

Durban, South Africa

Friday, March 10, 2023

7 am - 5 pm



fast facts

- * Named Terra do Natal by Vasco da Gama in 1497
- * 3rd Largest city in South Africa
- * Metro area 3.8 million people
- * Home to the largest Indian population outside of India
- * Important industrial center
- * One of top surfing destinations in South Africa
- * Mahatma Gandhi began his political career here.



- * Completed in 2021
- * Tourist Information
- * Retail area
- * ATM ??

- No complimentary shuttle
- Most ships run a shuttle to Marine Park... can catch transport from there
- Metered Taxis generally available
- Walking from port to city not recommended



Durban Tourist Information



No visa necessary for U.S. & Canadian citizens



Most people speak English, although it may not be their 1st language
11 official languages including Afrikaans



South African Rand 1USD ≈ R15

Only use ATMs that are inside a mall or other building

Most retail stores will accept credit cards

Small businesses & markets will want local currency

Some tours will ask for tips and payment in USD



First month of Autumn

69° - 80° 8 days of rain

24% of time is muggy or oppressive



Check phone carrier for availability

Internet widely available, but can be slower than we are used to

AlwaysON (www.alwayson.co.za) allows 30 min. free per hot spot must sign up



Bunny Chow

Fresh Sardines on Toast

Bombay Cush

Shisa Nyama





Durban Tourist Information



Uber is available

Metered Taxis...have to call for pickup...They do not roam

Zippy +27 31 202 7067

Mozzie +27 32 303 5787

Mini Buses are not recommended for tourists



People Mover

3 routes

every 15 minutes

R5.5 per ride day pass R16

Other bus service: Myna bus service (suburbs to city center)
Aqualine Buses

Ricksha Bus Tours: 3 hours

Booking & Departure at Old Paillion, Site Bay of Plenty (cash only) +27 31 322 4209

<https://www.durbanroutes.co.za/durban-ricksha-bus/>



Avis www.avis.co.za

Hertz www.hertz.co.za

Thrifty



Gateway Theater of Shopping

Wilson's Wharf

Victoria Street Market

Florida St.



Not regarded as safe; main problems related to robberies, armed attacks, pickpockets

Harbor area is fairly safe as are shopping malls

Police patrol the beach strip and there are CCTV cameras

Security at people mover stops

What to do in Durban?

- * Shopping
- * Restaurants
- * Galleries



Florida Road

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- Botanic Gardens
- * oldest garden in Africa
 - * Golf cart tours
 - * natashadadoo@yahoo.com
 - * Free; donations appreciated



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Moses Mabhida Stadium

- * Skycar to access arch R60
- * Adventure Walk
- * Big Swing..bungee jump
- * Cafe
- * Segway, bike options



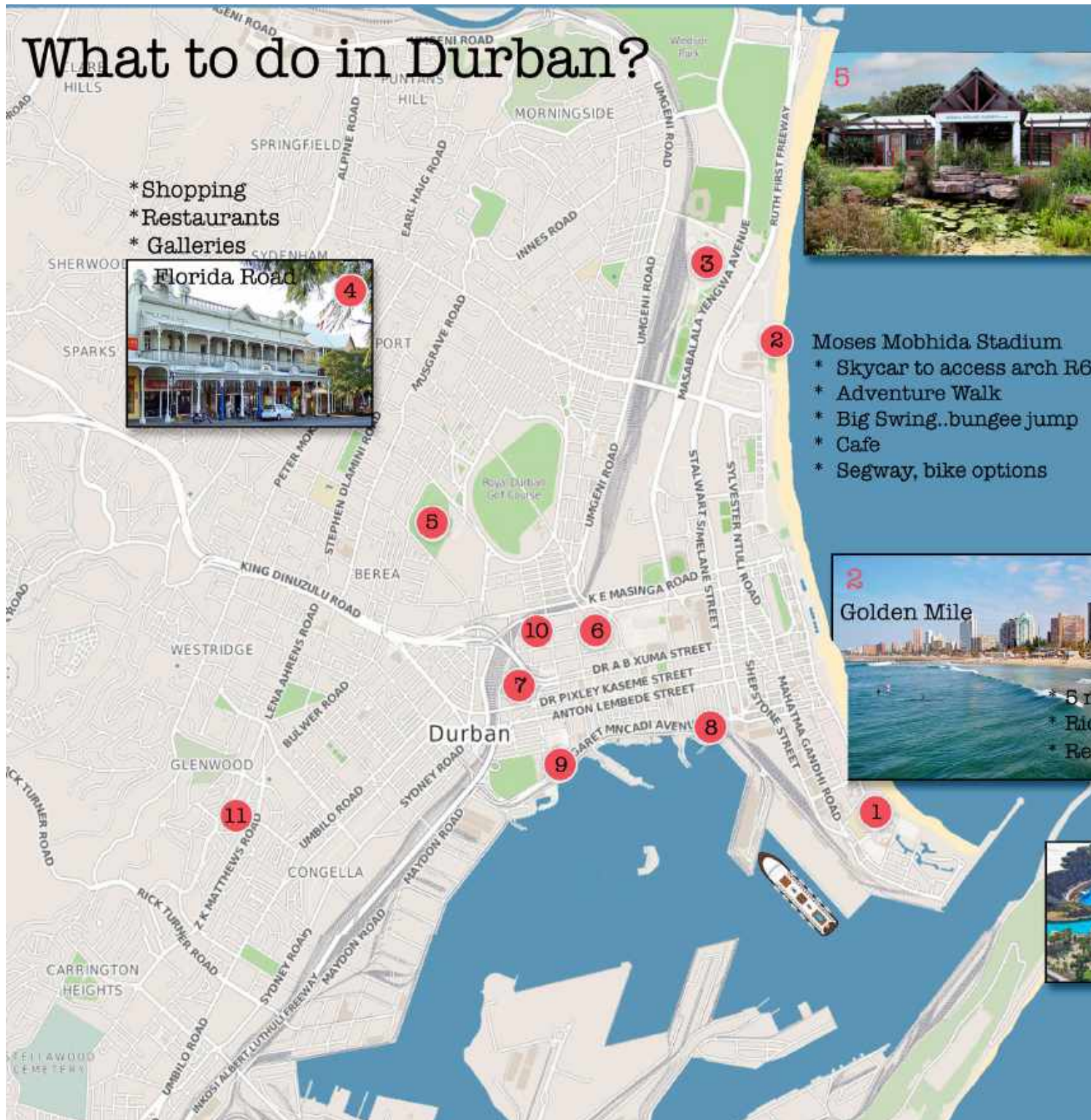
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Golden Mile

- * 5 mile promenade
- * Rickshaw rides R40 for 15 min.
- * Restaurants, bars, shops



- Ushaka Marine World
- * 5 areas inc aquarium and water park
 - * R186 for aquarium
 - * Combo R209



What to do in Durban?



Oldest Market
Indian Quarter
Afro Indian Blend
City Loop Stop
Guided Tours



Victoria Street Market



Markets of Warwick
* 9 Distinct Markets
* 1995 Regeneration Project w/ street vendors
* Guided tours
marketsofwarwick.co.za

Victoria Street Market

KwaMuhle Museum
* Celebrates life & efforts of those who fought to end apartheid.
* Free Admission



Phansi Museum



* Private collection of Southern African artifacts
* <https://phansi.com>



Other Museums / Galleries



Port Natal
Maritime Museum



Killie Campbell
Collection



Old Courthouse Museum



Natural Science
Museum



What to do in Durban?

Places of Worship

Hare Krishna Temple



Juma Mosque



Emmanuel Cathedral



OUT OF TOWN

Umgeni River
Bird Park



Valley of 1000 Hills



Mandela Capture Site



Phezulu Safari Park





Tour Options & Resources

Durban Art & Spices

Departs: 9:00 AM ~ 3 Hours Price \$69.95

- * Victoria Street Market
- * Herb Market
- * African Art Center
- * Panoramic Sightseeing

Durban Coastal Discovery & High Tea

Departs: 9:00 AM ~ 4 Hours Price \$139.95

- * Panoramic Sightseeing
- * High Tea in Umhlanga (resort town)

Helicopter Panorama with Picnic

Departs: 9:00 AM ~ 3 Hours Price \$699.95

Nelson Mandela Capture Site & Howick Falls

Departs: 9:30 AM ~ 5 Hours Price \$119.95

- * 65 miles from Durban

Panoramic Durban

Departs: 9:00 AM ~ 3½ Hours Price \$59.95

- * Umhlanga Rocks
- * Ballito
- * Thompson Bay Beach /Shaka Rock

Scenes of Durban

Departs: 9:30 AM ~ 3½ Hours Price \$79.95

- * Panoramic
- * Botanic Garden
- * Victoria Street Market

Midlands Canopy Tour

Departs: 8:15 AM ~ 6¾ Hours Price \$369.95

- * 2 hours ziplining.....7 platforms

Valley of A Thousand Hills

Departs: 9:30 AM ~ 4 hours Price \$109.95

- * Phezulu
- * Dance Performance
- * Reptile Park

Tala Game Reserve

Departs: 8:30 AM ~ 5 hours Price \$189.95

- * 2 hour game drive in open air 4x4 vehicle

OVERLAND ADVENTURES

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| * Botswana | 5 days |
| * Botswana, Victoria Falls, Chobe | 5 days |
| * Kariega Settlers Drift Overland | 3 days |
| * Victoria Falls, Sussi & Chuma Lodge | 5 days |

Prices from \$3299.95 - \$6,000 depending on length of trip and occupancy (single or double)