

Activities in and around Port Elizabeth

Top Historical Activities

Donkin Heritage Trail

The Donkin Heritage Trail in Port Elizabeth is a 5 kilometre trail that follows in the footsteps of the 1820 Settlers, linking 47 historical sites in central Port Elizabeth. The Donkin Heritage Trail is a joy to anyone who loves historical tours, as the rich history is not only charming but quite fascinating.

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The Campanile

The Campanile was erected to commemorate the landing of the 1820 British Settlers. It is situated at the entrance to the railway station and harbour. The 53.5m Campanile contains a chiming clock and the largest carillon of bells in the country. The observation room can be reached by climbing a 204-step staircase, offering a magnificent view of the harbour and surroundings.
Open Tues to Sun from 09h00 to 12h30 & 13h30 to 14h00.

Contact 041 506 3293.

Market Square, Govan Mbeki Avenue

The beautiful, colonial City Hall was built between 1858 and 1862. The attractive clock tower was added in 1883. The City Hall currently serves as a Council Chamber as well as a concert hall, a lecture hall and offices for city council employees. Also in Market Square is a replica of the Diaz Cross, donated by the Portuguese Government to commemorate the arrival of Bartholomew Diaz in Algoa Bay in 1488.

Fort Frederick

Fort Frederick is a stone fort built in 1799 by the British Forces to defend the mouth of the Baakens River. It was named after Frederick, Duke of York, and was built by English troops sent to Algoa Bay to assist the Graaff-Reinet rebels in preventing a possible landing of French soldiers. Yet, ironically, no shot was ever fired in anger from the Fort. The Fort, containing a powder magazine and a guardhouse, was originally defended by 2 eight-pounder guns.

Cnr. Belmont Terrace & Fort Street, Central.
Open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Contact +27 41 5832030



Donkin Reserve and Lighthouse

The Donkin Reserve was proclaimed a public space in by Sir Rufane Donkin. It includes a stone pyramid monument, with a touching inscription, erected by Sir Rufane Donkin in memory of his late wife, Elizabeth, after whom the city was named. The Lighthouse, built in 1861, also houses the Tourist Information Office.

The Lighthouse is opened to the public on request at a nominal fee.

Belmont Terrace, Central.



PE Museum - Bayworld

The PE Museum at Bayworld blends both the cultural and the natural history of South Africa. Marvel at the variety of displays, from prehistoric dinosaurs to ethnic beadwork, and a variety of historical treasures. Noteworthy exhibits include the 15m skeleton of the last Southern Right whale harpooned in Algoa Bay, a life-sized reconstruction of the giant prehistoric dinosaur known as Algoosaurus, a replica of the Dias Cross and a 5m bronze cannon dating back to 1640, recovered from a Portuguese galleon wreck near Port Elizabeth.



Number 7 Castle Hill

Built in 1829, No. 7 Castle Hill is regarded as one of the oldest surviving Settler dwellings in PE. Following renovations, the building was opened as a Museum in 1964. The interior of this picturesque family dwelling presents a picture of domestic life enjoyed by an English middle class family in Port Elizabeth. The building has Yellowwood floors and beams, and a restored slate roof, and displays beautiful early Victorian furniture and household items.

Castle Hill Road, Central.
Tel: 041 582 2515



South End Museum

The South End Museum is managed by the Museum Trust. The Museum reflects a bygone era of the suburb of South End prior to and during the implementation of the Group Areas Act in 1950, which led to the destruction of the 'old' South End. In the past it was a bustling suburb, brimming with activity, and populated by a very cosmopolitan community.

Cnr. of Humewood Road & Walmer Boulevard, South End.
Tel: 041 582 3325



Air Force Museum

The SA Air Force Museum is located on the southern side of the PE Airport in a restored WW2 hanger. The Museum boasts a total of 9 aircraft, including helicopters, a supersonic jet fighter, two of the world-famous Harvard trainers amongst others, and the oldest surviving jet fighter in SA. There is also a display of aircraft memorabilia, together with a fine collection of models and pictures in the main exhibition hall.

Forest Hill Drive, Southdene.
Tel: 041 505 1295.



Art Museums

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum is situated at the entrance to St George's Park in Park Drive. The collections consist of South African art, British art, international printmaking and Oriental art. Guided tours of exhibitions can be arranged during opening hours.

1 Park Drive, Port Elizabeth

Contact 041 5062000.



The Ron Belling Art Gallery, considered one of the finest galleries in the country, houses a permanent exhibition of the late artist's outstanding aviation paintings. Visitors can view the original works from his book **A portrait of Military Aviation in South Africa**.

Exhibitions of other artists' work are held regularly

30 Park Drive, St. George's Park.

Contact 041 586 3973



Main Queen Victoria Library

The splendid old Port Elizabeth Main Library is situated in the North-Western corner of Market Square. The first building on the site was constructed in 1835 and was initially used as a courthouse from 1854.

The present library building was officially opened in 1902. The building is regarded as an excellent example of Victorian Gothic architecture and the terra-cotta facade was manufactured in England.

The majestic Sicilian marble statue of Queen Victoria, which keeps watch over the Market Square, was erected and unveiled in 1903. Visitors are invited to browse around inside the Library.

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Prince Alfred's Guard

The Prince Alfred's Guard, is a City Regiment which was founded in 1856 as the Port Elizabeth Volunteer Rifle Corps. Its name changed by Royal assent after it provided a Royal Guard for Prince Alfred, second son of Queen Victoria, on his visit to the City in 1860.

The Victorian Drill Hall, in which the museum is housed, is one of the finest surviving examples of its type. It was opened in 1880 and has been the regiment's headquarters ever since. The building, a National Monument, has been extensively restored and partly converted to museum use.

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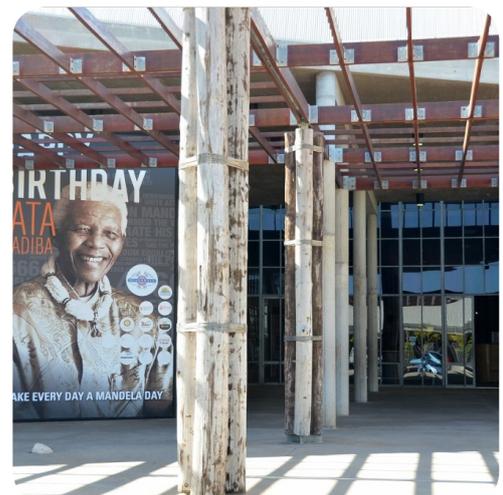


The Red Location Museum

The Red Location is one of the oldest settled black townships in Port Elizabeth, Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa. It derives its name from a series of corrugated iron barrack buildings, which are rusted a deep red colour. Building materials for these sheds stem from structures derived from the First South African War (1899-1902), namely the "Boer" concentration camp in Uitenhage as well as the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital in De Aar.

It became a site of struggle during the years of Apartheid. Many prominent political and cultural leaders were either born or lived in Red Location. A number of significant struggle events occurred here.

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Top Leisure Activities

Wildlife

Pumba Day Safari

RECOMMENDATION- voted one of CNN's Top 10 Safari Destinations in the world for 2015

For those with limited time can enjoy what Pumba has to offer, by going on a Big 5 Day Safaris. They are conducted all year round and can be tailored to suit the needs of your specific group. Just an hour and 20 min outside of Port Elizabeth - it is well worth the visit. You can expect to see various animals such as cheetahs, rhinos, elephants, hippos, buffaloes, leopards as well as a host of other exciting animals, including the rare white lion.

041 502 3050

Addo Elephant Park

Escape to the bush and spend hours scouring the pristine Eastern Cape landscape for wildlife at Addo Elephant Park, home to over 550 elephant. It is the third largest national park in South Africa and has expanded to conserve a wide range of wildlife and flora from the semi-desert Karoo, down to the coastline of Sunday's River Valley Mouth.

Tel 012 428 9111

Kragga Kamma Game Reserve

Take a short drive through the Kragga Kamma Game Reserve, located just outside the city centre. It's a small reserve that's home to free-roaming buffalo, giraffe, zebra, nyala and bontebok. The short loop through the park guarantees wildlife sightings. Visitors can choose to drive in their own vehicle or take a two-hour guided drive. The park is also home to a family of cheetah which have been hand-reared by dedicated volunteers. Stop off at the Bush Cafe for a bite and take a sky walk over the monkey bridge through the lush forest section at Kragga, which is home to monkeys and a wealth of bird species.

Tel 041-379-5646

SAMREC

The South African Marine Rehabilitation and Education Centre (SAMREC) is located near the Cape Recife Lighthouse and is the temporary home to many sick or injured African Penguins and other sea birds. The non-profit organisation is open from 09h30 until 17h00 every day where volunteers dedicate their days to the rehabilitation of these birds. They are more than willing to show visitors around the centre and introduce them to its special inhabitants. The best time to visit is at 14h30, when you can watch the staff feed the birds while grabbing a bite for yourself at the Flying Penguin coffee shop.

Contact 041 583 830



Reptile World

Elegant Owls and a very curious Hornbill welcome you to this exquisite sanctuary for an opportunity to view these, and other incredibly fascinating creatures. Reptile World is an interactive, fun, educational and exciting sanctuary where you can interact, have photos taken and learn more about our Animal Kingdom. You will see a number of indigenous and exotic animals, from Africa's most feared snake - the Black Mamba, to Africa's smallest Python - the Royal Python.

Call +27 (0)83 357 4041



Homely Farm

This fabulous farm is filled with animals looking for love and attention. Children will have the opportunity to meet all the animals and interact with them. Let the little ones play with the bunnies and stroke the sheep. Ride the horses or milk the cows for a truly unique experience.

There is a coffee shop on site where you can grab a great cuppa and a freshly baked treat. The gardens are spectacular and ideal for sitting in and relaxing or going for a nice stroll. Kids can scramble up the jungle gym or jump on the jumping castle while you peruse the gift shop offering a variety of unique items.

Call +27 (0)41 379 2901



Bayworld Oceanarium

The Bayworld Oceanarium is a popular destination amongst tourists and locals in Nelson Mandela Bay. Take along the whole family for a fun filled day of education and entertainment. The predator tank displays the majestic Ragged-Tooth Sharks gliding through the waters.

The crafty Octopus and splendid Seahorses are a must see, as are the African Penguins who will keep you amused for ages.

Call +27 (0)41 584-0650



Seaview

The Seaview Predator Park is home to a number of wild cats (including lions, tigers, cheetahs and panthers), zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, lynx, warthogs and an array of other antelope species. There are enclosures for the predators, which are spacious and surrounded with unobtrusive electric wiring so that visitors get the opportunity to be as close as possible to the animals without posing a threat to them.

The herbivores roam freely in the rest of the park, through which self-drive tours can be conducted.

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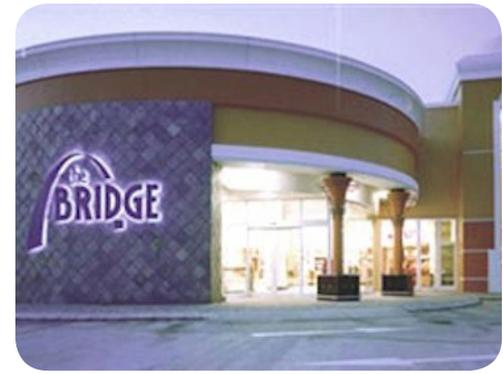
Top Leisure Activities

Shopping

The Bridge Shopping and Entertainment Centre

Extending over C.J. Langenhoven, The Bridge is reputed to be the second longest under one roof in South Africa when associated with the adjoining Greenacres Shopping Centre.

This up-market centre is one of the Bay's more unusual centres, hosting cinemas, banking facilities, a food court with restaurants, coffee shops and fast food eating establishments, as well as trendy fashion mall. The Greenacres side of the mall provides branches of large, well-known chain stores, smaller novelty and speciality shops, jewellery shops, banking facilities, a food court with coffee shops, restaurants and fast food outlets, as well as many clothing boutiques.



Baywest Mall

The newest addition to Port Elizabeth's Shopping Centres, opening its doors in 2015. Baywest Mall is a destination for the entire family, with the Fun Factory containing the only ice rink in the Eastern Cape for the young and the young at heart, as well as a unique gaming experience, restaurants and state-of-the-art cinemas kitted out with top quality design and audio features. Complementing their world class entertainment is world class shopping spanning an impressive 40,000m² GLA. After all the shopping, fun and outdoor walks you'll can recoup at the food court which has eateries to suit every taste and preference. There is also a range of restaurants in the Fun Factory. For visitors in search of fine dining, there is a Sushi & Champagne bar.



Walmer Park Shopping and Entertainment Centre

Located in Main Road, Walmer Park, is one of Port Elizabeth's most up-market retail shopping complexes and is favoured amongst locals in the surrounding residential areas. The Centre offers shoppers easy access to all the amenities within the complex, including the movie theatre, a variety of hardware, book, jewellery shops, restaurants, coffee shops and fast-food outlets as well as clothing boutiques and branches of large well-known chain stores.



Flea Market

For those wishing to browse around local flea markets during a weekend, a visit along the Humewood Beachfront to view the traders will prove a rewarding experience. This flea market extends along the promenade between the King's Beach parking area to the McArthur's Baths. The flea market operates from 08h00 till late afternoon, every Sunday during the year.



Lady Slipper Farmers Market

A typical South African Saturday morning market, you will find many local delicacies as well as freshly baked bread, pies and pancakes and a host of other yummys.

Family friendly, your kids can play in the play area whilst you shop and explore the market.

The market is held at the Dutch Reformed Church on the Van Stadens Rivier grounds from 8 in the morning until 12 noon every Saturday.



Top Leisure Activities

Beaches and Swimming

Schoenmakerskop

Schoenmakerskop Beach is full of rock pools, coves, shell-laden beaches and perfect picnic spots. Young ones love climbing the rocks, examining the rock pools, jumping in the waves and even snorkelling in the larger pools to catch sight of their natural inhabitants.



Kings Beach

Port Elizabeth boasts a number of fabulous swimming beaches. Kings Beach is the largest and one of the most beautiful, as it is characterised by a 2 kilometre long stretch of flat sandy coastline with rolling dunes in the distance and warm, rock-free waters. It is ideal for children, as its waters are relatively calm, and there are lifeguards on duty during the week and on weekend



Pollock Beach

This swimming and surfing beach extends from the Summerstrand Lifesaving Club to the beacon that is in line with Admiralty Way. This stretch of beach provides plenty of sandy coastline for playing ball, sun tanning and strolling, as well as safe swimming waters and impressive waves.



Hobie Beach

The popular Hobie Beach, in the vicinity of Shark Rock Pier and the Boardwalk, is the venue for the annual Splash Festival, beach volleyball and world boardsailing championships. The beach, which is a favourite for swimming, sunbathing and body surfing, it also offers sheltered rock pools with interesting inter-tidal sealife.

Humewood Beach

As Port Elizabeth's only Blue Flag Beach, Humewood Beach stands apart for its quality, beauty and safety. It is fabulous for swimming, sun-tanning and even snorkelling. Families with young children can often be found here due to its excellent safety standards and calm, warm waters.



Within walking distance is Shark Rock Pier, as well as a number of restaurants, bars, ice cream parlours and take-away joints. There are also freshwater taps and showers for those wanting to freshen up after their day on the beach.

McArthur

The McArthur Baths Swimming Pool Complex, ideally situated along King's Beach Promenade adjoining onto Kings Beach, is an excellent water recreational facility.

The Complex comprises two open-air warm fresh-water pools, a larger swimming pool, changing rooms, a children's water chute and splash pool, as well as two up-market restaurants, and a boutique. Both these top-class restaurants have superb views of Kings Beach and the Indian Ocean.



Top Leisure Activities

Other

Route 67

Late in 2011, timed for the grand launch on Heritage Day, the new art project route known simply as Route 67 was opened to the public. Nelson Mandela Bay has used this art journey as a way to celebrate Nelson Mandela's 67 years of public life and his contribution to the freedom struggle in South Africa.

The walking route includes 67 public art pieces by 67 different local Eastern Cape artists in a total of 67 giant steps. It begins at the Campanile in Strand Street and winds its way through the CBD - the heart of the city, through Vuyisile Mini Square, past the City Library, up the steps of St Mary's Terrace and up to the Great Flag in the Donkin Reserve.



Penguin Patrol

Raggy Charters is a local company that is based at the Port Elizabeth Harbour and is committed to showcasing the invaluable Marine Life of Nelson Mandela Bay. They educate visitors about the importance of maintaining a healthy biodiversity and about the characteristics of these unique birds. The tour, aptly called The Penguin Patrol, is a full-day excursion, and includes meals, refreshments and a number of different facets. This makes it perfect for young and old locals and international visitors alike.

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Settlers Park

Situated in the valley known as the Baakens River, Settlers Park is home to more than 100 species of South African birds, including the Peregrine Falcon, Swee Waxbill, Kingfisher species, Knysna Turaco, the Knysna Woodpecker, Southern Tchagra, various species of Sunbirds, Forest Canary and plenty more. In addition to the variety of birdlife, animals such as the rather large tortoises, meerkats, rabbits, small buck, mongoose and guinea fowls can be seen in the Park. Also of interest is the Maquette of the 1820 Settlers' Statue, whilst you are there, take a look at the Flower Display House if beautiful floral displays are your thing.



Sunday River Cruise

Experience a unique 2.5-hour cruise on the Sundays River Estuary, taking in the breathtaking scenery and views of the local Addo bush and the spectacular Alexandria Coastal Dune Fields, one of the largest in the world.

Mandatory stops at the dune allow people to disembark and enjoy activities like sandboarding, swimming and guided climbs to the top of one of the highest dunes. Upstream cruises will give passengers grand views of the Addo Elephant National Park, with chances of sighting large game.

Spectacular views and scenery.

Contact 041 468 0140



Tours

The diverse scenery and activities of Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas offer tourists a huge variety of trips, tours and excursions to choose from. Nelson Mandela Bay is an eco, historical, cultural city.

The Bay offers an unbeatable variety of coastal and nature walks within the city limits on well-marked trails which can be self-guided or accompanied by expert trail guides.

The wide variety of scenic day tours and excursions that are on offer have charmed many travelers. The tours available are specialised and of a very high standard. The city tours usually incorporate many of the historical attractions as well as the modern developments in the Bay. Tour guides are flexible and willing to modify the tour according to your individual needs. The heritage and historical tours, walking tours and trails through Nelson Mandela Bay provide visitors with a historical perspective. The wide variety of scenic day tours and excursions offer a fascinating and informative way to discover our Bay and surrounding areas.

For a list of accredited tour guides based in Nelson Mandela Bay who offer a wide spectrum of guided tours and excursions, contact Nelson Mandela Bay Tourist Guide Association on tel: 041 379 1629 / Cell: 082 822 4717.

E-mail: tours@umzantsi.co.za.

Nelson Mandela Bay Tourism on tel: 041 585 8884 / 583 2030.

E-mail: [mail: info@nmbt.co.za](mailto:mail:info@nmbt.co.za).

Boardwalk Entertainment Center

The Boardwalk Casino & Entertainment center is a complete entertainment destination located on the Port Elizabeth Beach front in the exclusive suburb of Summerstrand.

The casino has 802 slot machines and 21 casino tables. The complex includes a convention centre, a sports café and an extensive retail component dynamically integrated around a man-made lake offering a choice of restaurants, specialty shops, a cinema, an amphitheatre and children's entertainment facilities.

Nelson Mandela Bay Pass

The Nelson Mandela Bay Pass, a smart access card, provides you with free admission to a variety of attractions and activities in Nelson Mandela Bay. This includes amongst others museums, game reserves, scuba diving, art galleries, sightseeing tours and many more. It also entitles you to some great discounts in selected stores for shopping, activities, entertainment and more. The Nelson Mandela Bay Pass offers flexibility, convenience, variety and savings.

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Boardwalk Visitor Info Centre: +27 0(41) 583 2030



Beer Route

Hop on the bus and join us as we take you to visit three manufacturers of Craft Beers, over a period of three hours.

Visit Dockside Brewery and meet the Brew Master to view and discuss the manufacturing process while tasting four different beers and enjoying some special baked Beer Bread.

We then move Bridge Street Brewery, to meet the second Brew Master who will also show and discuss the manufacturing process, recipes and ingredients used. You are welcome to then enjoy tasting three Beers and a Cider. Your last visit is to the Beer Yard. Where we follow a similar process and taste four different Craft Beers.

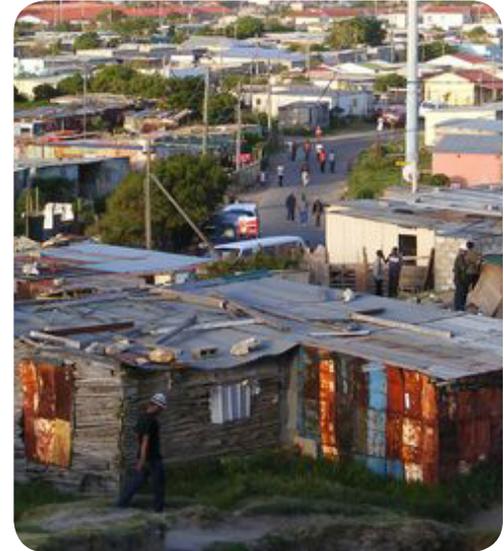
Contact Tony - 082 464 6022



Township Tour

Experience the fusion of Urban, Xhosa and Township culture, blended with the rich history and devastating past that lingers in the townships of Nelson Mandela Bay. Meet the 'real' people of the area and experience their stories. Learn about the prominent political and cultural leaders who originated from the townships and the struggles endured to mould South Africa into the country it is today. The half-day tour will take you past the Red Location Museum, the Emlotheni Memorial Park, Njoli Square and the Mendi Memorial to mention but a few fascinating stops. You can purchase an authentic South African souvenir at one of the various local craft shops and enjoy a celebration in one of the township's shebeens, a place where people meet for good food, drinks and, of course, great company.

Tel: 041 583 2030 / 041 585 8884



Beach Horse Rides

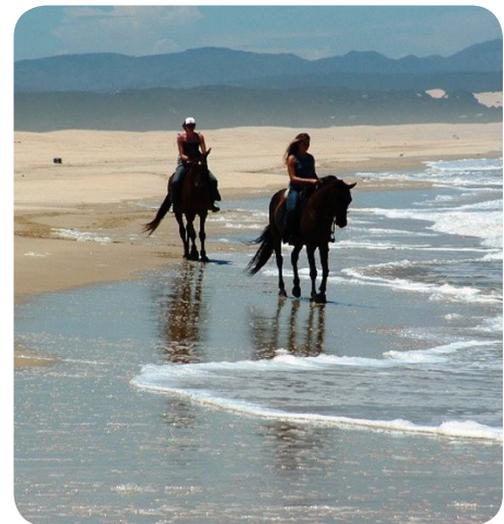
We have scenic 2 1/2 - 3 hour horse rides through the Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve where one could catch a glimpse of bushbuck, duiker, grysbok, vervet monkeys and a large variety of bird life and other smaller animals.

Then enjoy a relaxing ride along the beautiful Sardinia Bay beach or for the more experienced a nice canter along the beach, if arranged in advance.

After stopping for refreshment, head on back home through the reserve.

We cater for all levels of riders riding well-schooled horses and ponies.

Contact 081 890 7080



Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium

Since its completion the iconic Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium has become one of Nelson Mandela Bay's great identifying features and is something that residents are really proud of. Enjoy a 30 minutes tour that includes access to the VIP area, the change rooms and upper level of the stadium

Contact 041 408 8980



Top Adrenalin Activities

Scuba Diving

Ocean Divers is one of the oldest and most respected scuba diving schools in Southern Africa, with a 30-year flawless safety record. Our novel "We Drive - You Dive" concept transports our excited customers to and from different launch sites. We use our own Safari vehicles and 2 x 8 metre Superduck to get you to the dive sites. Ocean Divers International teaches PADI 5* Diving Courses from Beginner to Instructor level. We adhere to the very strict International standards. With competent and patient instructors to teach and guide you, you will discover the beauty of the underwater world!

Tel: 041 581 5121 / Mobile: 082 773 6852



Paintball

Come and enjoy an action-packed experience on any of our 6 new fields at Paintball Heaven; big bush field, small bush field, urban field, concrete speedball field, air ball speedball field and a tower castle. Playing paintball is ideal for corporate team building, social get-togethers or kids' parties. With refreshments and braai facilities, Paintball Heaven promises for a fun-filled day out!

With the retail store now being on-site in Port Elizabeth, and with 5 brand new fields, enthusiasts come to Paintball Heaven to satisfy all their paintball needs

Contact 041 366 2134 / 041 379 2443



Sacramento Trail

The Sacramento Trail is an 8 km moderate, popular one-way or circular route trail between Schoenmakerskop and Sardinia Bay. The trail follows the Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve where you will see attractive seascapes, landscapes, and depending on the season, some remarkable displays of wild flowers.

Gannets and Dolphins can often be seen out at sea. Many wrecked ships, one being the Portuguese galleon Sacramento, lie offshore. There is a bronze cannon from the ship on display at Schoenmakerskop. Horses are permitted on the trail.

Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve, Sardinia Bay Road, Sardinia Bay



Guinea Fowl Trail

The Lower Guinea Fowl Hiking Trail, is 7,5 km long which is accessed from the 3rd Avenue dip in Newton Park, leading down to Settler's Park and Brickmakers Kloof.

The trail meanders along the edge of the Baakens River flood-plain, and passes through a steep-sided valley below the city suburbs for its full length. The trail offers an accessible walk of considerable interest ranging from wildflowers, trees and blue water lillies to fauna such as dassies, leguaans, tortoises and lizards.



Bush Buck Walking Trail

Situated with The Island Nature Reserve, the Bushbuck Walking trail consists of a number of interlinking loops that are all circular for your convenience.

The majority of the trails are short and measure 1.5 kilometres, 3.4 kilometres and 7.6 kilometres. The longest trail is 16 kilometres in length and takes about five hours to complete.

At certain points along the trail walkers are able to take advantage of some excellent vantage points. These include a viewpoint that is reached by climbing up an iron ladder at the 8.5 kilometre mark and a fire lookout at the 10.4 kilometre mark.

The latter offers excellent views of the forest and ocean and if the weather is clear you will be able to see both St Francis Bay and Jefferys Bay in the distance.

Contact Call +27 (0)41 378-1634

Norm-Hudlin MTB Trail

If you are looking for a great ride with varied terrain and room to explore, then this is the one for you. Suitable for beginner and intermediate riders, this trail is a 20km circuit, with shorter options available and will take approximately 2 hours to complete.

This route is situated near the Kragga Kamma Game Reserve and offers a secure place to ride.

The routes will take you along sand forest vegetation, coastal slopes, singletracks and gravel roads. There is a small fee per bike and plenty of safe parking. This trail is perfect for the whole family to participate in.

Call +27 (0)83 342-8306

Hopewell MTB Trails

Hopewell Conservation Estate is a fenced wilderness area in the Eastern Cape, not far from Port Elizabeth. Since December 2012 it has offered trail options from 7 to 55 km for mountain bikers and trail runners, allowing them to get close to nature in amongst fynbos, kloofs, bushveld and wild game.

Call +27 (0)41 584-0021

Sandboarding- 82km outside of PE

Sandboarding Sundays River invites you to enjoy one of the most impressive dune fields in the world, the Alexandria Coastal Dune Field, near Port Elizabeth. It's the ideal place to take your sandboarding experience to the next level. We also offer other water sports and private river cruises.

Established in 2011, the emphasis of Sandboarding Sundays River is on enjoying the sun, sea, sand and spectacular beauty of this area. Just 5km from the malaria-free Addo Elephant National Park, this activity will allow the entire family to explore and enjoys the dunes while you learn a new skill.

Contact +2771 185 6565



Wake Ski Boarding- 82km outside of PE

The whole family can get wet and wild with waterskiing, tubing and other river adventures on the Sundays River near Port Elizabeth. This stretch of water is perfect for everything from simple tubing and bodyboarding to wakeboarding and waterskiing. The calm waters also make it ideal for beginners.

Lessons are available for those looking to master a new activity, like waterskiing, so that visitors can make the most of this watersports environment no matter their level of experience. The river enjoys warm, sunny weather for much of the year, which has given it a great reputation with foreigners and locals alike.

Contact +2771 185 6565

Sky Diving

Join us for an exhilarating 20 minute plane ride to 10,500ft where you will exit the plane and experience 35 seconds of freefall. Depending on the package you choose, you could be trained to do a roll exit at high velocity or even take over the reins once your instructor opens the parachute, and fly it yourself.

Together you will float back down to the ground and we will capture every moment on digital video and edit your production with funky soundtracks. We will also take 100 + wide angle stills and add that to your cart. Remember to smile and wave.

Skydive Port Elizabeth is a fully equipped skydive centre comprising 100sqm of carpeted indoor packing, a viewing and editing room including large screen cinema, and a fully serviced manifest and training area.

Contact 073 267 2119

Quad Biking

Take a guided, 2-hour tour along a valley to an area with breathtaking views across the Indian Ocean. Try to spot whales and dolphins, or even a visiting 'killer' whale. Then hike down to the beach for a walk or swim before heading back.

More daring riders can try the 4x4 route and test their skills.

Contact 082 956 0674

Kite Surfing

Kitesports is all about passion for wind, water and adventure. They provide ordinary people with the extraordinary when it comes to the world of kiting. Kitesports will safely and professionally introduce you to kite surfing and all aspects of it. Under the watchful eye of Brad Heath (IKO qualified instructor) you will be able to learn and embrace this wonderful sport of Kite surfing.

Contact +27 (0) 82 324 4074



Surfing

Port Elizabeth has some fantastic beaches for beginner surfers, and some world class surfing waves for intermediate and advanced surfers.

The majority of our beginner lessons in Port Elizabeth take place near the oceanarium at Kings Beach, but the location can change depending on the swell size and wind direction.

All equipment is included in the lesson fee – but we can rent gear to those who already know how to surf

Contact +27 (0) 83 41 40 567



Big Swing

For the ultimate adrenalin rush try our big swing, it will definitely hit the spot.

It is the very first of its kind in South Africa. The experience involves being hoisted up 18 metres high and then released into a sudden freefall for several seconds, before being swung to new heights. Say goodbye to your stomach!

Contact 078 911 1619



Deep Sea Fishing

We pride ourselves on professional service, and can tailor make the fishing experience to suit the angler's requirements.

Between John (provincial colours) and Vernon (Springbok colours) we have 60 years of experience as anglers and skippers. We depart from the harbour, and have restaurant facilities where your fresh catch can be prepared upon return and enjoyed on the deck overlooking the harbour. We do bottom/reef fishing about a 35-minute ride from the harbour.

All tackle and bait are supplied, just bring refreshments and fishing licenses, and let the fun begin.

Contact 082 578 9051



Paragliding

Paragliding courses are offered throughout the year. Learn to fly on your own on our safe training dune just outside Port Elizabeth. We have 20 km of coastal ridge only 10 minutes outside Port Elizabeth.

Tandem flights are also available for those not wanting to fly solo. We have a glider made for 2 people, and we can fly all year round.

We fly tandems at Lady Slipper and Maitlands, both offering breathtaking views.

Contact 082 655 3214



Tsitsikamma Forest - 176km from PE

Ziplining

Situated 8km from the Storms River Bridge on the N2, Tsitsikamma Falls Adventure Park offers spectacular Zipline adventure slides across the Kruis River. The eight slides, of which the longest is 211m, zigzag along cables across the river gorge, as high as 50m above the water in some places. Each section presents its own surprises, adventure, wonders and beautiful views over indigenous Tsitsikamma fauna and flora. Users can control the speed of their descent, allowing them to stop midcable to take in some of the awesome views over the waterfalls. The guides provide interesting commentary about the area as patrons traverse the gorge and waterfalls.

Tel: 042 28 03 77 0

Canopy Tour

The Tsitsikamma Canopy Tour is a unique eco-wilderness adventure that takes place in the magnificent Tsitsikamma indigenous rainforest.

Tsitsikamma Canopy Tour, the first of its kind in Africa, involves traversing from one platform to another along a steel cable suspended up to 30 meters above the forest floor.

Most platforms are located in giant Outeniqua Yellowwood trees. The scenery and bird life is spectacular and professional guides provide interesting facts about the forest ecology during the 2½ to 3 hours.

Tel: 042 2811 836

Woodcutters Tour

Join us on a journey down the old Storms River pass, and experience the indigenous forest from the comfort of a specially designed vehicle.

Follow the elephant trail down to the water, passing tree ferns, stinkwoods, yellow woods and many other tree species, whilst hearing about the history of the area and the local flora and fauna. Watch out for a glimpse of the elusive Narina Trogan and the inquisitive Knysna Loeire who enjoys the tranquil shade of the leafy canopy.

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Segway Tour

Included in the 1 hour Segway tour is a 15-20 minute training session. After the training we take a journey through the quaint Stormsriver Village and follow one of a selection of routes among cool pine and indigenous forest. If you are up for more, join us on the 2 hour tour we take a journey through the quaint Stormsriver Village, and into the forests. We enter the ancient indigenous Tsitsikamma Forests along the paths to the famous and majestic 1000 year old Tsitsikamma BIG Tree and back to the village.

Contact: +27 (0)81 320 3977



Activities in Jeffreys Bay

Jeffreys Bay is home to the best right hand surf break in the world! International surfers flock to catch the legendary waves. It is a paradise of sunshine, aloes, dolphins, shells, perfect points & classic reefs. Surfers and others have found it hard to leave such an idyllic spot. After a day at the beach, pop into one of our popular factory shops.

84 km from Port Elizabeth



Leisure

Shell Museum

Jeffreys Bay has always been known for its beautiful shells so it stands to reason that the town should have a Shell Museum.

The more than 600 shells species from across the world makes it one of the largest shell collections in South Africa, and attracts shell fanatics from all over the globe. Housed in glass cases is a huge variety of shells including the legendary cowrie, the rare paper nautilus, tiny baby jam tarts and a new species of cone.

Monday to Saturday from 09h00 to 16h00; Sundays from 09h00 to 13h00.
Contact the museum on +27 (0)42 293-1945



Surf Museum

The Quicksilver Store on Da Gama Road is home to the highly informative Jeffrey's Bay Surf Museum which tells the story of how surfing started in J-Bay and how the town has developed over the past 50 years.

Open Monday to Friday 09:00 – 17:00, Saturday 09:00 – 14:00 and Sunday 09:00 – 13:00

Contact the museum on +27 (0) 84 240 1741



Paradise Beach

Paradise Beach itself is a long sweep of white sand, onto which the warm blue of the Indian Ocean laps. This beach is perfect for water sports like kite boarding, windsurfing, surfing or jet-skiing. It is also great for swimming, tanning or just taking a leisurely stroll.

Making it the halfway point between the surfing hotspot of Jeffrey's Bay and the holiday retreat town of Cape St Francis.



Sports and Adrenalin

Skydiving

Live life and leap into the air from an altitude of 12 000 ft over the Jeffrey's Bay coastline, with spectacular views of the Indian Ocean. Free falling is the ultimate experience as you rush through the sky at a speed of 220 km/hour.

It takes 4 to 6 seconds until you really start smiling and enjoying the rush. 40 seconds later the canopy is opened around 5 000 ft, giving you a new outlook to life. This is all filmed by a third skydiver, a memory to treasure forever.

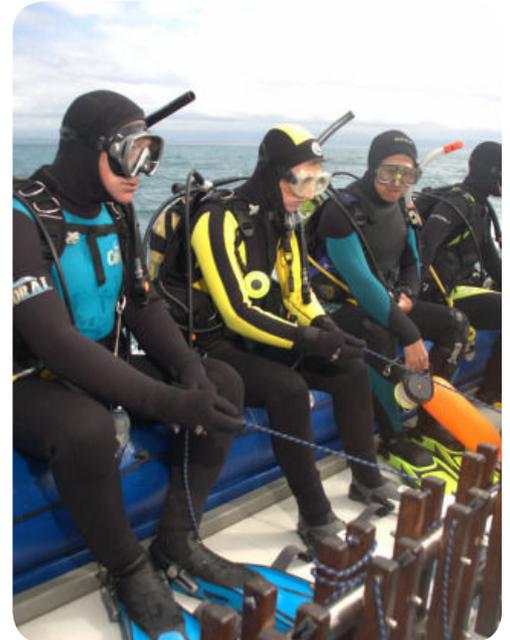
EP Skydivers operates from Paradise Beach, Jeffreys Bay each year from around 19th December to 2nd January.
Contact them on +27 (0)84 843-3236



Diving and Snorkeling

The marine life of the Eastern Cape is fascinating and plentiful, granting scuba divers and snorkellers a unique peek into the diversity and abundance that exists below the water's surface. During the time between July and December, divers can even look forward to spotting a Humpback or Southern Right Whale as it makes its way along the South African coastline, often with their young following closely. To enjoy this spectacle from the surrounding waters, the whales' own habitat, is an experience that visitors will never forget.

Contact J'Bay Underwater Club on 072 7555 125



Supertubes and Dolphin Beach

Dolphin Beach is one of the few beaches in the country that has achieved Blue Flag status. Situated in the renowned surfing hotspot of Jeffrey's Bay, Dolphin Beach is where Supertubes are situated.

Sandboarding

Aston Bay in Marina Martinique has three levels of dunes available to try. Jeffreys Bay Sandboarding has experienced instructors on hand to assist where necessary.

You can start on the easy slopes until you get into the swing of things and slowly advance higher up the dunes for a more exhilarating ride. Boards are available for hire so all you need to do is arrive ready and able!

For bookings contact +27 (0)42 296-2974



Horse Riding

The serenity of a restful trot along the shore of the Indian Ocean or an adrenalin inducing gallop is a perfect way to take in the sight and smell of the beach.

The entire ride covers a distance of about 13 kilometres and takes between two and three hours to complete.

Monday to Sunday from 09h00 to 14h00
Contact Papiessfontein on +27 (0)79 299-8080



Ziplining

Jeffreys Bay's waterfall has long been a favourite among visitors to the small town. People regularly flock in droves to relax at this landmark, while the more adventurous jump off the cliff into the deep water below or get the adrenaline flowing by zipping across.

Contact Riki on +27 722 244 333



MTB Trails

A fairly new bike park, Impala Ranch is 1 000 hectares of incredible scenery that lives up to its name. There are plenty of impala, red hartebeest, bontebok, zebra, kudu, Nguni cattle, sheep a couple of ostriches, and the largest known cycad cluster in the Eastern Cape.

Don't expect tame gravel roads or jeep tracks, this custom designed single track runs through fynbos, old forest, alongside weathered rocks and boulders, up and down steep valley sides with plenty of jumps, hops and ramps to add excitement.

Some of the forest paths are rather technical, the path is only just wide enough to get through on single track. The uphill feel negligible, whilst the free-flowing downhills are fantastic.

Contact the Impala Ranch on +27 (0)82 440-3034



Shopping

Billabong South Africa

Billabong South Africa's retail and wholesale business headquarters is situated in the heart of the Da Gama Road Billabong Village.

The village is home to the famous Billabong Factory Shop, a country landmark and "must shop" destination for all new and regular visitors to J-Bay. The Billabong Factory Shop always has something for everybody at bargain prices all year round.



Country Feeling

The Country Feeling surf shop specializes in board riding. They carry an extensive range of Firewire surfboards and a large selection of PU boards which are all specially ordered from handpicked shapers and individually quality checked. They know which boards work, and stock them for you. They will also kit you out with the best fins, grips, leashes and wax.



QuikSilver

Quiksilver designs, produces, and distributes casual sportswear, footwear, winter sports apparel and equipment, they are famous for their T-shirts.

Quiksilver's merchandise is sold under numerous brand names, including Quiksilver, Roxy, Raisins, DC Shoes, Radio Fiji, Gotcha, Fidra, Hawk Clothing, Rossignol, Dynastar, Lange, Leilani, Lib Technologies, Gnu, and Bent Metal.



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Country Feeling - Contact Details: Tel: 042 200 2611 Address: 19 Da Gama Rd, Jeffreys Bay

QuikSilver - Contact Details: Tel: 042 293 2203 Address: 24 Da Gama Street, Jeffreys Bay

Shopping

Scott Sports

Visit this locally owned and operated sports store for all your sporting and beach requirements. Scott Sports stock equipment for tennis, rugby, squash and cricket. Wide selection of running shoes or slides.

Silver For You

Balinese inspired gemstones and sterling silver jewellery, all handpicked with attention to detail and quality. Gifts, crystals, incense and shell jewellery all at affordable prices with expert and friendly service.

Tropical Traders

Importers, retailers and distributors of hand woven raffia bags, baskets and hats. Funky hand woven cotton cushions, slouch bags (bean bags) and throws. Also, a wide range of novelty recycled metal items, and unique hand embroidered cotton dresses for little girls.

Country Khaya

Bespoke African and Exotic home decor, jewellery, gifts and artwork. Everything in Country Khaya is handpicked by experienced designers and buyers who travel around looking for unique and exclusive pieces to bring to the showroom floor.

RVCA Factory Shop

RVCA's headquarters is situated in the surf village and close to their heart is their factory shop, where they discount apparel to the public. Look here for once-off samples and great prices on one of the worlds favorite fashion forward surf/art culture brands.

InStep

Locally handmade sheepskin boots and slippers which are synonymous with Jeffreys Bay's lifestyle. Handmade leather accessories and a wide selection of Croc's. Personal, friendly and professional service

Fountains Mall

The Fountains Mall offers so much more than just retail shopping to the tourists and residence of the area. The largest shopping mall within a 65 km radius, it is strategically based in the Fountains Estate just off the N2, entering Jeffreys Bay.

Shop to your hearts content at Fountains Mall. Drop the kids at Funky Frogs Play Centre and then make your way to the boutiques and lifestyle stores or go and see a movie at one of the cinemas.

Stores include Jewellers, boutiques, chain stores and a Woolworths for you to stock up on whatever you need for your holiday. There are plenty of Restaurants to choose from if you are feeling peckish - from fast foods to sit down fabulous!



Other Information



For more information, maps, directions and activities contact:

Port Elizabeth Tourism.

The Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment Center

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Jefferys Bay Tourism.

Shell Museum Complex

Da Gama Street

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