

Durban

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South African Durban, known as eThekweni in Zulu, has to be one of the continent's most appealing cities, especially after the 2010 World Cup breathed new life into the area by revamping the waterfront; the splendid Moses Mabhida Stadium remains one of Durban's primary attractions to date. Durban moves to the beat of gqom, its own home-grown music genre, which is slowly making its way onto global charts from South Africa's sunny, tropical melting pot of eclectic cultural influences.



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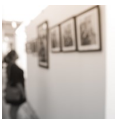
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THE CITY



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Third-largest by population, after Cape Town and Johannesburg, Durban (often called 'Durbs' and eThekwin in Zulu) is known for its mix of African, colonial European and Indian influences. The city boasts the largest Indian community outside of India, evident in neighbourhoods like Phoenix, Chatsworth and Tongaat with their Indian eateries and shops. The northern suburbs serve as refined homes for resort hotels and fine dining restaurants. Areas like Umlazi and KwaMashu predominantly feature African communities, while downtown Durban unites these diverse cultures, creating a multifaceted representation of Africa itself.

With its extensive coastline of first-class beaches, it's little surprise that local recreation heavily focuses on water sports, particularly surfing. Places like South Beach and New Pier attract the most surfers. Nearly anywhere along the Golden Mile — as well as some beaches to the north and south of the central area — offers good waves. February marks the surfing high season.

Durban also boasts a thriving nightlife and a flourishing arts scene. Places like the BAT Center aim to support local creatives by providing a platform for artistic work. In the evenings, local bars buzz with guests who later head to Durban's gqom-playing clubs, dancing to

the genre's infectious rhythms well into the night.

DO & SEE



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Durban's offerings extend far beyond beaches to a plethora of cultural pursuits, from historic homes-turned-museums of colonial sugar barons (think the Campbell Collections) to hip, grassroots art spaces taken over by young local talents (such as the BAT centre). Durban is home to an impressive marine theme park called uShaka, and frequently plays hosts to major cultural events, such as performances by its very own KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra and Playhouse Company, as well as international events such as the Mamas (MTV Africa Music Awards).

uShaka Marine World



The uShaka Marine World is nothing short of incredible — it's where adrenaline-pumping water rides meet one of the world's largest

collections of marine life. Here, you're not just observing; you can get up close and personal with seals and dolphins. Better yet, entry to uShaka Beach is free. If you're looking to take your adventure up a notch, several on-site companies offer diving courses, kayak rentals

and boat rides.

Photo: Zander Janzen van Rensburg/unsplash
Address: 1 King Shaka Avenue, Point, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 9am–5pm
Phone: +27 31 328 8000
Internet: ushakamarine.com
Email: mkt@ushakamarineworld.co.za

Golden Mile



Durban is home to some of South Africa's finest stretches of sand. The Golden Mile in central Durban is a collection of multiple well-kept

beaches fit for both swimming and surfing and equipped with all necessary amenities; Umhlanga beaches to the north are known for being cleaner and less crowded.

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More Info: Beware of strong currents and keep away from pier sides.

Surfing

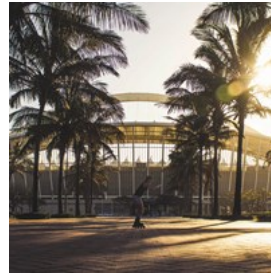


Surfing is one of Durban's favourite pastimes, and multiple international tournaments held here serve to show the sport's essential role in local

culture. Learn to surf at uShaka Beach or head straight to New Pier and Bay if you are no stranger to the board. North Beach, along with Oasis Beach, are bodyboarding hotspots.

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Moses Mabhida Stadium

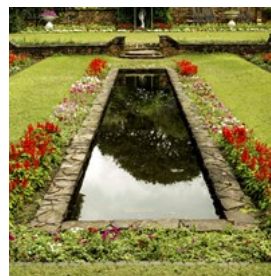


The state-of-the art stadium continues to attract guests long after the 2010 World Cup it was originally built to host. A SkyCar takes

visitors to the panoramic viewing platform at the stadium's very top. Walking up the several hundred stairs on foot is another alternative. Thrill-seekers must try the Big Swing — an impressive free-fall swing named world's tallest in 2011.

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Address: 44 Isaiah Ntshangase Road, Stamford Hill, Durban
Phone: +27 31 582 8222
Internet: www.mmstadium.com

Durban Botanic Gardens

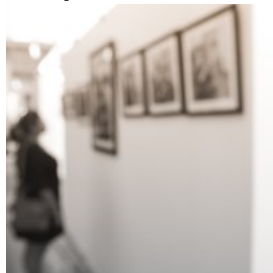


At over 170 years old, the Botanic Gardens aren't just a splash of green in Durban — they're the oldest botanic garden on the continent. This urban

oasis is famed for its extensive collection of cycads and orchids, and it's not just about the flora. The gardens double as a cultural hotspot, hosting an array of events and concerts. Whether you're in the mood for a relaxing tea at the on-site garden or a leisurely picnic, this versatile space has you covered.

Photo: GabrielSithole/Shutterstock.com
Address: 9A John Zikhali Road, Berea, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 7:30am–5:45pm
Phone: +27 68 598 1396
Internet: durbanbotanicgardens.org.za

Campbell Collections



The former home of Sir Marshall Campbell and his family, this Cape Dutch building has been converted into a museum complex containing

unique artefacts of Zulu and Natal culture meticulously collected by the Campbell family over several decades. Do not miss the on-site William Campbell Furniture Museum and Mashu Museum of Ethnology.

Photo: atibody photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 220 Gladys Mazibuko Road, Berea, Durban

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +27 31 260 1710

Internet: campbell.ukzn.ac.za

Umgeni River Bird Park



The Umgeni River Bird Park contains one of the world's most extensive collections of indigenous and exotic birds, all showcased in the park's

multiple aviaries accessible to visitors. One of the indisputable highlights is the free-flight bird show held twice daily.

Photo: Operation Shooting/Shutterstock.com

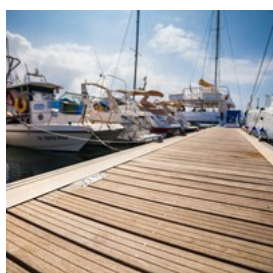
Address: Riverside Road, Durban North, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm

Phone: +27 31 322 5750

Internet: www.instagram.com/umgeniriverbirdpark

Wilson's Wharf



The lively waterside area is a breezy spot with several appealing cafes and budget eateries, as well as vendor stalls selling traditional South

African crafts and souvenirs. Come here to people-watch and, possibly, join a boat trip along the coastline with one of the several companies offering the service. Visit the nearby Sugar Terminal to learn about the local sugar production industry.

Photo: lightpoet/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14-18 Boatmans Road, Albert Park, Durban

Phone: +27 61 435 8202

BAT Centre



The hip home of established local artists, the BAT Centre is the place to go and witness painters, musicians and African dancers at work.

There are live shows most nights, and the complex contains several art galleries. You can also shop for authentic South African crafts. The on-site bay view bar is a hit with regulars.

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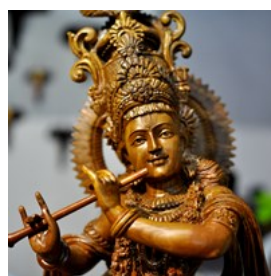
Address: Victoria Embankment, 45 Maritime Place, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 8am-4:30pm

Phone: +27 31 332 0451

Internet: www.batcentre.co.za

Hare Krishna Temple



A short drive west of central Durban lies the curiously futuristic-looking temple run by the local Society for Krishna

Consciousness. Entry is free and granted to all (provided their shoes remain outdoors). Expect ritualistic singing and dancing that takes place every Sunday afternoon. There is a well-regarded vegetarian restaurant on-site.

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Address: 50 Bhaktivedanta Swami Circle, Westcliff, Chatsworth
Opening hours: Daily 4:30am-9pm
Internet: iskcondurban.net

DINING



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Indian influence is strong on the local dining scene (Durban's favourite dish is the "bunny chow" - a hollow bread loaf filled with spicy curry), with multiple Indian restaurants spread out across Durban, peaking in concentration in the Indian quarter. Fine dining establishments dot North Durban, while fabled South African steaks are to be searched for in Florida Road (Durban's thoroughfare and popular entertainment hub) and beyond.

9th Avenue Waterside



9th Avenue Waterside runs under the patronage of a celebrated local chef and serves up offerings of local produce such as fish of the day, free-range duck, grilled beef steaks and lamb shoulder. The wine list provides an extensive selection of South African labels.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Maritime Place, Harbour, Durban
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-5pm, Mon closed
Phone: +27 31 940 4628

Internet: www.9thavewaterside.co.za
Email: info@9thavewaterside.co.za

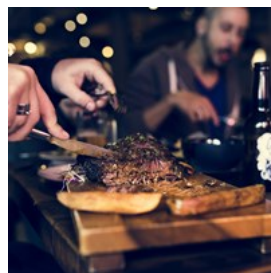
Olive & Oil



Glenwood's Olive and Oil consistently delivers superb Mediterranean dining, with a meal made up of several appetizers to share and a main — anything from meat and seafood grills to pizza and pasta. Service is impeccable, and outdoor seating available in good weather.

Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: 149 Bulwer Road, Bulwer, Durban
Phone: +27 31 201 6146
Internet: www.oliveandoil.co.za
More Info: Further location at Umhlanga

Butcher Boys



Heralded as one of Durban's finest, the Butcher Boys steakhouse delivers on counts of excellent food and impeccable service. It is rumoured to serve some of the best steaks in town, with an extensive menu that compliments the meat selection. Special lunch menu available.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com
Address: 170 Florida Road, Morningside, Durban
Opening hours: Sun-Tue 11am-9pm, Wed-Sat 11am-10pm
Phone: +27 31 312 8248
Internet: butcherboysgrill.co.za

Havana Grill



Havana Grill serves some of the finest steaks in town, with meat carefully processed at the in-house butchery. The restaurant offers unbeatable vistas of the sea and Durban shoreline to diners who request panoramic seating at reservation. Serves meats, a plethora of fresh seafood, and dishes with some Italian and Mexican influences.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: Suncoast Casino, Battery Beach Road, North Beach, Durban

Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-9:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +27 64 757 1141

Internet: www.instagram.com/havanagrilldbn

The Cargo Hold Restaurant



Dine within arm's reach of the uShaka shark tank and marvel at graceful marine predators as you tuck into excellent seafood offerings of this one-of-kind restaurant. Book in advance to get the best table. It is not required to pay the Marine World entry fee to attend.

Photo: South African Tourism/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: uShaka Village Walk, 1 King Shaka Avenue, Point, Durban

Opening hours: Mon & Tue 5pm-9pm, Wed-Sat noon-9pm, Sun noon-3pm

Phone: +27 31 328 8037

Internet: ushakamarine.com/cargohold

Govinda's



Located on-site of the Hare Krishna Temple, Govinda's is a purely vegetarian restaurant that caters to both devotees and outsiders.

No garlic or onion is used in food preparation, which does not prevent the restaurant from having dedicated return customers.

Photo: vm2002/Shutterstock.com

Address: 72 Pandora Street, Longcroft, Durban

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-4pm

Phone: +27 31 507 6559

Internet: hare-krishna-govindas.business.site

The Little India Restaurant



The well-regarded local restaurant reflects Durban's ethnic heritage, and serves excellent Indian specialties at very affordable prices. One

quintessentially local specialty to try is the so-called "bunny chow" — a hollow bread loaf filled with curry.

Photo: Wesley Lazarus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 155 Musgrave Road, Berea, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +27 31 201 1121

Internet: littleindiarestaurant.co.za

The Rainbow



Sundays see the restaurant at its busiest, guests enjoying unpretentious local fare and listening to live jazz, whose sounds have been filling the restaurant's air since 1981. See their website for show schedules. Located inland from

Durban proper.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23 Stanfield Lane, New Germany, Pinetown

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10am–7pm, Fri & Sat

10am–7:30pm, Sun 10am–6pm

Internet: www.therainbow.co.za

CAFES



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Coffee culture is on the rise in Durban, with an increasing number of coffee shops springing up year after year. The city's colonial past still shows in the high tea offered at upscale hotels, such as The Royal Hotel.

The Glenwood Bakery



This delightful artisan bakery in Glenwood bakes fresh bread and pastries, and is a sought-after breakfast spot in the

neighbourhood. The bakery warrants a visit for either a quick snack (sandwiches and bagels are to die for), a more substantial meal or just a dessert. Bread is hand-formed and made with organic rye. Eggs Benedict served on Saturdays, and buckwheat blinis are a Sunday special. Stop by on Monday and Friday for pizza and pasta evenings (5pm–9pm).

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 398 Esther Roberts Road, Glenwood Durban

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 6am–3pm, Sat & Sun 6am–2pm

Phone: +27 82 617 9768

Internet: www.glenwoodbakery.co.za

More Info: Second location at 45 Lilian Ngoyi Road

Morningside, Durban

Circus Circus Beach Cafe



The sweet waterfront cafe is a popular breakfast spot with a total of four locations around Durban. You can choose from several

delicious yet incredibly affordable options, from individual dishes to full breakfast sets. Open for lunch and dinner, with pastas, burgers, meats and fish dominating the menu.

Photo: Scapigliata/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Snell Parade, North Beach, Durban

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 6am–5pm, Sun 7am–5pm

Phone: +27 31 337 7700

Internet: www.circuscircus.co.za

Sunrise Chip 'n Ranch



Sunrise Chip 'n Ranch (known locally as "Johnny's") is a local institution, a legendary establishment whose seedy facade should by

no means deter you. Locals come here for the one-of-kind atmosphere and, naturally, the delicious stuffed Indian roti rolls too large for a single diner to handle.

Photo: faizol musa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 89 Sparks Road, Durban

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +27 31 209 2020

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Sunrise-Chip-N-Ranch-Durban

Spiga



Spiga is a restaurant whose food and service measure up to its prime setting. It serves excellent Italian all through the day, offers a breakfast menu and boast a rather extensive drink list.

Photo: Konstantin Kopachinsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: 465 Innes Road, Morningside, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm
Phone: +27 67 138 1115
Internet: www.instagram.com/spigadurban

Milky Lane



Milky Lane's several locations across Durban serve decadent ice creams with multiple toppings available, artisan milkshakes,

special ice cream blends, waffles, and more. The joint is a popular spot for a sweet breakfast or indulgent daytime dessert.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com
Address: Suncoast Casino, Shop U01B, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-midnight, Fri-Sat 9am-4am
Phone: +27 31 332 1849
Internet: location.milkylane.co.za/suncoast-casino
Email: info@milkylane.co.za

Mayfair Cafe



One of our top picks for breakfast and lunch in Durban North is Mayfair Cafe — a trendy locals' favourite serving up a concise lunch menu of

internationally-inspired dishes and elevated breakfast classics. Do not leave without having a

coffee paired with one of their many sweet treat offerings.

Photo: Minoru K/Shutterstock.com
Address: Woolworths Centre, Mackeurtan Avenue, Durban North, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-4pm, Sat & Sun 6:30am-3pm
Phone: +27 31 563 2599
Internet: www.instagram.com/mayfaircafe
More Info: Woolworths Centre

Cafe Jiran

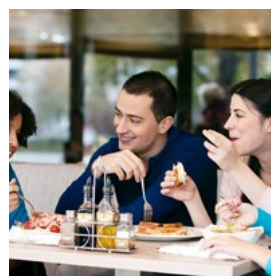


Beachfront Cafe Jiran serves some of the best coffees on the promenade, with multiple delectable food options to complement the drink

list. The cafe doubles as a well-regarded local restaurant in the evenings. Outdoor seating is available.

Photo: Maria Sbytova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Belaire Suites Hotel, 151 Snell Parade, North Beach, Durban
Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm
Phone: +27 31 332 4485
Internet: www.instagram.com/cafejiran

Surf Riders Cafe



Its proximity to one of favourite surfer haunts — Durban's North Beach — makes this hip waterfront eatery a favourite for daytime dining within the

local surf community. The menu is pleasantly varied, featuring burgers, pizzas, breakfasts, beer on tap and even cocktails.

Photo: Lucky Business/Shutterstock.com
Address: 17 Erskine Terrace, South Beach, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 6:30am-6pm

Phone: +27 62 747 7037

Internet: www.instagram.com/surfridersdbn

Vida e Caffè



A no-frills coffee joint with several locations across Durban, Vida e Caffè serves multiple varieties of coffee, freshly pressed orange juice, several snack items, salads, sandwiches, wraps, and some breakfast foods such as frittata, as well as delightful desserts.

Photo: Ko Backpacko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 465 Innes Road, Shop 2, Oakwood, Windermere

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +27 31 023 0331

Internet: vidaecaffe.com

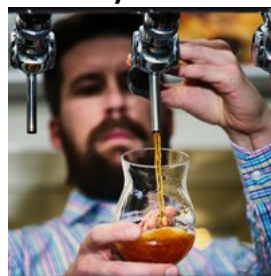
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Birthplace of the gqom music genre, Durban is known for its lively nightlife, most of which happens outside the downtown area in the city's many suburbs. That being said, some entertainment is available within the city limits, too. Try the Suncoast Casino (an entertainment complex whose offerings extend beyond gambling) or catch a show at Durban's reputable Playhouse Company theatre.

Distillery 031



Distillery 031 is rather unique in that it specializes in craft alcoholic drinks, all made with prime local ingredients. Alongside signature rum, vodka, gin, cachaça and even absinthe, Distillery 031 serves an incredible selection of creative dishes, original pub grub, and brunch specials. Give their take on Italian "aranchini" a try!

Photo: michelangelo/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Foundry, 1st FLOOR, 43 Station Drive, Stamford Hill, Durban

Phone: +27 87 941 4540

Internet: finebeverages.co.za

Club 101



One of the city's favourite haunts for gqom-lovers, Club 101 is a popular local hotspot that teems with partygoers well into the morning hours.

Serves moderately priced drinks and food, and is rather popular among the younger demographic.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 101 Pine Street, Durban

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 10am-midnight, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm

Phone: +27 31 368 4084

Internet: www.instagram.com/club101durban

Cubaña Durban



The longstanding Cuban bar and eatery is most attractive at sundown, when visitors flock here to wine and dine to Latin beats. Serves American

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 128 Florida Road, Windermere, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am
Phone: +27 31 303 4383
Internet: cubana.co.za

Havana Music Cafe



The low-key cafe is a bar by day and dance club by night. Join local partygoers on the compact dance floor after sundown, or some during daylight hours to savour a drink on the outdoor terrace.

Photo: WAYHOME studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 160 Monty Naicker Road, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-11pm, Fri-Sun 9am-4am
Phone: +27 31 301 1406
Internet: restaurantguru.com/Havana-Music-Cafe-Durban

Egagasini



The beachfront Egagasini is a restaurant, bar, and lounge all at once. Started a few decades ago back in the current president's (Jacob G. Zuma) native village of Nkandla, it has now relocated to this favourable waterside spot, where sounds of house and R'n'B fill the air.

Photo: Here/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/6 Gillespie Street, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 9am-3am

Phone: +27 79 539 3777

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Egagasini-Mondise-MVG-Restaurant-And-Cuisine-Durban-2

Eyadini Lounge



Located outside the city proper in the neighbouring township of Umlazi, Eyadini Lounge is a hugely popular nightlife hot spot of impressive capacity, where young and older gather under open skies and have a good time listening to music spun by a changing line-up of DJs.

Photo: dwphotos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Peace Road, Umlazi, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am

Phone: +27 67 648 2455

Internet: www.instagram.com/eyadiniloungeuz

The Panorama Bar



Southern Sun hotel's Panorama Bar is one of the town's best locations for an evening drink with a view, the view being that of rolling waves washing over the palm tree-dotted coastline. Serves cocktails and a pleasant selection of drinks, both alcoholic and otherwise.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani, 63 Snell Parade, Durban

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +27 31 362 1300

Internet: www.southernsun.com/southern-sun-elangeni-maharani/dining/panorama-bar

Lucky Shaker



Lucky Shaker isn't just another cocktail bar. Run by a well-established mixologist, the venue and its extraordinary team of professionals aren't afraid to take on a challenge, and produce some unparalleled, innovative, custom-crafted creations on the spot.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Park Lane, Parkside, uMhlanga Rocks

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 3:30pm-10:30pm, Fri & Sat 3:30pm-1:30am, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +27 83 755 9595

Internet: luckyshaker.com

SHOPPING



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Shopping opportunities abound across Durban, and street-side vendors who sell their goods right off the ground are relatively common. For a taste of quintessential Durban head to Victoria Street and shop around at its well-known Indian market, selling all manner of trinkets and spices. There are quite a few boutiques selling products of local artisans across Durban. The 8 Morrison Street complex and African Art Centre are two locations absolutely not to be missed.

8 Morrison Street



The unique space of 8 Morrison Street is a concept relatively new to Durban, but one enthusiastically supported by local

creatives, who now have a space to showcase and sell their products. A few of the offices are occupied by artisan craft stores and cutting edge fashion boutiques.

Photo: Tonktiti/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Morrison Street, Durban

Phone: +27 86 111 4625

The Space



Located in Westville, inland from Durban proper, this pavilion is one address to write into your itinerary if South African-designed and

tailored clothing is what you're after. A large collection of various types of clothing is showcased here, with multiple local talents' work represented.

Photo: illustrart/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Pavilion Shopping Centre, Shop 331, Westville, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +27 31 265 1292

Internet: thespace.co.za

I Heart Market



Each first Saturday of the month sees a raucous gathering of street food, clothing, and jewellery vendors at Sugar Rush Park, Ballito. Items on

sale will equally suit a plethora of different

tastes, from casual to more sophisticated ones.

Photo: Keith Levit/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sugar Rush Park, Ballito
Opening hours: Sat 8:30am-2:30pm
Phone: +27 83 871 4991
Internet: www.iheartmarket.com
Email: info@iheartmkt.com

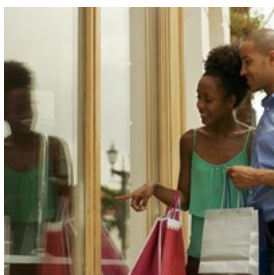
Victoria Street Market



Also known as Indian Market, the Victoria Street Market is a meeting place for dozens of vendors selling everything from Indian spices to clothing and colourful trinkets. It's a great place to pick up inexpensive souvenirs to bring home. Hagglng is acceptable.

Photo: flowcomm/cc by 2.0/Flickr
Address: 151-55 Bertha Mkhize Street, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm
Phone: +27 31 306 4021
Internet: www.victoriastreetmarket.co.za

Gateway Theatre of Shopping



Just a few kilometres north of Durban lies the fittingly named Gateway Theatre of Shopping. It is, reportedly, on of the subcontinent's best one-stop shopping centres, and one that enjoys a convenient location just off the main highway. It houses a multitude of clothing stores, various boutiques, a food court, cinema, bowling alley, and other shopping and entertainment spots.

Photo: Diego Cervo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Palm Boulevard, uMhlanga Ridge, uMhlanga
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-7pm, Fri & Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 9am-6pm

Phone: +27 31 514 0500
Internet: gatewayworld.co.za

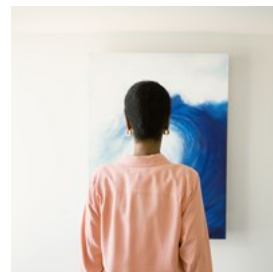
Ike's Bookshop



Ike's Bookshop was once conceived by a political activist and anti-apartheid fighter, whose story is detailed through many of the pieces showcased in the store. Years later, Ike's still stands, offering a large selection of second-hand books for those who take a particular interest in African literature.

Photo: Happy Stock Photo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 48a Florida Road, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sun closed
Phone: +27 31 303 9214
Internet: ikesbooks.com

African Art Centre



Support local artists by shopping at the fair trade African Art Centre. The shop and gallery showcases modern arts and crafts hand-made by local creators from across the KwaZulu-Natal province. Interior decor items, artwork, jewellery, and more are available for purchase.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 500 Esther Roberts Road, Glenwood, Berea
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm, Sun closed
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Internet: afri-art.co.za

Cécile & Boyd



The tasteful designs showcased at Durban's instalment of the interior design boutique Cécile & Boyd are a treat for the eyes and (potentially) an excellent memory from a trip to Durban. Browse stylish decor items, art, accessories, and more.

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Address: 253 Florida Road, Morningside, Durban

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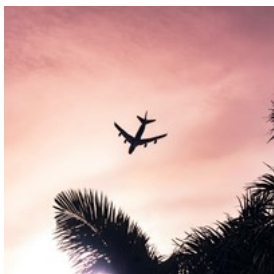
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King Shaka International Airport (DUR)



King Shaka International Airport (DUR) is located approximately 35 kilometres north of Durban's city centre in La Mercy. Opened in 2010, it serves as the main international and domestic gateway to Durban and the KwaZulu-Natal region. The airport is part of South Africa's "Golden Triangle," connecting it with Cape Town International Airport and O. R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. Named

after the legendary Zulu king, Shaka, the airport boasts modern amenities like shops, restaurants, and lounges. With numerous airlines operating here, it offers flights to various destinations both domestically and internationally.

Convenient transport options such as shuttle buses and taxis make the journey between the airport and the city centre seamless, usually taking around half an hour.

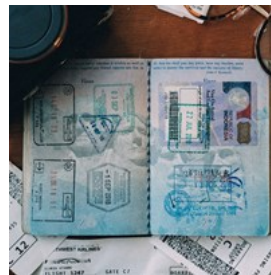
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Address: Koning Shaka Internasionale Lughawe, King Shaka Drive, La Mercy

Phone: +27 32 436 6758

Internet: www.kingshakainternational.co.za

Passport / Visa



Citizens of multiple world countries do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days. These include: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Citizens of a further 28 countries do not require a visa for stays of up to 30 days: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Cyprus,

Eswatini, Gabon, Guyana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Jordan, Lesotho, Macau, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Peru, Poland, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey.

For nationals of countries not listed above, visa requirements apply. Please contact your local consulate for further details on required documentation.

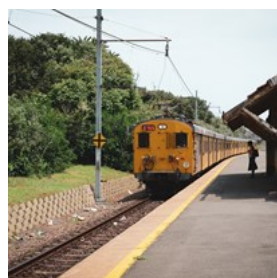
Passport holders of Cameroon, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Uganda can apply for eVisas online provided they will land at O. R. Tambo International Airport.

Travellers aged less than 18 years old must provide a birth certificate complete with both parents' details and, if flying with only one of the parents, a parental consent statement signed by the other parent.

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Internet: www.dha.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa

Public Transport



around.

A local means of leisurely transport is the colourful, man-pulled rickshaw — an integral part of the local culture as much as a convenient way of getting

The Durban People Mover shuttle offers a convenient way to explore the city. Operating on several routes, from uShaka Marine World to Suncoast Casino, it has multiple stops downtown and runs from early morning until 10pm daily. Tickets are available for purchase onboard and

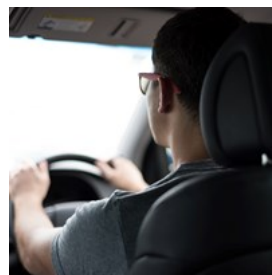
may include options like single-use or day passes.

The Mynah bus service extends to various residential areas and stops at multiple locations outside the downtown area, including North and South Beaches, Botanic Gardens, and Kensington Road, among others.

For those looking to reach the broader metropolitan area, Aqualine buses are an efficient option, although further details about their service may vary.

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Taxi



Metered taxis and rideshare apps like Uber are the safest ways to travel if you are not hiring a car. Taxis are available at major hotels; otherwise you have to phone for pickup. The fare should be confirmed with the driver at the outset. Inquire with a local what an average fare for your drive distance would be.

One reliable taxi companies include:

Mozzie Cabs

+27 31 303 5787

Zippy Cabs

+27 31 202 7067

Eagle Taxi Cabs

+27 31 337 8333

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Pharmacy



Popular and trusted pharmacy chains in South Africa are Dis-Chem and Clicks. Pharmacies have a rota system for out-of-hours service. Most hospitals and clinics with an ER will also have a 24/7 pharmacy on-site.

Photo: Vladislav Bychkov/unsplash

Internet:

www.internationalinsurance.com/hospitals/south-africa

Post



Postal services within and from South Africa are cheap and efficient. Valuables or important documents should be sent by registered post. The post boxes are red, and there are multiple post offices around the city.

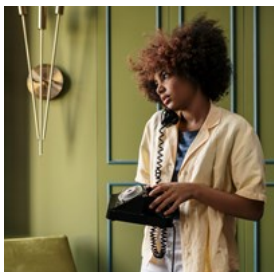
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Address: Durban Central Post Office, 290 West Street, Durban

Phone: +27 31 305 7521

Internet: www.postoffice.co.za

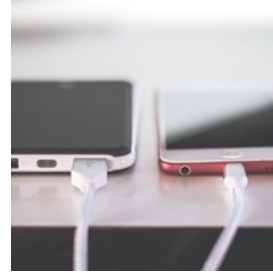
Telephone



Country code: +27 Area code: 31

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Electricity



50Hz.

You might encounter four types of power plugs in South Africa: types C, D, M and N. The power grid operates on a 230V supply voltage and

Plug type C is the plug with two round pins.

Plug type D is the plug with three round pins in a triangular pattern.

Plug types M and N both have three round pins.

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Population

4 million

Currency

1 Rand (ZAR) = 100 cents

Opening hours

Mall shopping hours are generally from 9 am until 5 pm from Monday to Saturday, and from 9 am 2 pm on Sundays. Most museums and galleries are closed on Mondays.

Internet

visitdurban.travel

Newspapers

The Mercury — www.iol.co.za/mercury

Daily News — www.iol.co.za/dailynews

Isolezwe (in Zulu) — www.isolezwe.co.za

News24 (national) — www.news24.com

East Coast Radio — www.ecr.co.za

Business Day — www.businesslive.co.za/bd

eNCA (national) — www.enca.com

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