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South African Durban 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.

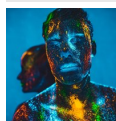


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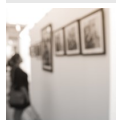
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THE CITY



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Third in population to only Cape Town and Johannesburg, Durban (or Durbs, as the city is often casually referred to) is known for its mix of African, colonial European and Indian influences. The local Indian community outnumbers any other outside of India, to which the neighbourhoods of Phoenix, Chatsworth and Tongaat with their Indian eateries and shops serve as testament. The northern suburbs are known as the refined home of resort hotels and fine dining restaurants, Umlazi and KwaMashu are African-dominated, while the Durban downtown brings bits of them all together forging a heterogeneous representation of Africa itself.

With first-class beaches stretching all along Durban's coastline, it is, perhaps, little surprise that much of local recreation centers around water sports - surfing in particular. Places like South Beach and New Pier see the highest concentration of surfers, although nearly anywhere along the Golden Mile (as well as a few beaches both north and south of the central area) delivers good waves, especially so in February, the surfing high season.

Durban also boasts thriving nightlife and cultural scenes - places like the BAT Center strive to support local creatives and provide a platform for them to showcase artistic work, and evenings see local bars fill up with buzzing guests, who

later head on to Durban's gqom-playing clubs to dance to the genre's infectious rhythms late 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 incredible aquatic entertainment complex combines thrill water rides with one of the world's largest collections of marine animals, some of which (such as seals and dolphins) visitors are welcome to come into close contact with. The uShaka Beach offers free entry. Several on-site companies provide diving courses, kayak hire, boat rides and similar.

Photo: Jan-Nor Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 King Shaka Ave, Point, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm
Phone: +27 31 328 8000
Internet: www.ushakamarineworld.co.za

The Golden Mile & Beaches



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. Beware of strong currents and keep away from pier sides.

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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 hot spots.

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Moses Mabhida Stadium

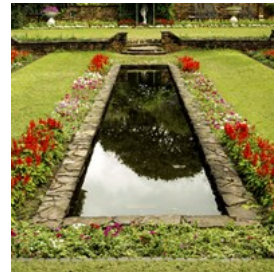


The state-of-the art stadium continues to attract guests long after the 2010 World Cup it was originally built to host. A SkyCar takes

visitors to the panoramic viewing platform at the stadium's very top (walking up the several hundred stairs on foot is another alternative), and 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 Rd, Stamford Hill, Durban
Phone: +27 31 582 8222
Internet: www.mmstadium.com

Durban Botanic Gardens

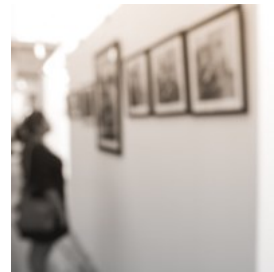


The Botanic Gardens are a welcome green retreat, which, at nearly 150 years old, is the continent's oldest botanic garden. Apart from its

impressive collection of cycads and orchids, the garden is known for hosting various cultural events and concerts, being perfect picnic grounds and having a relaxing on-site tea garden.

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Address: 70 St Thomas Rd, Musgrave, Durban
Phone: +27 31 322 4000
Internet: www.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 artifacts 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 Rd, Berea, Durban

Phone: +27 31 260 1723

Internet: <http://campbell.ukzn.ac.za>

Umgeni River Bird Park



The 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 from Tuesday to Sunday (check the website for schedules).

Photo: Operation Shooting/Shutterstock.com

Address: Riverside Rd, Durban North, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +27 31 579 4600

Internet: www.urbp.co.za

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: lightphoto/Shutterstock.com

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

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), as well as shop for authentic South African crafts. The on-site bay view bar is a hit with regulars.

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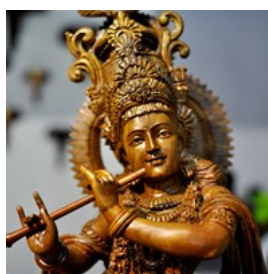
Address: 45 Maritime Place, Durban

Phone: +27 31 332 0451

Internet: www.batcentre.co.za

More Info: Victoria Embankment

Hare Krishna Temple of Understanding



A short drive west of central Durban lies the curious lotus-shaped temple run by the local Society for Krishna Consciousness. Entry is free and granted to all (provided their shoes remain outdoors), this includes 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 Bhaktivendanta Swami Cir, Westcliff, Durban

Phone: +27 31 403 3328

Internet: www.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 Pl, Harbour, Durban

Phone: +27 31 940 4628

Internet: www.9thavewaterside.co.za

Email: info@9thavewaterside.co.za

Olive and 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

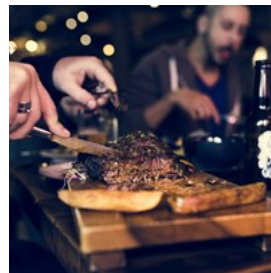
Address: 149 Helen Joseph Rd, Glenwood

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 Rd, Morningside, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-9pm

Phone: +27 31 312 8248

Internet: www.butcherboysgrill.co.za

Havana Grill



Havana Grill serves some of the finest steaks in town (with meat carefully processed at the in-house butchery) and 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: North Beach, Durban

Phone: +27 31 337 1305

Internet: www.havanagrill.co.za

More Info: Suncoast Casino

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: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Bell St, Point, Durban

Phone: +27 31 328 8065

More Info: uShaka Marine World

Govinda's



Located on-site of the Hare Krishna Temple of Understanding, Govinda's is a purely vegetarian restaurant that caters to both devotees and outsiders. No garlic or onion are used in food preparation, which does not prevent the restaurant from having dedicated return customers.

Photo: vm2002/Shutterstock.com

Address: 72 Pandora St, Longcroft, Durban

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-5pm

Phone: +27 31 507 6559

More Info: Located at Hare Krishna Temple of Understanding

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 Rd, Berea, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +27 31 201 1121

Internet: www.littleindiarestaurant.co.za

Rainbow Restaurant & Jazz Club



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 Ln, New Germany, Pinetown

Phone: +27 31 702 9161

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.

Here's a list of the best cafes in Durban:

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 simply dessert. Bread is hand-formed and made with organic rye. Eggs Benedict served on Saturdays, and buckwheat blinis are a Sunday special.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 398 Esther Roberts Rd, Glenwood Durban
Phone: +27 31 205 0217
Internet: www.glenwoodbakery.co.za
Email: adam.jn.robinson@gmail.com

Circus Circus Beach Cafe



The sweet waterfront cafe is a popular breakfast spot (there are currently a total of 5 locations around Durban), with several delicious yet incredibly affordable choose 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
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 Rd, Durban
Phone: +27 31 209 2020

Spiga



With its unbeatable location in Durban's Florida Road, 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: 200 Florida Road, Durban
Phone: +27 31 303 9511

Milky Lane



Milky Lane's several locations across Durban serve decadent ice creams (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: Shop U01B Suncoast Casino Entertainment Centre
Cnr Snell Parade &, 20 Battery Beach Rd, Durban
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-12am, Fri-Sat 9am-4am
Phone: +27 31 332 1849
Internet: <https://milkylane.co.za>
Email: info@milkylane.co.za
More Info: Located at Suncoast Casino, Hotels and Entertainment

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: Mackeurtan Ave, Durban North, Durban
Phone: +27 31 563 2599
More Info: Woolworths Centre

Cafe Jiran



Beachfront Cafe Jiran serves some of the best coffees on the promenade, with multiple delectable food options to compliment 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: 151 Snell Parade, North Beach, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 6.30am-10pm
Phone: +27 31 332 4485
Internet: www.cafejiran.co.za

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: Sun-Thu 6:30am-5pm, Fri-Sat 6:30am-6pm
Phone: +27 62 747 7037

Vida e Caffè



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

Photo: Ko Backpacko/Shutterstock.com

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

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +27 31 023 0331

Internet: <https://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.

Here are some of the best bars and nightclubs in Durban:

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 (give their take on Italian "aranchini" a try), and brunch specials.

Photo: michelangelo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Station Dr, Morningside, Berea

Phone: +27 87 941 4540

Internet: www.distillery031.com

Club 101



One of the city's favourite haunts for gqom-lovers, Club 101 is a popular local hot-spot that teems with party-goers 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 St, Durban

Phone: +27 31 368 4084

Cubana 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

cuisine, a wide array of cocktails, and has an on-site cigar lounge to complete the Cuban experience.

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Address: 128 Florida Rd, Windermere, Durban

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2am

Phone: +27 31 303 4383

Internet: www.cubana.co.za

Havana Music Cafe



The low-key cafe is a bar by day and dance club by night. Join local party-goers 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 Rd, Durban
Phone: +27 31 301 1406

Under The Moon



A few kilometers away from the town centre centre lies Under The Moon, another popular evening venue for those who do not mind taking a short trip outside the city limits. The lounge regularly hosts DJs, serves high-quality food and drink, and has an outdoor dance floor.

Photo: Uber Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Curnick Ndlovu Hwy, Shembes Village, Inanda
Phone: +27 82 888 3444
Internet: www.underthemoon.co.za

Egagasini



The beachfront Egagasini is a restaurant, bar, and lounge all at once. Started a few dealendes 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 RnB fill the air.

Photo: Here/Shutterstock.com
Address: 4/6 Gillespie St, Durban

Phone: +27 79 539 3777
Internet: www.egagasini.co.za

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 a changing line-up of DJs.

Photo: dwphotos/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Peace Rd, Umlazi, Durban
Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am
Phone: +27 31 906 1395
Internet: www.eyadiniumlazi.co.za

The Panorama Bar



Elangeni 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: 63 Snell Parade, Durban
Phone: +27 31 362 1300
More Info: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani

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.

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Address: 5 Park Lane, Parkside Umhlanga Rocks
Phone: +27 84 567 2565
Internet: www.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 work 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 St, Durban
Internet: www.8ms.co.za

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: Pavilion, Westville, Durban
Phone: +27 31 265 1292
Internet: www.thespace.co.za

I Heart Market



Each first Saturday of the month sees a raucous gathering of street food, clothing, and jewellery vendors at Moses Mabhida Stadium. Items on sale will equally suit a plethora of different tastes, from casual to more sophisticated ones.

Photo: Keith Levit/Shutterstock.com

Address: Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban

Opening hours: Saturdays 9am-2pm

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 colorful trinkets. It's a great place to pick up inexpensive souvenirs to bring home. Hagglng is acceptable.

Photo: Megan Snedden/Shutterstock.com

Address: 151-55 Bertha Mkhize St, Durban

Phone: +27 31 306 4021

Gateway Theatre of Shopping



Just a few kilometers north of Durban lies the fittingly named Gateway Theatre of Shopping. It is, reportedly, on of the subcontinent's best one-stop shopping centers, 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 Blvd, Umhlanga Ridge, Umhlanga

Phone: +27 31 514 0500

Internet: www.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.

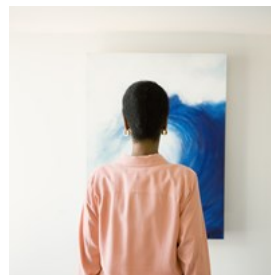
Photo: Happy Stock Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 48a Florida Rd, Durban

Phone: +27 31 303 9214

Internet: www.ikesbooks.com

African Art Centre



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

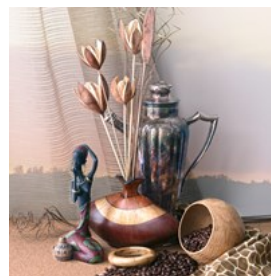
Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 94 Florida Rd, Windermere, Durban

Phone: +27 31 312 3804

Internet: www.afriart.org.za

Cécile and Boyd



The tasteful designs showcased at Durban's installment of the interior design boutique Cécile and 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.

Photo: AllaR15/Shutterstock.com

Address: 253 Florida Rd, Morningside, Durban

Phone: +27 31 303 1005

Internet: www.cecileandboyds.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Durban International Airport



The airport, located about 35km away from downtown Durban, serves both national and international destinations. Shuttle

buses operated by multiple companies run between the airport and multiple locations across town, making stops at several hotels and areas popular with tourists. The shuttle can also be used as a means of public transportation within the city.

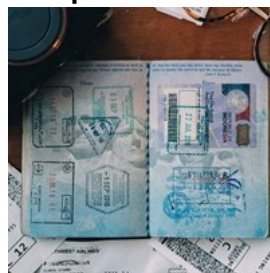
Photo: Juan Garces

Address: King Shaka Dr, 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



A local means of leisurely transport is the colorful, man-pulled rickshaw - a part of the local culture as much as a way of getting around. The

Durban People Mover shuttle operates on several routes (from uShaka Marine World to Suncoast Casino, with stops along the way and in the downtown area) and runs from early morning until 10pm daily. Tickets may be purchased on board.

Mynah bus service runs to residential areas and stops at several location outside downtown - North and South Beaches, Botanic Gardens, Kensington Road and further locations.

Aqualine buses run to the metropolitan area.

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Taxi



Make sure the taxi you're taking uses meter. Some reliable local 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



There are multiple pharmacies across Durban. Alpha Pharm has several locations around the city: 189 Dr Yusuf Dadoo St/104 Smiso

Nkwanyana Rd/55 Gillespie St, South Beach and more.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Post



There are several post offices across town. Post boxes are red in color.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 290 West St, Durban
Phone: +27 31 305 7521
Internet: www.postoffice.co.za

Telephone

+27 - South Africa code
31 - Durban city code



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220/230 volts, 50 HZ



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

595,061

Currency

South African rand = 100 cents

Opening hours

General business hours re from 8-9am to 5-6pm during weekdays, with a shorter day on Saturdays. Some businesses work half-day Sundays.

Emergency numbers

National Emergency Response: 10111

Tourist information

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