

Discover Durban

Get to know one of Africa's hidden gems!

Located on the east coast of South Africa, in the province of KwaZulu Natal, Durban is one of Africa's hidden gems that is yet to be discovered by most travelers. The city lies at the mouth of the Umgeni River, demarcating parts of Durban's north city limit. Other parts of the river flow through the city itself, giving it a charming and picturesque look. Durban has a natural harbour, Durban Harbour, which is the busiest port in South Africa and is the 4th-busiest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Durban is an ethnically diverse city, with a cultural richness, mixed beliefs and traditions. [Zulus](#) form the largest ethnic group. There's also a large number of people of [British](#) and [Indian](#) descent. The influence of Indians in Durban has been significant and is felt nowadays as a variety of cuisine, culture and religion was brought by them.

You can book in advance a safe and convenient trip from King Shaka International Airport towards your accommodation in the city. To reserve a transfer, just fill in your details and ensure a hassle-free arrival in Durban.

[Book a transfer](#)

While Durban offers an incredible array of experiences, we find it crucial to provide you with some practical advise to ensure a pleasant and worry-free visit:

- To facilitate easy transportation, buses will be

available in the mornings and afternoons, shuttling participants from their official hotels directly to the WSPID 2023 congress venue. This service ensures a hassle-free journey for all attendees.

- When exploring Durban, we recommend traveling in groups or using licensed taxis to ensure a secure experience. By staying together, you can create a sense of camaraderie and enjoy the city's attractions while minimizing any potential risks. Utilizing authorized taxi services offers an additional layer of safety, providing peace of mind as you navigate the city.
- When preparing for your journey to Durban, it is crucial to prioritize the safety of your essential documents. This encompasses safeguarding your passport, travel insurance, as well as any required visas or travel permits. To ensure their protection, it is advisable to create copies of these documents and store them separately from the originals in a secure location.

Durban is a vibrant metropolis, and like any major city, it's important to exercise caution and be aware of your surroundings:

- Stay alert and be mindful of your belongings at all times.
- Avoid displaying valuable items openly, keeping them securely stored.
- Use well-lit and populated areas when walking at night.
- Follow local laws and regulations to ensure a trouble-free stay.
- Familiarize yourself with emergency contact numbers and keep them readily accessible. The emergency number for South Africa is: **112**
- Be cautious when withdrawing money from ATMs, especially at night or in isolated areas.

Experiences

Overland Tours

Visitors are invited to explore the warmth and hospitality in every corner, connecting with the diverse range of captivating cultures and local traditions. The local inhabitants are eager to reveal the natural wonders of the land, immerse you in Africa's unique spirit, offer up-close encounters with majestic wildlife, and guide you on an extraordinary voyage through the historical tapestry of this region.

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Half day and day tours

Durban exudes vibrant urban energy, encompassing a blend of design, art, music, and culinary delights, all enriched by captivating cultural influences. An array of experiences awaits, from breathtaking mountain landscapes to tranquil country meanders, and an abundance of other compelling nearby attractions.

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Durban offers everything for every taste! Here you can find a variety of fun activities – from family outings and tours to extreme sports. Take a look at a couple of suggestions for the best excitement that Durban has to offer!

The Beachfront Amusement Park

At Durban Funworld we provide safe and secure entertainment for the whole family. Park on the Marine Parade and

spend the day enjoying all the fun of the Amusement Park. The Cable Car provides a scenic view of the Durban beachfront while the older kids can have fun on the Breakdance and Swingboat. The little ones can enjoy themselves on the Elephant Ride or Carousel, just to mention a few.

Moses Mabhida Stadium

Feeling adventurous? Then enjoy the 550 steps adventure walk to the top of the Moses Mabhida Stadium Arch. 106 m above the pitch, you can enjoy a beautiful 360 degree view of Durban. You can also enjoy a guided tour of the stadium or a Segway gliding tour.

uShaka Marine World

Being amongst the largest aquariums in the world uShaka Marine World is the most exciting place to visit in the city of Durban. uShaka Marine is Everything you've always look forward to when it comes to fun by the sea. With so much to offer from the mysteries of the ocean, the thrill of Wet 'n Wild, a kiddies play paradise, all new Chimp & Zee Rope adventure Park and non-stop entertainment.

Suncoast Casino and Entertainment World

Situated on the magnificent Golden Mile, this world class Casino and entertainment complex includes a wide selection of restaurants, bars, cinemas, amphitheatre, entertainment areas for

children and a beautiful private beach which has been rated one of the finest in the country.

**And that's not all!
Durban has so much more to offer! Take a look at a couple of useful links we have collected for you to help you plan your stay easily and comfortably!**

Tours & Experiences

[Adventure and Wildlife](#)

[Culture and Heritage](#)

[Food and Lifestyle](#)
[Durban City Walking Tours](#)
[Clermont Township Tours](#)

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