while region has also spawned many fine artists whose artworks hang in top galleries around the world. The Zulu Kingdom itself boasts a number of outstanding galleries, such as the Durban Art Gallery and Pietermaritzburg's Tatham Art Gallery.



Enjoy our Hospitality



'Ubuntu' is a Zulu term which best describes the warm welcome and boundless hospitality extended to visitors to the Zulu Kingdom.



Simply put, 'Ubuntu' means that 'a person is a person on account of other people.' This long-standing tradition in Zulu folklore continues being applied today, a trait which sets the Zulu Kingdom apart as a truly warm and welcoming destination for holiday and business visitors alike.

From international Beachfront hotels to bush lodges and homely bed-and-breakfast establishments, the welcoming spirit of 'Ubuntu' is ever-present. So, whether high-flying business traveller, family group or back-packing student... all equally enjoy the hospitality of the people of the Zulu Kingdom.

Nowhere is the warmth of the region's hospitality better reflected than in its cuisine, which is both mouthwateringly inviting and hugely reflective of this region's diversity of culture. The mix of spicy curries, 'potjiekos' stews cooked in iron pots over an open flame and traditional African meals, using corn-meal and tender chicken or beef covered in juicy sauces, do much to instill lively discussion between locals and visitors.

Indeed, the Zulu Kingdom's cooking styles appear limitless. Restaurants and pubs here serve everything

from traditional local fare to Sushi, Italian, Portuguese, Thai and Middle Eastern cuisine. A number of eateries, generally close to conservation areas, also serve venison as specialty dishes, inclusive of springbok, ostrich, crocodile and warthog. The sourcing of venison is strictly controlled by legislation and meets sustainable management criteria. Another specialty is the Zulu Kingdom's great seafood, cooked in various styles from Cape-Malay to Portuguese-Mozambican.

A dish utterly unique to KwaZulu-Natal is the 'bunny chow,' comprising a half-loaf of bread, hollowed out in the centre and filled with delicious bean, chicken, mutton, vegetable or beef curry. The bunny chow is affordable, filling and ridiculously delicious. No visitor to the Zulu Kingdom should depart without having tasted one.

Tasty, locally-brewed beers are also available at many pubs and restaurants and are brewed naturally on a small-scale for niche markets. While South Africa's Western Cape is renowned for its wine, KwaZulu-Natal also boasts several wineries.



KwaZulu-Natal Events Calendar



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EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Dusi Canoe Marathon	February	Pietermaritzburg - Durban
Midmar Mile Swimming Race	February	Midmar Dam, Midlands
Fort Nottingham Highland Games	April	Fort Nottingham, Midlands
Splashy Fen Music Festival	April	Underberg
Craft Guild Rolling Exhibition	April	Pietermaritzburg
Durban Wild Talk Africa	April	ICC Durban
Indaba, International Travel Show	May	ICC Durban
Sani2C, Mountain Bike Race	May	Underberg - Scottburgh
African Renaissance Festival	May	ICC Durban
Comrades Marathon	May	Durban - Pietermaritzburg
Sardine Festival	June	South Coast
Durban July	July	Greyville Race Course, Durban
Durban International Boat & Lifestyle Show	July	Durban
Durban International Film Festival	July	Durban
Reed Dance	September	Enyokeni Royal Residence, Nongoma, Zululand
Amashovashova Cycle Race	October	Pietermaritzburg - Durban
MTN Jazz Festival	December	Hazelmere Dam, North Coast



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South Coast	www.tourismsouthcoast.co.za
uThukela Experience	www.uthukeladm.co.za
Sapphire Coast	www.durbanexperience.co.za
North Coast	www.northcoast.org.za
Elephant Coast	www.elephantcoasttourism.com
Zululand	www.zululandtourism.org.za
Durban Tourism	www.durbanexperience.co.za

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Umtshezi Tourist Information Bureau, Estcourt:	036 352 6253



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Umvoti Tourism, Greytown:	033 413 9124 x 9198
uPhongolo Municipality Tourism Office, Phongola:	034 413 1223
Vryheid Information (Abaqulusi Information), Vryheid:	034 982 2133 x 2229/2299
Zululand Birding Route, Richards Bay:	083 225 5960
Zululand Regional Tourism Office, Zululand:	035 799 2614

District Municipalities

Amajuba District Municipality (DC 25):	034 329 7200
eThekweni Municipality (Eth):	031 311 2121
Ilembe District Municipality (DC 29):	032 437 9300
Sisonke District Municipality (DC 43):	039 834 8700
Ugu (DC 21):	039 688 5700
uMgungundlovu (DC 22):	033 897 6700
uMkhanyakude (DC 27):	035 573 8600
uMzinyathi District Municipality (DC 24):	034 219 1500
uThukela (DC 23):	036 638 2400
uThungulu (DC 28):	035 799 2500
Zululand District Municipality (DC 26):	035 874 5500

Interesting websites

Butterflies for Africa	www.butterflies.co.za
Wildlife web cam (set up at the waterhole in Tembe Elephant Park, Zululand)	www.zulucam.com
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	www.kznwildlife.com

Personal Safety

It is advisable to take normal precautions when travelling in KwaZulu-Natal. Avoid ostentatious displays of cash, expensive jewellery, cameras or other valuables, especially when in isolated areas or when walking in poorly lit streets. Keep certified copies of legal documents on you instead of the originals. When driving, keep doors locked and windows closed, never pick up strangers, ask a police or traffic officer for directions if lost and lock valuables in the boot.

Police Emergency Number: 10111.

Durban Metro Police Control Room: 031 361 0000

Marine Licences

All sea life along the coast of KwaZulu-Natal is protected and permits are required for fishing (surf and deep sea) or for removing crayfish, mussels, octopus, oysters, sea lice and mudprawns. Permits are obtainable from any post office, or from the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife offices. Permits for mussels, mudprawns, sea lice, octopus and oysters are only obtainable from the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife offices. Crayfish season is from 1 March to 31 October.

Sea and Mountain Rescue Services

The National Sea Rescue Institute is stationed at the Point Waterfront and offers a 24-hour service, including the recovery and rescue of seamen, recovery and assistance to yachtsmen, divers, fishermen and surfers. It also offers rescue services on inland dams and lakes. NSRI Emergencies - Tel: 031 361 8567.

The mountain rescue service, is a 24-hour service which is operational for the entire province. It employs SANDF 15 Squadron helicopters, paramedics and members of the Mountain Club of South Africa. Tel: 0800 005 133

Shark and Sardine Information

KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board
Tel: 031 566 0400
Fax: 031 566 0499
Email: charter@shark.co.za
Web: www.shark.co.za

Transport Services



Airports

King Shaka International Airport,
Airports Company South Africa Management
Tel: 032 436 6758

Airport Shuttle Bus

031 465 1660/5573

Virginia Airport, Durban

Flight and Helicopter Charter Information
Tel: 031 563 7101

Oribi Airport, Pietermaritzburg

Flight Information - Airlink
Tel: 033 386 9286/9287

Richards Bay Airport, Zululand

Flight Information - SA Express
Tel: 035 786 0301

Margate Airport, South Coast

Flight Information
Tel: 039 317 4348

OR Tambo International Airport

Flight Information
Tel: 086 727 7888

Coaches

Greyhound: 031 334 9710/083 915 9000
InterCape: 086 128 7287
Luxliner: 031 305 9090
Translux: 086 158 9282/031 361 7670

Public Bus Transport

Durban Transport:
(o/h) 031 309 5942/3
031 309 4126

Rail Information

An intercity rail service connects Durban with all major cities. Trains depart from the main station, which is situated in Umgeni Road, 5 minutes from the city centre.

Rail reservations: 0860 008 888

Road and Travel Conditions

Traffic Department: 0800 339 911
National Road Safety: 0800 203 950
Automobile Association Members (AA): 031 265 0437

Foreign Embassies in South Africa

Organisation Name	Website	Tel Code	Tel	Fax Code	Fax	Email	Physical Address	Postal Address	
Australia Embassy (High Commission)	www.australia.com	012	423 6000	012	342 4222		292 Orient Street (Cnr Schoeman Street), Arcadia, Pretoria	Private Bag X 150, Arcadia	Pretoria, 0001
Austria Embassy	www.seboarch.co.za	031	261 6233	031	261 6234		10A Princess Anne Place	10A Princess Anne Place	Glenwood
Belgium Consulate	www.belgium.visahq.com/embassy/South-Africa/	031	303 2840/1	031	312 0434		No. 2, 18 Ross Gardens, Morningside		4023
Bulgarian Embassy	www.msa.bg/bg/113	012	342 3720/7941	012	342 3721		1071 Church Street, Hatfield, Pretoria		0007
Canada Embassy	www.canada.co.za	031	536 8214	031	536 8187	rncelligott@telkomsa.net	Unit 2, 81 Richefond Circle, Ridgeside Office Park, Umhlanga, 4319	Consulate of Canada, PO Box 1588, Umhlanga	4320
Chile Embassy	www.chileabroad.co/sudafrika	031 012	312 8608 460 8090	031 012	312 8608 460 8093		67 Venice Road, Morningside, Durban, 4001	67 Venice Road	Morningside
Embassy of Switzerland	www.eda.admin.ch/pretoria	012	452 0660	012	346 6605		225 Veale Street, Parc Nouveau, New Muckleneuk	PO Box 2508	Brooklyn Square, 0075
Cyprus: High Commission	www.mfa.gov.cy	012	342 5258/ 342 5588	012	342 5596/ 348 8713		Cnr Church and Hill Street, Arcadia	Cnr Church and Hill Street, Arcadia	0028
Royal Danish Consulate (Denmark)		031	202 9396	031	202 9399		185 Cato Street, Glenwood, Durban		4026
Embassy of Finland	www.finland.org.za	012	343 0275	012	343 3095		628 Leyds Street, Muckleneuk	PO Box 443	Pretoria, 0001
Honorary Consulate Of France	www.consulfrance-jhb.org	031	573 1554	031	573 1447		No. 3, St Andrews House, 52 St Andrews Street, Durban North	PO Box 20589	Durban North
German Honorary Consulate	www.germanconsulatekn.co.za	031	266 3920	031	266 3925		No. 9 Kensington Drive, Opposite Westville Mall, Westville	PO Box 1166	Westville
Greek Consulate of Durban		031	301 4880/1	031	301 4663	grcd@mweb.co.za	Suite 1101, Victoria Maine Building, 71 Victoria Embankment, Durban	PO Box 1139	Durban
Embassy of the Republic of Hungary		012	430 3030	012	430 3029		959 Arcadia Street, Arcadia	PO Box 13843	Hatfield, 0028
Indian Consulate	www.indiansouthafrica.com	031	332 7026/38 332 7024	031	332 7008		1 Kingsmead Boulevard (2nd Floor)	1 Kingsmead Boulevard (2nd Floor)	Kingsmead Office Park
Embassy of Ireland	www.embassyireland.org.za	012	342 5062	012	342 4752		1st Floor, Southern Life Plaza, 1059 Schoeman Street, Corner Festival, Arcadia	PO Box 4174	Pretoria, 0001
Consulate-General of Italy		011	728 1392	011	728 2523		37 Cnr First Avenue and 2nd Street, Houghton Estate, Johannesburg	37 Cnr First Avenue and 2nd Street, Houghton Estate	Johannesburg
Embassy of Madagascar	www.madagascarconsulate.org.za	012	342 0983/ 4/5	012	342 0995		90B Tait Street, Colbyn, Pretoria	PO Box 11722	Queenswood, 0121



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Mozambique Consulate		031	303 7130	031	303 9204	mozacom@mweb.co.za	306/310 Mathews Meyiwa Road, Morningside, 4001	306/310 Mathews Meyiwa Road	Morningside, 4001
Consulate of the Netherlands	www.dutchembassy.co.za	031	266 9291	031	267 1568		9 Brendon Lane, Cnr Jan Hofmeyer Road, Westville	PO Box 12	Westville
Royal Norwegian Consulate		031	267 8410	086	575 1566	consulate@inspirations-travel.co.za	9 Kensington Drive, Opposite the Westville Mall, Westville, Durban, 4001	PO Box 1166	Westville, 3630
Pakistan Consulate		012	362 4072 362 4073 362 7808	012	362 3967	pareppretorial@telkomsa.net	312 Brooks Street, Menlo Park, 0081	PO Box 11803	Hartfield, 0028
Poland Consul Mr Andrzej	www.poland.co.za	031	266 9792/3	086	542 8433		3 Chase Place, Westville	PO Box 1351	Westville, 3630
Portugal Consulate		031	312 4854	031	304 6036		389 Lilian Nogoyi Road	389 Lilian Nogoyi Road	Morningside
Romanian Consulate-General Mr Silviu	www.capetown.aift.ro	021	761 1781	021	761 2657		24 Highwick Drive, Kenilworth, Cape Town	24 Highwick Drive	Kenilworth, Cape Town, 7700
Embassy of Slovakia	www.mzv.sk/pretoria	012	342 2051/2	012	342 3688		930 Arcadia Street, Arcadia	PO Box 12736	Hatfield
Spain Consulate	www.spain.visahq.com/embassy/South Africa	012	460 0123	012	460 2280		Lord Charles Building, 337 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn	PO Box 1633, Pretoria	0001
Swedish Embassy	www.swedenabroad.com	012	426 6400	012	426 6464		1 Pariolo Complex, 1166 Park Street, Hatfield	PO Box 13477	Hatfield
USA Consulate	www.southafrica.usembassy.gov/	031	305 7600	031	305 7650		3103 Old Mutual Building, West Street, 4000	3103 Old Mutual Building	303 West Street

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