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Things to do in Durban



1. Fun World Amusement - Tel: 031 332 9776/304 4934

If you are looking for a wonderland of fun and fantasy for you and your children then the Beachfront Fun World Amusement Park, situated opposite the Protea Edward Hotel, is the place to experience a full day of fun.

2. Durban Ice Arena - Tel: 031 332 4597

Durban Ice Arena is the ideal place for everyone to enjoy a cool day of iceskating and a range of fun-filled recreational skating activities.

3. Durban Botanic Gardens - Tel: 031 309 1170

The Durban Botanic Gardens boast a beautiful collection of sub-tropical trees and palms. They have a collection of the rarest cycads in the world as well as a stunning orchid collection. You can enjoy a picnic surrounded by beauty and peace or go for a lovely explorative stroll.

4. Durban Muthi Market - Tel: 031 309 3880

If you are interested in exploring the mysterious world of African traditional healing then head over to the Durban Muthi Market, which you can explore on foot. Witness a variety of traditional medicine being made and prepared for sale.

5. Mitchell Park - Tel: 031 303 2275

Mitchell Park offers spacious shady lawns, landscaped gardens, a mini-zoo, and a sandy children's playground. Durbanites enjoy the colourful flower beds, which are redesigned and replanted every season.

6. Umgeni Mangrove Trail - Tel: 031 322 6026/7 Cell: 073 088 9874

Take a two-hour guided nature walk along the uMgeni shores less than 10 minutes from the city to explore the mangroves and boardwalk, get into the great outdoors and learn about nature.

7. 'Learn 2 Surf' - Tel: 083 414 0567

'Learn 2 Surf' Durban surf school is based at Addington Beach just north of uShaka Marine World will teach you to catch some awesome waves.

8. Juma Mosque - Tel: 031 304 1518

The magnificent Juma Masjid Mosque is the largest mosque in the southern hemisphere. Its gilt-domed minarets tower over the bustling commercial area, but the inside of the marbled worship hall is peaceful and boasts a simple elegance.

9. Emmanuel Cathedral - Tel: 031 306 3596

This exquisite cathedral was built over 100 years ago and was designed by South African architect Street Wilson. Its cross is carved out of Carrara marble all the way from Italy, a gift from the Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III of France.

10. Wilson's Wharf - Tel: 031 907 8792

Wilson's Wharf, situated on Durban's Victoria.

11. Bat Centre - Tel: 031 332 0451

The Bartle Arts Trust Centre (BAT) Centre is a hub for arts and crafts located along Durban's Victoria Embankment. Artists and crafters work in studios onsite and sell high quality decorative items to local and international visitors.

12. Bike & Bean - Tel: 082 773 6870

Hire a bike, take a lovely ride along the Golden Mile, and afterwards sit down and have a lovely healthy breakfast accompanied by a cup of amazing coffee.

13. Roma Revolving Restaurant - Tel: 031 368 2275

Roma Revolving Restaurant has an incredible 360-degree view of Durban. The restaurant is on a revolving platform, so while you are having dinner, you can take in the incredible view without having to walk around.

14. Suncoast Casino and Entertainment World - Tel: 031 328 3000

Situated on the magnificent Golden Mile, this world-class casino and entertainment complex includes a wide selection of restaurants, bars, cinemas, entertainment areas and a beautiful private beach.

15. Ricksha Bus - Tel: 031 322 4209

Hop on the double-decker Ricksha Bus for a scenic three-hour city tour where you get to learn about some of Durban's major attractions.

16. Ricksha Ride

If you want to experience something different and unique, take a ride on a brightly coloured two-wheeled carriage along the Golden Mile.

17. uShaka Marine World - Tel: 031 328 8000

The fifth largest aquarium in the world, uShaka Marine World offers: 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.

18. Moses Mabhida Stadium - Tel: 031 582 8222

Take a ride on the SkyCar, or walk to the top of the arch to enjoy a 360-degree view of Durban 106m above the pitch. Or try the world's only

19. Victoria Street Market - Tel: 031 306 4021

You can buy anything from fresh produce, spices, curios, clothing and trinkets here. This very colourful and busy market also has a range of artwork on sale.

20. KwaMuhle Museum - Tel: 031 311 2237

Originally the offices of the Native Administration Department, a central cog in the machinery of apartheid and the centre of Durban's harsh system of labour control, the museum now displays reconstructions of the oppression experienced by the black population.

21. Walking Tours - Tel: 031 322 4173

The Oriental Walk-About Tour - Get insight into Durban's Indian and Zulu culture. Taste rich cultural food at Victoria Street Market. The Historical Walk-About Tour looks at historical buildings and inside the City Hall Old Court Local History Museum and other historical sites.

22. Phezulu Safari Park - Tel: 031 777 1000

Phezulu Safari Park is a popular Zulu cultural village where live shows and guides inform guests about Zulu lifestyle and culture. Attractions include game drives, a crocodile park, and if you are feeling adventurous, you can even enjoy a crocodile steak.

23. Giba Gorge - Tel: 031 769 1527

This mountain bike park and lifestyle facility is nestled in a lush green valley alongside the N3 freeway, just outside Pinetown. It is a place for outdoor enthusiasts with something suitable for the whole family.

24. Inanda Dam - Tel: 031 766 9946

This picturesque dam is nestled between the graceful folds of the Valley of 1000 Hills. You will find several attractions and water sports at this Msinsi Resort.

25. Isithumba Valley - Tel: 031 762 3374

Isithumba Valley is a rural and authentic Zulu village in the Valley of 1000 Hills. It offers outdoor and culture enthusiasts a magnificent landscape of scenic mountain peaks and cliffs. Enjoy meandering rivers, green valleys and abundant forests.

26. Kloof Nature Reserve

The Krantz Kloof Nature Reserve is a beautiful natural haven where visitors can enjoy sightings of abundant wildlife, over 200 recorded species of birdlife and a variety of indigenous flora.

27. Willow Creek Farm - Tel: 031 768 1029

Tucked away in the Assagay valley, the farm provides a superb and entertaining environment for children to get close to and interact with animals.

28. Shongweni Dam - Tel: 031 769 1283

The beautiful Shongweni Dam offers many activities such as camping, picnic sites, game viewing, water sports, walking trails, birding as well as rock climbing.

29. Home Stays - Tel: 078 336 5094 031 777 1874

Vuk' Africa Tours and Village Explorer Tours offer home stay tours where you are welcomed into a Zulu family home as a guest so that you can learn and experience Zulu culture firsthand.

30. Umgeni Steam Train - Tel: 082 353 6003

Hop on board the Umgeni Steam Train, an unforgettable, history-rich experience. It runs on the last Sunday of every month, leaves from Kloof and goes to Inchanga and back again.

31. Blue Horizons Horse Trails - Tel: 083 269 4945

If you love horses and are interested in horse riding, Blue Horizons Horse Trails offers riding for the whole family.

32. Groovy Balls - Tel: 031 783 7162

Groovy Balls is the only Zorbing Park in KZN and they offer a number of fun activities that include the Hamster balls, off road go-karting and more.

33. Makaranga - Tel: 031 764 6616

The splendid Makaranga botanical gardens are located in the suburb of Kloof. It is difficult to believe that this 30-acre piece of stunning landscape is situated just a stone's throw from a major highway and just as close to the city of Durban!

34. Claremont Township Tours - Tel: 031 711 2326

Visit Claremont, the only place in Durban where black people were able to buy property and build houses during apartheid.

35. Mariannahill Monastery - Tel: 031 700 4288

Mariannahill Monastery is a haven of tranquility. If you have time you can go on a tour, you can also enjoy a meal at the recently revamped tea garden.

36. Gary's Horses - Tel: 084 205 9797

Gary's Horses offer rides through the coastal vegetation and onto miles of open beaches crossing scenic lagoons.

37. Splash Water World - Tel: 031 904 2273

Splash Water Park is an amazing place for families to have a full day of fun. It is situated on Amanzimtoti's main beach and offers a variety of water rides - from the more sedate to super scary rides for adrenaline junkies.

38. Illovo Nursery - Tel: 031 916 2491

The Illovo Nursery is not just any nursery. It has beautiful, lush tropical gardens that you can meander through. They also boast an animal rehabilitation centre with loads of cute little animals as well as snakes and reptiles.

39. Crocworld - Tel: 039 976 1103

Crocworld is an amazing crocodile park in the Scottburgh area where families can learn about crocodiles and reptiles. They also have activities such as feeding the crocodiles, snake demonstrations and an animal farm.

40. uMnini Dam - Tel: 083 514 1685

Set in beautiful bush, uMnini Dam is a great spot for water activities such as bass fishing, fly fishing, boating and canoeing. The dam is excellent for family outings with shaded picnic spots, thatched gazebos and braai facilities.

41. Aliwal Shoal - Tel: 039 973 2797

Why not give shark cage diving a try? Aliwal Shoal's reef is just off the coast of Umkomaas, which has beautiful coral, reef fish, turtles, and many more beautiful types of sea life. You can also go scuba diving and accommodation is available.

42. Amanzimtoti Bird Park - Tel: 031 903 1203

With over 150 species of birds in the indigenous forest, you are likely to spot the Giant Kingfisher, spur-winged goose and other birds. There is a tea garden that overlooks the lake where you will be able to view beautiful birds.

43. Galleria Mall - Tel: 031 904 2233

The Galleria Mall in Amanzimtoti doesn't only have really great stores, it also offers an ice skating rink, bowling alley, cinema complex and even bingo.

44. Gandhi Settlement - Tel: 031 519 2555

The Gandhi Settlement, founded by Gandhi in 1904, is where the public can view Gandhi's house, Sarvodaya, the printing press building that has become a community clinic, as well as the Phoenix Interpretation Centre.

45. Shembe Settlement of Ekuphakameni and Ebuhleni - Tel: 031 519 2555

Ekuphakameni houses the original Shembe temple, built in 1918 by Shembe volunteers. Ebuhleni is a home to Ebuhleni International church.

46. Ohlange Institute - Tel: 031 519 0038

The Institute was founded by John Langalibalele Dube (the first president of the ANC) and was the first black-controlled institution of its kind in SA. John Dube's first house and the JL Dube Hall, where Nelson Mandela voted in the first democratic election in 1994, is here.

47. Mzinyathi Falls - Tel: 031 519 2555

The Mzinyathi Falls is a sacred waterfall used for religious rituals such as the baptism of Ibandla LamaNazaretha. A Rastafarian community who live in a cave below the view site make use the falls and the surrounding area.

48. Nature Trails Umhlanga - Tel: 031 561 2271/031 566 4081

Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve: The trail is on a well-marked path where you can wander through the coastal forest on boardwalks and view vervet monkeys, small buck, butterflies and birds. The Hawaan Forest is an unique indigenous woodland that has remained in its natural state for centuries.

49. Umhlanga Lighthouse & Pier

The Umhlanga Lighthouse is a beautiful beacon to warn ships of the rocky Umhlanga coastline and to also to guide ships to the safety of Durban's Harbour. The Umhlanga pier was named the most beautiful pier in the world by CNN two years ago.

50. Sharks Board - Tel: 031 566 0400

If you are interested in learning more about sharks, don't hesitate to book an audio visual and shark dissection show. They also house a museum, a curio shop, and offer boat trips.

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