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FERDALE RD
If you're a fan of picnics and ducks, MITCHELL PARK might be the patch of grass for you

275
Grab a quart and a bunny chow while watching the game over at HOUSE OF CURRIES

219
Grab some pub grub and down a Black Irish at DROP KICK MURPHY'S

200
Industrial strength beer on tap meets understated, yet unforgettable, design. Welcome to SIDEBAR

200
Better tasting pasta than cousin Vinny serves up. Get good Italian at SPIGA D'ORA. Capiche?

198
Get great service and build your own burrito for a price a struggling artist could afford at EL HOMBRE

90
Check out the DURBAN TOURISM OFFICES for more tips

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ST. MARY'S AVENUE
Our inhouse FREEDOM CAFÉ serves bright, breezy breakfasts and lunches

Get all the Instagram love, with the view of Durban from the MOSES MABHIDA SKY CAR
9AM-5PM

Tire the kids out by taking them to the PEOPLE'S PARK play area, while you grab a cuppa at the café

Take an afternoon stroll along Stamford Hill Road for surf clothing brands at bargain prices

STATION DRIVE PRECINCT
Durban's creative hub, with a burger bar/brewery, a gin distillery & multiple artisanal shops & coffespots.

The first Saturday of each month Moses Mabhida hosts I HEART MARKET for food, lounging and browsing. A market-must!

Rent a bike at BIKE AND BEAN and get your pedal power on for the best way to discover the Golden Mile

SUNCOAST CASINO... all the vibe of Vegas with a winning sea view instead of a desert!

175
Any way you slice it, nothing beats a thin crust BLUE DOLPHIN pizza at the coast, under an African sun

Have breakfast at Durban's premium people-watching spot, CIRCUS CIRCUS BEACH CAFÉ

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Sweeping views of the beachfront and an extensive menu at the ELANGENI PANORAMA BAR & POOL DECK

The grub at AFROS is amazing - fresh ingredients and cooked to order. You won't find a better chicken burger

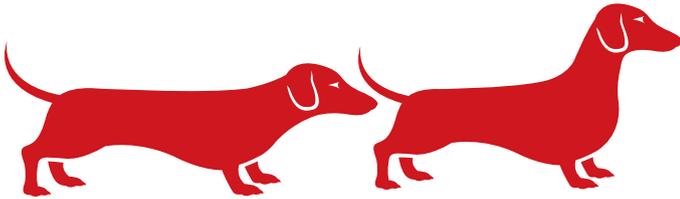
Weekends are the perfect time for live reggae music, cold beers and stronger cocktails - only at WAHOZI!

Swim with sharks, watch dolphins leap through hoops, rub noses with fish... that sort of thing at USHAKA AQUARIUM

WELCOME TO THE HOOD



NICE TO
MEET
YOU



HELLO & WELCOME

This guide offers a quirky overview of really useful stuff for the Durban visitor - such as where to pick up an oil painting, spot a rhino, travel in a sky car or taste Asian whisky...

NEED TO KNOWS

The stuff your travel agent should have told you.

- If you see bluebottles or jellyfish washed up on the beach, stay out of the water – those guys sting worse than a bee and leave a mark.
- From October to February be prepared to sweat. March? More heat, less rain. April through September: Clear skies all the way, except for the odd cold front.
- Drive on the left hand side of the road. Only!
- Don't flash your camera or smartphone around in front of those less fortunate than you are – they might decide to make it their own.
- Everything moves slower in Durban; just breathe deeply and let it slide. You're on holiday so there's no rush, right?

LUCKY NUMBERS

Please keep them on hand

COUNTRY DIALING CODE: +27
AREA CODE: 31

EMERGENCY

POLICE: 10111
AMBULANCE: 10177
FIRE AND AMBULANCE: 031 361 0000
SEA RESCUE: 031 361 8567

MONEY

AMERICAN EXPRESS FOREIGN
EXCHANGE SERVICE: 031 301 5541
031 301 0234 (after hours)
RENNIES TRAVEL AND FOREIGN
EXCHANGE REGIONAL OFFICE: 031 307 2625

MEDICAL

ENTABENI HOSPITAL: 031 204 1300
EMERGENCY CHEMIST: 031 207 3946
031 563 8483 (after hours)

TRANSPORT

KING SHAKA INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT: 032-436-6758
TAXI – ZIPPY CABS: 031 202 7067 /
Airport transfer approx R450 031 202 7068
MYNAH BUS: 031 309 4126
TOURISM KWA-ZULU NATAL: 031 366 7500

UBER CODE: DOGTOWN

Airport transfer approx R270. Ask at reception for information.



WHAT'S THE BEAT ON THE STREET?

Wine me, dine me and carry me home.

EATS

FREEDOM CAFÉ

42 St. Mary's Avenue, Greyville

Breakfast: Mon to Sun 7AM - 4PM. Lunch: Mon to 7AM - 6PM

Tel: 031 309 4453

The Concierge's inhouse café, based in a converted shipping container. Bright and breezy outdoor eating with an imaginative menu.

VINTAGE INDIA

32 Second Avenue

Lunch: 12AM - 3PM. Dinner: 18PM - 22:30PM

Tel: 031 309 5647

Literally just down the road, Vintage has a menu ranging from traditional North Indian to Goan and Hydrabadi. You can almost smell the kebabs from here...

AFRO'S CHICKEN

South Beach

7AM - 5PM

Tel: 078 509 8276

Look for the bright yellow Philippe Starck version of a tin shack, complete with wooden deck. The grub at Afro's is amazing - fresh ingredients and cooked to order. You won't find a better chicken burger!

THE BIKE & BEAN

Country Club Beach

6AM - 6PM

Tel: 082 773 6870

A must for out-of-towners, and not just for the awesome coffee and sea views. You can also hire bicycles and ride, all the way down Durban's magnificently-designed seafront promenade to uShaka Marine World and back again. An easy, exhilarating little journey.

SURF RIDERS FOOD SHACK

17 Erskine Terrace, Addington Beach

7AM - 5PM

Tel: 071 376 8684

Great vibe, sea views and cocktails. Foodwise, check out the camembert burger, a true explosion of flavour. We hear that the eggs benedict also gets a big thumbs-up from regulars.

PANORAMA BAR AND POOL DECK

Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel, 63 Snell Parade

9AM - 11PM

Tel: 031 362 1300

Picture 180° views of Durban's sweeping central beachfront, an extensive all-day menu (hop onto the bunny chow) and your favourite tippie or fresh fruit juice on hand. Bliss.

THE BOILER ROOM

Lion Match Factory

Mon to Fri 7:30AM - 3:30PM. Sat 8AM - 2PM

Tel: 031 312 9134

Owned by the guys behind Durban institution 9th Ave Bistro, this daytime-only venue at the historic Lion match factory is ideal for a quick nibble and catch up, or for canteen food with more 'go' in it. Sunny with lots of elbow room.

S43

The Foundry, 43 Station Drive Precinct

Wed & Thurs 3PM - 12PM. Fri & Sat 12AM - 12PM

Tel: 072 196 3107

So-called for its street address, at 43 Station Drive in the city's new creative 'hood, S43 houses it's very own micro brewery. Treat yourself to a craft beer and burger at one of their German beer hall reminiscent long tables.

9TH AVE BISTRO

Avonmore Centre, 9th Avenue

Lunch: Tues to Fri 12AM - 2.30PM. Dinner: Mon to Sat 6PM - 9.30PM

Tel: 031 312 9134

Ranks among the top restaurants in SA. Head Chef Charlie Lakin serves up exquisitely-presented Bistro classics and cutting edge gastronomic creations. The menu is constantly evolving and there are regular pairings with leading wines from SA and abroad.

UNITY BAR & BRASSERIE

Silvervause Centre, Silverton Road

Mon to Thur 12AM - 22.30PM. Sat & Sun 12AM - 12PM

Tel: 031 201 3470

A cosy and eclectic bar/restaurant with a relaxed vibe and a value-for-money menu - ingredients sourced sustainably. Pop in for craft beer or cocktails and you'll probably stay to dine.



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GREEN PARROT JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Mackeurtan Avenue, Durban North

Tel: 031 564 2939

Affiliated to The Wok Box on the same popular culinary strip, this compact restaurant boasts impeccable service, incredible food and a great atmosphere. Treat yourself to a Tiger beer, Dragon fiery ginger beer or Nikka, the awarded Japanese whisky, at the Yakitori Bar.

UNION SQUARE

59 Adelaide Tambo, Durban North

11AM – 10PM

Tel: 031 563 0923

Enjoy the American-inspired 'fast-casual' vibe and funky DIY menu, which revolves around juicy burgers, wings, ribs and craft beer. Star of the show is the 'smash burger', with its US-style burger-patty 'smashed' on a flat-top grill. A weekend evening must.

OLD TOWN ITALY

39 Meridian Drive, Umhlanga

Monday to Sat 7AM – 7PM. SUN 7AM – 6PM

Tel: 031 566 5008

There's lots to see and try up north, including this 'authentic Italian market'. Go back to a time when life was enriched by fine food and conversation. Old Town is a unique combo of market-style deli, food counters and a fully-fledged restaurant.

GREEDY BUDDHA

Gateway Theatre of Shopping, Umhlanga

Tues to Sat 12AM – 3PM & 5PM till late. Sun 11AM – 4PM

Tel: 031 566 4383

An intriguing upmarket dining experience. The tasting menu will transport your taste buds around the world. Sample tom yum prawn bisque, citrus-cured salmon, kingklip dashi broth and, oh my, the vanilla crème brulee...

THE OYSTER BOX

2 Lighthouse Road, Umhlanga

Tel: 31 514 5018

The iconic jewel of the coast and a residence of choice for in-town celebs. Superb dining, cocktails and spa treatments await you, on the edge of the Indian Ocean. Look for the famous cat.

MARKETS

THE MORNING TRADE

Station Drive Precinct

Sun 8AM – 1PM

Durban's Sunday secret, where gourmants go for farm-fresh ingredients and artisan goods. It's a buzzy, social urban space where you can forage for fresh produce, top quality meats and delectable specialities.

I HEART DURBAN MARKET

Moses Mabhida Stadium

But wait, there's more. If you're staying with us at the right time - i.e. the first Saturday of the month - visit one of SA's largest design markets, where you can pick up locally-designed and truly unique jewellery, art, fashion, décor and accessories.

NIGHTLIFE

THE CHAIRMAN

146 Mahatma Gandhi Rd

Thur to Sat 7PM – 2AM

Tel: 078 387 1408

A suave ensemble of smooth whisky and even smoother jazz. You're unlikely to sniff out a more luxurious hangout this side of Sandton.

ORIGIN NIGHTCLUB

9 Clark Road, Glenwood

Open most Fridays & Saturdays, 8.30PM – close

Tel: 031 201 9959

Once a sedate hotel, now home to Durban's headiest entertainment venue. Set across three levels, it's a nocturnal wonderland with four dance floors, numerous chill-out areas and a rooftop garden for fresh air breaks.

LUCKY SHAKER COCKTAIL BAR

No.9B Mayfair On The Lake, 5 Park Lane, Parkside, Umhlanga

Mon to Sat 3.30PM – close

Tel: 078 450 6751

Contender for the best cocktails in KZN. Awash with quirky, pineapple-inspired décor, the Lucky Shaker artfully serves up drinks from the familiar to the classics, as well as a host of fresh inventions. Every week there's a new G&T and whiskey showcased, and the cocktails always use seasonal fruit.

THE DUTCH

Cnr. Lighthouse & Chartwell, Umhlanga Rocks

Tel: 083 455 4377

Trendy much? Then you'll love this stylish bar/music venue with its copper light fittings, Chesterfield couches and beautiful wooden fittings. Grub-wise, it's about oysters, sliders and tatakis, with craft beer, cocktails or coffee on hand.

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CULTURAL

IKE'S BOOKS & COLLECTIBLES

48A Florida Road

Mon to Fri 10AM - 5PM, Sat 9AM-2PM

Tel: 031 303 9214

Put your tablet aside for a mo' and explore Ike's massive collection of first editions and obscure reads. More like a museum than a bookshop, it will reward the curious browser for hours.

DURBAN ART GALLERY

City Hall, CBD

Mon to Sat 8AM - 4PM, Sun 11AM - 4PM

Tel: 031 3112264/9

A large municipal gallery with a permanent collection of Victorian and contemporary SA art. It's home to over 3 500 items including British, French and Dutch paintings, Chinese ceramics, glass vases by Lalique, bronzes by Rodin and works from local artists and craftspeople. The Natural History Museum is also downstairs.

EMMANUEL CATHEDRAL

48 Cathedral Rd

Built in 1902-1903, this grand building incorporates must-sees for this history buff, including the Stations of the Cross, a lavish organ imported in 1912 and the enchanting Chapel of Our Lady. Mass & Confession times are listed at www.emmanuelcathedral.org.za.

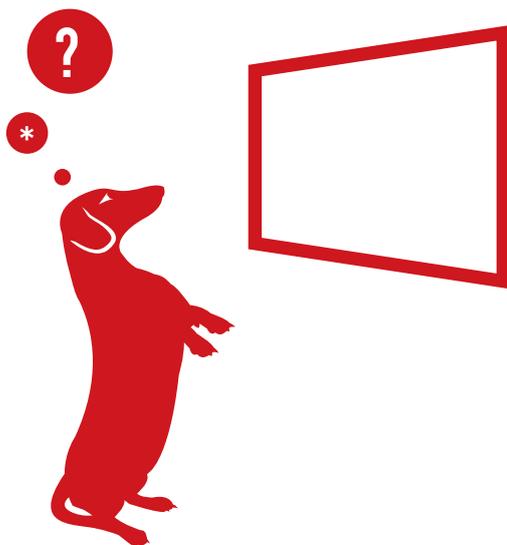
KZNSA

166 Bulwer Road

Tues to Sat 9AM - 5PM, Sun 9AM to 4PM

Tel: 031 277 1705

This much-loved gallery buzzes with regular exhibitions by feted artists, a gift shop and a fantastic indoors/outdoors breakfast, lunch and coffee vibe. Or you can just chase the pigeons.



KID FRIENDLY

MOSES MABHIDA PEOPLE'S PARK AND CAFÉ

Parking off Masabalala Yengwa (NMR) Ave

Mon to Fri 7AM - 5PM, Sat & Sun 7AM - 6PM

Tel: 031 303 7435

Durban's own 'mountain', the 2010 World Cup stadium, is a hit with both locals and tourists. Apart from the stadium's breathtaking Skycar and viewing platform, you can also chillax at the café, which serves hearty breakfasts, light meals and baked treats.

USHAKA MARINE WORLD

1 King Shaka Ave, Point

WET 'N WILD: Wed to Fri 10AM - 5PM, Sat to Sun 9AM - 5PM.

SEA WORLD: Mon to Sun 9AM - 5PM

Tel: 031 328 8000

What won't you find at Durban's 'Disneyland' - and Africa's no. 1 theme park? There's so much for families to do, from the award-winning Sea World (housed in a ship), to Wet & Wild water activities, Dangerous Creatures, dolphin shows and a zip line course. Go early; parking fills up fast.

UMNGENI RIVER BIRD PARK

490 Riverside Road, Durban North

9AM - 5PM

Tel: 031 579 4600

This sanctuary dramatically fills an old quarry, with 3.5 hectares of lush tropical landscaping housing more than 800 birds. One of the highlights is the 'free-flight' bird show, with its cast of feathery stars.

DURBAN BOTANICAL GARDENS

70 St Thomas Rd

Mon to Sat 8AM - 4PM, Sun 11AM - 4PM

Tel: 031 322 4000

A panorama of soaring treescapes, an orchid house, water features rich in birdlife and a nostalgia trip in the form of the gardens' kiosk - probably the only place in town where you can still order a humble yet satisfying Coke float.

SHOPPING

THE SPACE & SPACE MAN

Gateway - 1 Palm Boulevard,

Umlhanga Rocks

Mon to Thur 9AM - 7PM, Fri & Sat 9AM - 9PM, Sun 9AM - 6PM

Tel: 031 514 0500

Pavilion - Jack Martens Drive, Westville

9AM - 7PM

Tel: 031 275 9800

Browse seasonal collections by SA's hottest fashion designers and pick up the kind of quirky-but-fabulous décor and gifts you never see in chain stores. You'll happily lose yourself in these small but eclectically-stocked spaces.