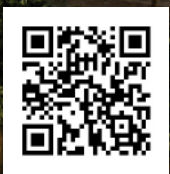




DURBAN CENTRAL TOURISM

VISITOR'S GUIDE

EDITION 6



Welcome to Durban Central Tourism

There is so much that the Durban central region offers – shining beaches on the Golden Mile, world-class gaming and entertainment, hair-raising adventure activities, health spas, a diverse range of accommodation options, fine dining, sophisticated shopping centres, theatres and local art and crafts unique to the area.

Durban Community Tourism Organisation (Central) stays true to its mandate of developing tourism in the Durban central region through conducting events, launching tourism experiences and products and promoting Durban locally, nationally and internationally.

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- Durban Beachfront
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- Berea
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How to get to Durban Central

Directions from the South Coast

Follow the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Freeway M4 (Southern Freeway) in a northerly direction. Approaching Durban, take the Esplanade turn-off – this will take you along Margaret Mncadi Embankment (Victoria Embankment). Turn left into Stalwart Simelane Street (Stanger Street), and proceed straight until you reach Durban central.

Directions from Inland/Pietermaritzburg

Follow the Western Freeway N3 in an easterly direction, proceeding straight over 'spaghetti' junction and the Tollgate Bridge. Take the Old Dutch/Alice Street slip road left, and follow the signs to the Beachfront and major hotels. Continue until you reach Durban central.

From the North Coast/Airport/Umhlanga

Follow the N2 Northern Freeway in a southerly direction. Approaching Durban, take the Mt Edgecombe/Umhlanga slip road, heading towards the sea. Follow the signs to Durban and proceed along the Ruth First Freeway M4 (Northern Freeway) past Virginia Airport and Durban North. On approaching Durban, proceed straight over the Sandile Thusi Road (Argyle) intersection and turn right onto Bram Fischer Road (Ordinance Road). Continue until you reach Durban central.



Welcome to Durban Central Tourism

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM AT DURBAN CENTRAL TOURISM ORGANISATION

The face of the Durban Central Region has changed dramatically over the past few years due to massive investment in infrastructure upgrades that have transformed Durban into a world-class city, praised by its citizens and visitors alike.

The top five attractions located in the Durban Central Region include uShaka Marine World, Moses Mabhida Stadium, Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Suncoast Casino, Hotels and Entertainment and the Golden Mile and have all helped Durban to receive global recognition and numerous accolades.

We are a growing urban setting – rich in diversity, cultural amenities and outdoor recreational opportunities but it would be foolish to think that these are the only activities that this region has to offer. There is so much more to do in the Central Durban Region and no matter what your interests are, you will find a range of activities to keep you more than busy during your stay here.

If it is culture and history you are interested in, our City is a rich tapestry of religion, beliefs and heritage and you will find that we represent the history of South Africa in all its intricacies.

Welcome to Durban. We hope that you have a fabulous stay in the Central Durban Region and that you discover some of our unique and varied activities.

From the Team at Durban Central Tourism Organisation



About Durban Central Tourism

The vibrant city of Durban is a holiday destination that easily rivals other top cities in the world. It is an eclectic fusion of cultures and architectural styles that blend old with new, traditional rikshas, bunny chows and curry, Indian markets, beautiful sandy beaches that offer safe swimming in temperate waters, and sub-tropical weather that promises sunshine virtually all year round.

Durban beachfront has been revived with wide, clean streets that lead easily into the heart of the city, reliable and regular public transport, its own Metro Police force, museums, shopping outlets, theatre, and sights and sounds to keep you entertained for days.

The International Convention Centre, a world-class example of modern architecture that lies between the beachfront and downtown, and across from the Exhibition Centre, has placed Durban on the international conference map and draws business travellers from far and wide.

The Edwardian neo-baroque City Hall, built in 1910 and modelled on the city hall in Belfast, houses the Natural Science Museum, the main library and the Durban Art Gallery.

There's the Victoria Street Market – the original Indian Market with a facelift – humming Grey Street with its array of silks, saris and street hawkers, the largest mosque in the southern hemisphere, uShaka Marine World and the Point development, a waterfront mixture of retail and apartment complexes close to the harbour mouth.

Durban central is just a half-hour drive from the King Shaka International Airport. A short walk from the Durban ICC will take delegates to the stunning beachfront, tourist attractions and some of the city's top hotels.

The Golden Mile at night featuring the iconic Moses Mabhida Stadium.



Shopping, wining and dining

Victoria Street Market

Venture down to the Victoria Street Market on the corner of Queen and Victoria Streets in Durban Central and step into a sensory explosion of Afro-Indian culture. Here the smell of incense and spices pervades the atmosphere where over 180 traders sell their produce. You will find all manner of delightful food and spices, including a fish market, one of South Africa's premier tourist destinations that is rich in culture and heritage. Experience the hustle and bustle of one of the oldest markets in Durban, featuring a large variety of bags, spices, Chinese wholesale goods, brassware, cellphones, African artwork, curios and much more. Further down is the clothing mecca of Grey Street (Dr Yusuf Dadoo Street), where you will find typical Indian architecture, narrow lanes, colonnades over pavements and an array of fabric shops. Open Monday to Saturday 08:00 – 18:00; Sunday and public holidays 10:00 – 16:00.

Wilson's Wharf

With its incomparable harbour views, Wilson's Wharf is Durban's trendiest fusion of fun food, top shows and crafts, blended with the rustic interface of a boating marina and working slipways. Shops contain a wide range of crafts and speciality items, while the 165-seat intimate Catalina Theatre brings shows to Durban's only stage with bay vistas. The Marina offers deep-sea fishing charters daily, or visitors may take their pick of the catch-of-the-day from a full range of seafood at the wharf-side fresh fish market.

Wilson's Wharf seems to hover over the water.

The Workshop Centre

The Workshop is an iconic, heritage-rich building embraced in the vibrant heart of the CBD. It was transformed from a railway workshop originally built in 1860 into a modern shopping centre. Safety upgrades, expansion and rigorous renovations have restored, replenished and shaken off the dust to reveal a brand new shopping experience. The character and charm of a bygone era is complemented by state-of-the-art finishes, resulting in a remarkable contrast of vintage and vogue. In addition to a wide choice of luxury brands, top national retailers and popular eateries, The Workshop boasts the largest curio shop in South Africa.

City View

Nestled just outside the heart of Durban's city centre, the City View Shopping Centre, formerly known as Game City, underwent a dramatic revamp and now boasts a stunning modern finish and improved shopping experience, offering 18 000m² of prime retail space.

Musgrave Shopping Centre

Musgrave Centre offers a unique, cosmopolitan shopping experience for the discerning buyer in search of the best that is available – from decor shops to boutiques that stock the latest fashions. The elegant restaurants and cafés on all three shopping levels offer delectable refreshments as well as top quality service, and patrons can take in a movie on the upper level. One of the most attractive malls in Durban, Musgrave Centre is classy but certainly hasn't lost its intimate feel.



The Victoria Street Market is a sensory sensation!

Musgrave Centre's sophisticated and modern exterior.



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Windermere Shopping Centre

Windermere Centre has been a firm favourite among Morningside residents for many years as a meeting place and shopping destination catering for just about every need. The centre offers shoppers a mix of retailers that provide for day-to-day necessities as well as life's little luxuries. Windermere Centre underwent an extensive renovation a few years back and is very accessible, and free parking makes shopping a breeze. Several entrances and exits welcome pedestrians and the installation of a lift makes visiting multiple shops extremely convenient, with or without a trolley. There are offices situated at the centre and residential flats above the shopping mall. As a result, Windermere Centre has become a landmark in Durban and a regular meeting place for the community.

Durban Car Boot Fleamarket

The Car Boot Fleamarket is the oldest of its kind in the city of Durban, having been established in 1992. It is situated on the old circus site behind the Greyville Racecourse and offers plenty of free parking for those wanting to peruse the many stalls. It is also kept safe and secure by experienced security personnel. It is a great option for the thrifty buyer. This market is open every Sunday from the early morning.

Welcome to Florida Road!

Durban's vibrant culinary destination steeped in rich history... Every city has that one place with that vibe. Bars, restaurants open till late, a taste for every palette, a rich tapestry of cultures. And, in South Africa, that rainbow diversity that still has the Madiba magic. In Durban, that's Florida Road!

Once a path walked by elephants 170 years ago on their way to their drinking hole, Florida Road is now an architectural marvel. It's Edwardian style houses turned restaurants, coffee shops, designer homeware stores, hair salons, hotels and other businesses give this street its own unique character.

This community of diverse eateries stretches over 2km and is teeming with the best restaurants Durban has to offer.

Need to just sip on great coffee and watch the world go by? Florida Road is your spot. Looking for halaal? It boasts some of the city's best of that too. It's the place to be!



Windermere Centre has been a firm favourite among Morningside residents.


Durban Florida Road.

DBN FLORIDA ROAD

Night life experience

Despite its laid-back approach to life, Durban boasts a pretty impressive nightlife scene. From chilled cocktail lounges to banging nightclubs and from live music to chilled bars, a night out caters to a variety of tastes and can be enjoyed all over the city and surrounding suburbs. The key areas include: Florida Road and Windermere Road in Morningside, which offer a great variety of restaurants in street cafe settings and very vibey pubs and clubs. The Victoria Embankment refers to the area around Durban's Harbour where numerous restaurants cater for all tastes in a beautiful setting. The uShaka Marine World complex and the Beachfront have restaurants and pubs that adjoin Durban's impressive promenade.

The Moses Mabhida Stadium is a stylish beacon at night.

A man and a woman are seated at a table in a restaurant, smiling and clinking wine glasses. The woman has long dark hair and is wearing a white lace top. The man has short dark hair and is wearing a light-colored blazer over a white shirt. The table is set with plates of food, including a salad and a dish with bread, along with glasses of wine and a small pitcher. The background is softly blurred, showing warm lighting and framed pictures on the wall.

Durban boasts all manner of eateries – from sophisticated fine dining establishments to cosy bistros and street cafés.

Attractions

UShaka Marine World

The fifth largest aquarium in the world. The water theme park offers a world of water rides, oceanarium, dolphin, seal and penguin shows, shopping, a Kids World, live shows, beach and activities.

Moses Mabhida Stadium

The Moses Mabhida Stadium, built to host the 2010 World Cup games, is one of the country's top sport and concert venues. Its modern architecture and massive arch set it apart on the Durban waterfront. Enjoy a segway gliding tour starting from the Moses Mabhida Stadium along the promenade and back again.

Durban Botanic Gardens

Famous for the specimen of cycad that is still widely acknowledged as probably the rarest plant in the world.

Suncoast Casino, Hotels and Entertainment

Durban's top entertainment attraction. Offering live events, entertainment, family fun, movies, dining and thrills on Durban's Golden Mile.

South Beach, Durban

South Beach lies close to Addington Hospital, and to Durban's trendy Point area – now a revived development of waterways, upmarket apartments, shops and office space. There is even a small craft harbour at Vetch's Pier. The waterways are now in use by boats and gondolas, bringing to mind, particularly at night, an element of Venice.

The magnificent Moses Mabhida Stadium with Suncoast Casino, Hotels and Entertainment complex in the foreground.



The historical Botanical Gardens are a welcome oasis of greenery in the bustling city of Durban.





Relax on the grassy banks in front of New Beach.



uShaka Marine World.



The recently expanded Suncoast Casino, Hotels and Entertainment complex is Durban's premier entertainment venue.

Events and entertainment

Durban International Convention Centre

The Durban ICC has been voted Africa's Leading Conference Centre for six consecutive years by the World Travel Awards and in 2004 was also ranked as one of the top 10 conference centres in the world by AIPC. Its proven track record is unrivalled in Africa. A focal point of the Durban Central business district, and just a quarter of an hour from the airport, Durban's

ICC is just minutes from Durban hotels and beaches. It is a purpose-built, fully air-conditioned centre with three convention halls that are interlinked but separate. Moveable walls allow for a number of different venue configurations. Alternatively, the halls can be opened up to form one large venue with seating for 5 000 delegates or 7 000m² of column-free floor space.

The multiple award-winning Durban ICC.



Olive Convention Centre

The revamped Olive Convention Centre is a multi-purpose complex located behind the Golden Mile and comprises a convention centre, exhibition halls and meeting rooms.

The Riksha Bus

Hopping on the Riksha Bus is a convenient way of exploring the City's offerings where one is able to enjoy scenic overviews of a range of Durban's major attractions. Currently, the bus conducts daily tours of the Durban Central region where visitors are informed by experienced tourist guides about the rich history, culture, heritage and a variety of other activities and events in the City.

A sky bar offers unforgettable views of the harbour.



The Riksha Bus affords unique views and informative commentary on Durban's attractions.



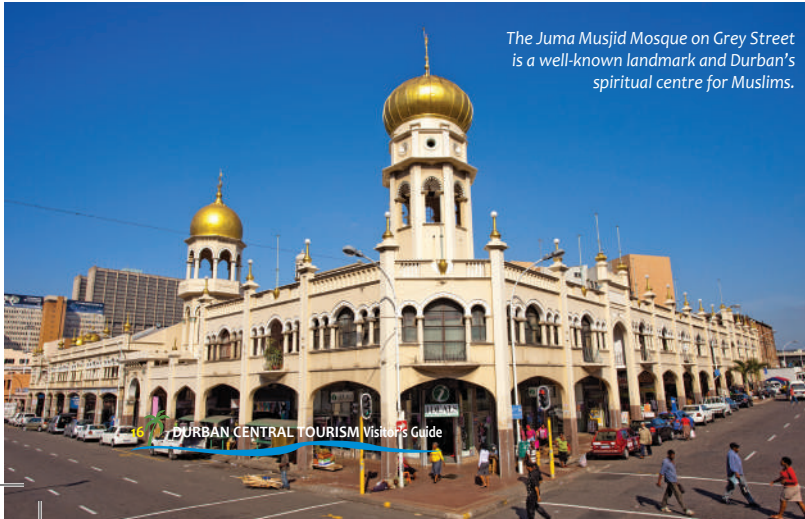
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Discover Inner City Jewels Walking Tour in Durban

Uncover the little-known treasures of Durban on a 3/4-hour insider walking tour with a savvy guide. Explore pathways, hidden alleys and busking streets of the busy inner city. Tantalise your taste buds with the tastes and flavours of the world-renowned Spice Emporium. You'll see top attractions like the Victorian Street Market and neighbourhood gems like the Juma Masjid Mosque. As you walk, you'll learn the history of this contemporary city and its ancient Indian roots and rich culture.

Durban City Tour

See for yourself why Durban is one of the most visited places in South Africa on this four-hour tour of the city. Start your tour with stunning views of the Indian Ocean as you ride along the Golden Mile. Then visit the markets in Warwick Triangle and Moses Mabhida Stadium. Along the way, see the popular Durban Harbour, one of South Africa's busiest ports. Other must-see spots of the day include the Durban Botanic Gardens and City Hall.



Riksha pullers lend a unique flavour to the Durban Beachfront.



The Golden Mile

The Golden Mile runs roughly from South Beach (uShaka Marine World) to Suncoast Casino in the north in a perfect gilded stretch of sea and sun.

Longer than a mile, it's the best place to do an early morning beach run, rollerblade or cycle à la Ipanema Beach. Or you could rent a bike for one or two hours from Xpression on the Beach.

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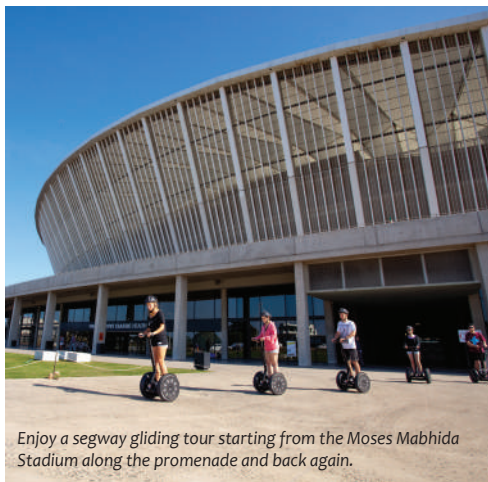
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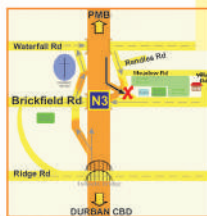
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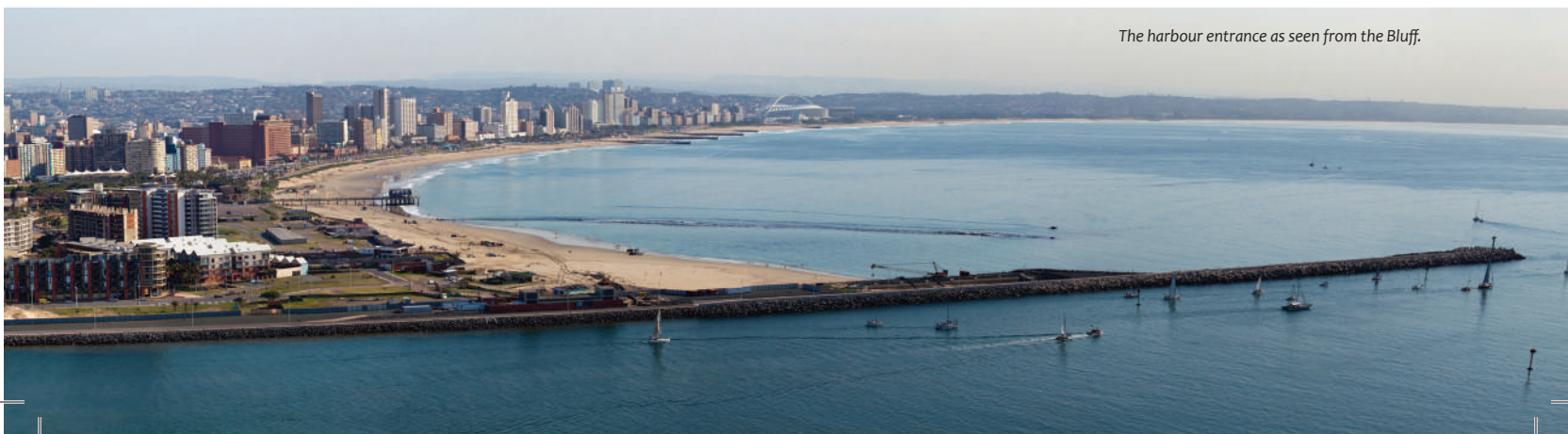
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