

MORE THAN 100 THINGS TO DO

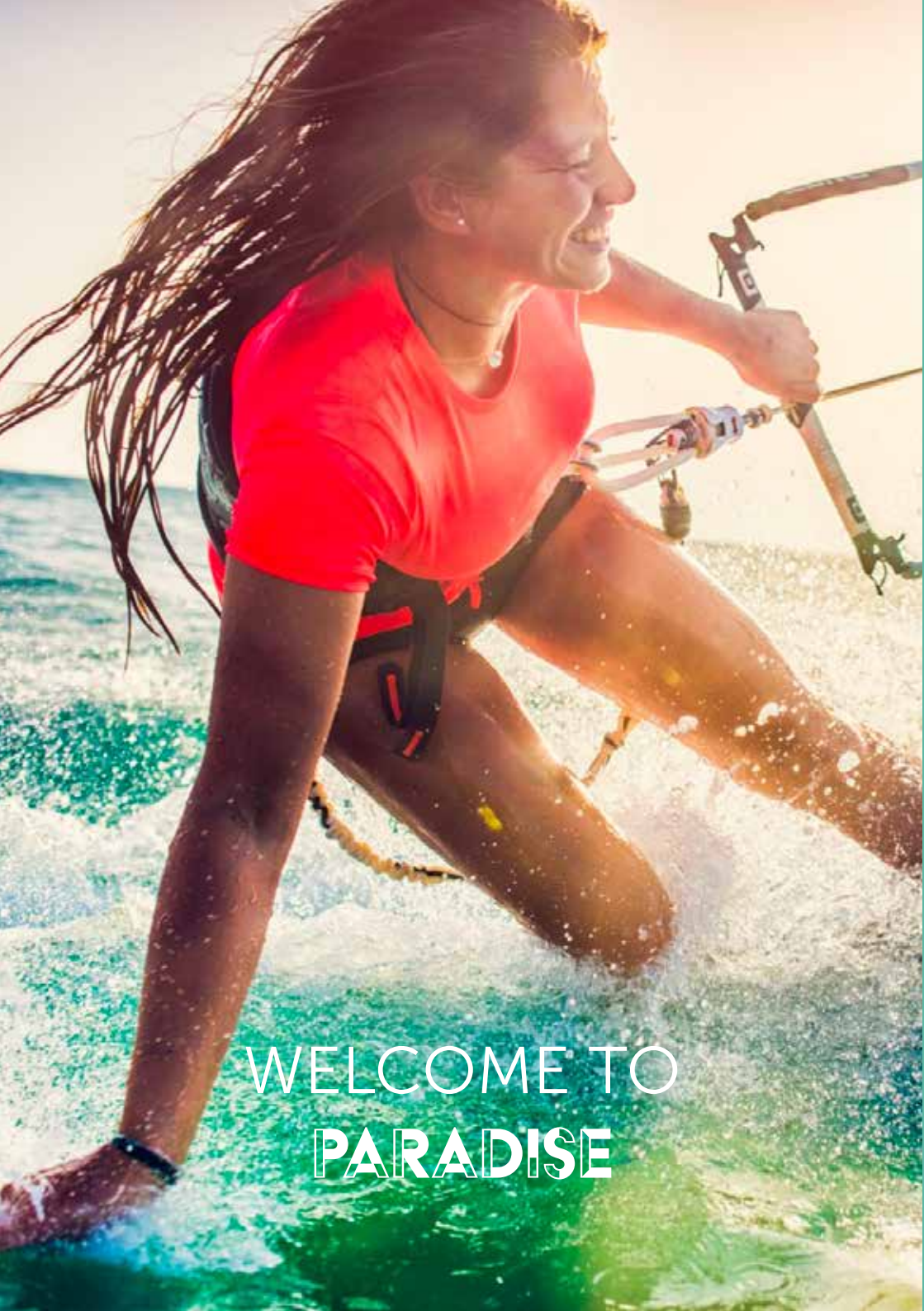


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PARADISE

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For your convenience, we have put together a 'things to see and do' guide that may inspire your itinerary during your stay.

1. ALOHA VILLAGE

The Aloha Village is an entertainment hub at the Wild Coast Sun for adults and children to come and play – find the Magic Company arcade, funfair-style games, Sky Park, Bowling, fast food restaurants and retail shops.

2. AQUA SPORT

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

Water fun for the whole family with a fantastic selection of water sports and river activities along the Mtamvuna River – including kayaking, speed boats, paddle boats, tube rides, water skiing and a lazy boat cruise. All the water activities are child-friendly and supervised by professional aquatic guides.

3. BEACH WALKS

The South Coast is renowned for its breathtakingly beautiful coastline with its vistas of Indian Ocean waves crashing onto long, unspoilt white beaches. Wild Coast Sun guests can step out of their sea-facing rooms, walk down an embankment and straight onto the beach.

4. BEAUTY TREATMENTS

Mangwanani Spa, ext. 2949
Mangwanani Kids Spa, ext. 2776

There is no better way to unwind on holiday than relaxing under the skillful hands of a masseuse and Mangwanani Spa has a variety of treatments to suit your preference – from massages to scrubs, to manicures and pedicures, to men's grooming and children's treatments. The Mangwanani Kids Spa is situated at the Wild Waves Water Park, and Mangwanani Spa is located on the second floor of the hotel.

5. BOARDALIGN WAKEBOARDING

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

For those board riders who love to surf in uncrowded surf spots, wakeboard behind a phat wake on the protected and flat water of the Mtamvuna River. Personal instructors are on-hand for beginner to professional wakeboard lessons. Book with Mastercraft X-star and South African top riders Deidre Van Niekerk and Kevin Dry.

6. BOAT CRUISE

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

Gently cruise up the Mtamvuna River, soaking up nature all around you with a cool breeze against your face. A must is the hour-long cruise that takes you up to the breathtakingly beautiful Umtamvuna Nature Reserve.

There are options for short and long cruises, as well as public and private. Purchase drinks from the sports bar prior to departure.

7. BOWLS

Enquire at reception, 039 305 9111

Bowls, also known as lawn bowls, is a leisurely activity that anyone can play regardless of age or ability. It is easy to learn and can be as relaxed or as competitive as you want to make it. Gather the troops and enjoy the sea breeze while you play. Located on route to the water park, near the tennis courts. Bowls are available for hire.

8. BRAAI

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

South Africans love to braai so we have you covered with a designated braai area on the riverbank.

Bring your own braai-grid and camp chairs, with meat and salads and setup for a fun evening with family and friends. Drinks can be purchased from the sports bar.

9. BREAKOUT

(071) 711 5097

For a fun and high-energy adventure, try the ultimate escape game where you have to breakout a room in 60 minutes.

Test your problem-solving skills with added adrenaline by cracking codes, solving puzzles and following clues, which you must do together as a team of two to eight people.

Three different themes are available: ghost ship quest, airplane mystery and kidnapers.

* Perfect for team building as well

16. GOLF

Wild Coast Sun Country Club, 039 305 2919 or 039 305 2799

Consistently rated amongst the best golf courses in South Africa, our unique course was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jnr to embrace the landscape. The 18-hole championship course forms part of the South African PGA circuit with a par 70 card rating.

With wide fairways, huge greens, many bunkers, ravines, water hazards and a shot over a waterfall, combined with coastal winds, players will be challenged every hole.

Do book in advance as it is a very popular golf destination.

17. HIGH TEA ON REQUEST

Gather around with friends and family over a good cup of tea or coffee, delectable eats and good conversation. The High Tea is available on request. Please ask one of the food and beverage managers..

18. HORSE RIDING ON THE BEACH

Ocean Trails Equestrian Centre, Bridget Davis on (083) 334 7711 / oceant@saol.com

If you've seen pictures of people riding horses on the beach set against a picturesque ocean backdrop and dreamed one day you could experience this for yourself, turn this into a reality and tick the activity off your bucket list. The experience is memorable and exhilarating.

Situated near the Wild Waves Water Park, you can select horse rides from 20 minutes, 40 minutes, 50 minutes, 1 hour and 2 hours.

19. KAYAKING

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

Kayaking is a popular activity on the South Coast and Kayak Adventures offers guided tours on the two-person kayak up the Mtamvuna River and along the banks of the Umtamvuna Nature Reserve. The scenic excursion is something you won't forget.

20. PADDLE BOAT

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

Take in a lazy afternoon on a paddle boat on the scenic Mtamvuna River. Easy to do, each paddle boat can comfortably take two adults and two children and is a safe. Family friendly activity. Also, lots of fun (and inexpensive) for friends or couples

21. PETRIFIED FOREST, BEACH TOUR

An oblivious person walking along the beach will be completely unaware of what lies below their feet; therefore, a tour guide is essential to appreciate the history and sights from the Cretaceous period and volcanic remains of 80-million-year-old fossilised trees and deposits on the rocks. The tour starts from Wild Waves Water Park, and you walk 2km along the breathtakingly unspoilt beach, to the caves before heading back.

Enquire at the hotel reception.

22. QUAD BIKES

***Segway Guiding Tours / 083 456 8507 /
mms@segwaytourskzn.co.za***

Exploring the great wildness and the 750 hectares of lush indigenous bush that surrounds the resort on a quad bike is a definite must.

Whether you have ridden a quad bike before or have zero experience, the tours cater for the proficient as well as beginners.

You can opt for one of three tours, all with their own picturesque scenery and many photography opportunities for social media or mounted to your wall at home. Go up to the lookout point, or over the rocky terrain to the 140m-long swing Umzamba Bridge, or a full scenery tour of Umzamba and the old shark's board.

23. SEGWAYS TOURS

***Segway Guiding Tours / 083 456 8507 / mms@segwaytour-
skzn.co.za***

Segway tours are a popular mode of transport to explore the resort. You can opt for the botanic forest tour that takes you to the banks of Mtamvuna River, or the golf tour that takes you around the 18-hole championship golf course, with beautiful greenery and spectacular sea views

of the Indian Ocean.

Segway tours are something the whole family to do together – all you need is a little co-ordination and practice, and you will be on your way. An experienced tour guide is on hand to provide a lesson before you set off.

Situated near the Wild Waves Water Park, bookings 24 hours in advance are required.

24. SPEED BOATS

The Riverside Aqua Sports Beach Bar, 083 662 9096

Explore the unspoilt coastline around Wild Coast Sun with the sea air and wind on your face.



PORT EDWARD



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PORT EDWARD

The closest destination to Wild Coast Sun.

BEACHES

29. SILVER BEACH

7.9 km/roughly 10 minutes from Wild Coast Sun.

Located in Port Edward, Silver Beach is a fantastic secure beach, perfect for families and water sports enthusiasts, with a cocktail bar and restaurant conveniently situated close by.

Children will enjoy the super tube rides, lagoon, and splash pools. The beach is the main departure point for small fishing charters and water motorsports such as skiing.

30. TRAFALGAR BEACH

17 km/roughly 20- minutes from Wild Coast Sun

Trafalgar Beach is just north of Port Edward and boasts an 11-year consecutive blue flag status.

This beach buzzes with swimmers and snorkellers, bodyboarders and stand-up paddlers, fishermen, and kite-flyers on the water and sunbathers and picnic makers on the beach. The fossil beds are believed to be 90 million years old, so goggles and snorkels are a must.

Mac Banana Estate & Adventures

039 319 1033

Mac Banana is a unique shopping, entertainment, and family venue situated in the surroundings of a banana farm in Port Edward that's beside the farm stall with preserves, fresh produce, and sweet treats.

Mac Banana has four restaurants – including the famous pancake house, and boasts a wine cellar, art gallery, and nursery.

It also has over 20 adventurous activities for the family to partake in, such as the animal farm, mini golf, quad biking, and playground.

31. BANANA CAFÉ

The Banana Café produces a range of delicious dishes, including its famous giant pancakes with sweet or savoury fillings.

Mac Adventures

Open daily between 08h00 and 16h00, there is plenty for the family to see and do.

32. MAC ARCHER

Test your skills and see who gets closest to the archery bullseye or take aim at the air gun range.

33. MAC BUTTERFLIES

Enjoy beautiful butterflies in an exotic controlled environment. Visitors are provided an educational talk on butterflies and their life cycle before entering the dome and coming face to face with the colourful species.

34. MAC CHIMP & ZEE (ZIP LINING)

At the rope adventure park, you can zip through the banana plantation via three zip line courses: Zip Line Cable, the Zip Express Course and Zip Adventure Course. Multiple people can head out for an adventure with the maximum height being 20m above the ground.

35. MAC CONQUER

Do you have what it takes to complete the ultimate obstacle challenge? The Conquer Obstacle Park is an adult course with 20 obstacles with an adjacent children's jungle gym section.

36. MAC FARMYARD

Children will love the animal farm and even get to meet famous donkey pair Ally and Eeyore, as well as Abraham the sheep. Pony rides are also popular and there is an option to purchase a feed bucket.

Brush up on your banana knowledge on the banana tour or place energetic children on the trampoline.

There is an entrance fee per person or free with any purchase of other activities.

37. MAC NURSEY

From humble beginnings, Mac Banana started out as a farm stall on a 16-hectare working banana farm in 2005. It now boasts a plant nursery at the main entrance that will delight any gardener.

38. MAC PAINTBALL /AIR GUN RANGE

Kids older than 10 years and adults can team up and compete in a paintball or air gun purpose-built war zone course. Guns, overalls and goggles are provided.

39. MAC QUADS

For those 16 years and older, take a behind-the-scenes tour through the exotic banana plantation on a quad bike.

40. MAC VENTURE GOLF

Mini golf adventures with a choice between a 9-hole or 18-hole course.

EXPERIENCES

41. ALI WAL DIVE (SCUBA DIVING AND SHARK CAGE DIVING)

039 973 2233 / dive@aliwalshoal.co.za

Learn to scuba dive or continue your education with Aliwal Dive Centre, which has been operating for local and international tourists since 1995.

Dive with up to any of the 12 different types of sharks and rays from the area, including Ragged Tooth Sharks, Tiger Sharks, Oceanic Balcktips, Zambezi (Bull) sharks and Manta Rays, as well as Dolphins and Whale Sharks. Even if you have no experience, come snorkel with sharks up close in the floating shark cage.

Diving lessons are provided at the PADI 5 Instructor Development Centre or for the confident, head out on a daily charter to Aliwal Shoal and the 2 nearby ship wrecks 'Nebo' and 'Produce'.

* Join the Aliwal Dive team on the Raggie Bonanza, Shark Fest or the unforgettable, annual Sardine Run (see reference below)

42. BEAVER CREEK COFFEE ESTATE

Located in Port Edward, 039 311 2347

Experience a world of coffee when you visit Beaver Creek Coffee Estate. Coffee fans can sample and purchase the range of freshly roasted Beaver Creek coffee and other coffees of the world. The estate offers a daily 'crop to cup' tour that outlines the distinctive flavours of the world's coffee regions and the processes involved in creating the perfect cup.

The Estate Cafe serves freshly roasted coffee, light lunches and delicious cakes all day.

43. CLEARWATER TRAILS

083 549 6710

Established in 2003, Clearwater Trails is popular among mountain bikers, trail runners and nature walkers for its recreation and beauty factors.

There are five trail routes, ranging from 2.5 km to 14 km, each starting from and ending at Beaver Creek Coffee Estate. Trail users will enjoy the beauty and diversity of the various habitats of the routes they pass through.

Open daily between 08h00 and 16h00, however call ahead to arrange an early start if desired.

44. MATTISON SQUARE (SHOPPING)

Mattison Square is a quaint open-air shopping centre that is worth visiting for a wide range of eclectic arts and crafts. There is a colourful jungle gym section for children to play in.

The Cow Shed Coffee Shop offers delicious homemade food and the chocolate muffin with a gooey centre is a popular choice, followed by the ginger and macadamia nut muffin.

The Baobab Galerie features bright and colourful crafts from Madagascar and is a great place to pick up gifts and décor items at affordable prices.

Other shops to browse include Ilva's Country Crafts, Butterfly Boutique, Surf's Up and Reflections Art Studio. The centre is also home to South Coast Dental Ceramics and Coral Spa.

45. MUNSTER MOTOR MUSEUM & CLASSIC CARS

**Rod Kinsey on 082 579 6387 / rod@kinsey.co.za or
Robin Broide on 079 360 2118 / robinbroide@gmail.com**

The museum gives an interactive display of antique cars from restoration in the workshop to final display and continuously revolves its collection to showcase between 10 and 20 classic cars at any one time. Classic Cars & Motorcycles is also housed in the Munster Motor Museum and offers an ever-changing collection of old vehicles available on display and for sale.

46. PORT EDWARD LIGHTHOUSE

082 374 4114

The Port Edward Lighthouse, officially known as the North San Bluff Lighthouse, was established in 1968 and rebuilt in 1999. Standing 24m tall, it is an operational lighthouse and a vital part of the lighthouse network with two beams. The light is half a million candle watts in power and is visible for 40km. It is no longer open to the public, but visitors can still check out its exterior and snap photographs in front of it.

47. RED DESERT NATURE RESERVE

039 695 0460 / 083 631 9331 / reddesertnr@telkomsa.net / www.reddesertnaturereserve.co.za

A must-visit, the world's smallest desert, which is only 200m in diameter and 11 hectares in its entirety.

It has been described as a miniature version of the Arizona Desert with its man high hills and valleys of naked red soil, which is a stark contrast to the surrounding lush and tropical vegetation.

48. SARDINE RUN

The South African Sardine Run is a natural phenomenon that happens every year between May and August along the east coast. Millions of sardines migrate up the coast in large shoals and attract dolphins, whales, seals, penguins, sharks and birds.

The Sardine Run is a global tourist attraction and Port Edward is one of the best beaches to experience the biggest shoal and feeding frenzy in the world. There are various options available, you can go out by boat or scuba dive to get up close to the action or you can tour from above by helicopter. To monitor activity, visit the Sardine Run South Africa Facebook page.

GOLF

49. PORT EDWARD COUNTRY CLUB

078 949 1306

The 9-hole golf course is the perfect alternative if you feel like taking a break from the other courses in the vicinity. Port Edward Country Club is more affordable to play and although seemingly unassuming, is still a very enjoyable course to play. The double tees make it possible to play an 18-hole round of golf and be warned, the stiff up and downhill walks will test your fitness levels. Wildlife & Bird Watching

50. CRAG'S VIEW WILD CARE CENTRE

039 311-2488 / 083 471-0575

Crag's View Wild Care Centre is the only formal rehabilitation centre for wildlife in the South Coast area. It homes, treats and rehabilitates birds and animals that have been orphaned or that have suffered debilitating injuries. The centre offers an educational talk and experience by appointment only.

51. MKAMBATI NATURE RESERVE

The reserve is situated on the coast of north-eastern Pondoland, in the Eastern Cape. It lies between Port Edward (30 km to the north east) and Port St Johns (59 km to the south west).

It is 7720 hectares of open grasslands, dotted with indigenous forest patches and swamp forests, flanked by the magnificent, forested ravines of the Msikaba and Mtentu rivers. Grasslands cover a large portion of the reserve and support a fascinating and diverse flora. Large numbers of grazing herbivores such as Eland and Red Hartebeest have been introduced into the grasslands. Hiking or riding horses are the best ways to experience this beautiful reserve.

52. MPENJATI NATURE RESERVE

Enquire about the trail options, 039 313 0531

The Mpenjati Nature Reserve occupies 60 hectares of the KwaZulu-Natal countryside, in Port Edward, and boasts a wide range of birdlife, wildlife and vegetation for hikers and bird watchers to enjoy.

Wildlife includes the Duiker, with red, blue and grey varieties. The Red Duiker is on the IUCN red list as a threatened species. Birdlife includes the Giant Kingfisher, Osprey, Water Thick-Knee, Black-Bellied Starling, Green Twinspot, Forest Canary, Orange-Breasted Bush Shrike, and the Black-Backed Puffback. Park visitors can also enjoy the picnic spots of braai facilities.

53. PONDOLAND CENTRE OF ENDEMISM

Described by SA-Venues.com as a 'wonderland' and 'one of the most fascinating areas of botanical study in the world', the Pondoland Centre of Endemism is situated between Port St Johns on the West Coast and Oribi Gorge, in KwaZulu-Natal.

The biological hotspot is filled with forests, grassland and incised river valleys. Not only is it the second richest floristic region in southern Africa (after the Cape Floristic Region (fynbos), but it unites four centres of endemism – Maputaland, Pondoland, Albany and Sneeuberg, and six of the country's eight biomes. This makes this stretch of coastline the second richest floristic region in Africa for its size.

54. UMTAMVUNA NATURE RESERVE

039 313 2383

The Umtamvuna Nature Reserve in Port Edward is famous for its magnificent views of the deep Mtamvuna River Gorge. It is a treasure house of rare and endemic trees and plant species in a diversity of habitats, with spectacular wildflower displays after the spring rains.

The reserve has phenomenal nature walks with several marked trails to explore – including Kingfisher Trail (30-minutes), Loerie Trail (2-hours) and Fish Eagle Trail (4-hour circular route). A large colony of the endangered Cape Vulture can be observed on their nesting sites, as well as other rare bird species.



SOUTHBROOM



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Approximately **23km/25-minutes** from Wild Coast Sun

BEACHES

55. MARINA BEACH

Perched on the border of the Impanyati Nature Reserve, Marina Beach runs between the villages of San Lameer and Southbroom. It has been dubbed the "Honolulu of the South Coast" because of its subtropical vegetation and laid-back vibe.

Marina Beach has Blue Flag status and is a beautiful swimming beach with natural rock pools for little ones to splash around in. It is also well known for its soft sand, perfect for sunbathing and building sandcastles.

Experiences

56. RIVERBEND CROCODILE FARM

039 316 6204

The crocodile farm, a major tourist attraction, opened in 1981 and is home to more than 200 adult Nile crocodiles, numerous juveniles of varying sizes, and a number of bird species that share this space on a beautiful estate.

The highlight of any visit is feeding time when the crocodiles go into a feeding frenzy. Crocodile hatching demonstrations take place in January and February.

Guests can also visit Crocodile Café for its wholesome farm breakfasts, light family lunches, waffles and lazy afternoon teas.

57. RIVERBEND ART GALLERY / ARTS & CRAFTS SHOP

039 316 6204

If you are visiting the crocodile farm, be sure to pop into the art gallery. Not only are you privy to the works of South Africa's finest artists in the gallery, pick up supplies for your own creative muses.

Call ahead to see what artists are currently on display.

GOLF

58. SAN LAMEER COUNTRY CLUB

039 313 0111

The San Lameer Country Club is set in a golfing estate and was designed by Peter Matkovich and Dale Hayes who sculptured around one of the last remaining wetland forests on the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal. The layout is tight and economical, with narrow scenic fairways and large bunkers, doglegs, bodies of water and devilish thick rough, to ensure your 18-hole round of golf is thoroughly tested.

59. SOUTHBROOM COUNTRY CLUB

039 316 605

Established in 1938, Southbroom Country Club is situated adjacent to the beach, dotted with lush greenery and surrounded by luxury coastal homes. The manicured course will challenge you to use every club in your bag and each of the 18 holes has its own unique feature and ability to test the skill of the most accomplished golfer.



MARGATE



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Approximately **35km/30 minutes** from Wild Coast Sun

BEACHES

60. LUCIEN BEACH

Perched along the scenic Hibiscus Coast, this is a beautiful beach in Margate. Besides the many water activities available and its tidal pools, there is a little shop and restaurant, as well as arts and crafts for sale in the parking area.

61. MARGATE BEACH

As the main beach in Margate, it is very popular for swimming, surfing, bodyboarding and stand-up paddling. There are also a number of spots to snorkel, so bring your flippers and goggles. The restaurants, swimming pools and recreational area add to its popularity.

62. SHELLY BEACH

Known as an underwater paradise, Shelly Beach has a scuba diving reef approximately 1,500 meters out to sea to spot the most spectacular varieties of tropical fish, sharks and coral, as well as explore the mystical underwater caves.

Further out is Protea Banks, a world-renowned scuba diving destination for sharks and big game fish. With the abundance of fish in these waters, fishermen can sport rock and surf fishing, or take a boat out.

The beach itself is great for swimming and canoeing with shark nets and lifeguards during school holidays.

Another favourite pastime on this beach in particular, is kite flying. If you did not bring your own, there are many places to buy.

63. ST MICHEALS ON SEA BEACH

St Micheals on the Sea is popular among surfers for having one of the best point breaks in South Africa, when the wind offers the perfect conditions. Situated at the mouth of the Umhlangeni River, one will enjoy the swimming and going out on paddle boats.

A highlight for families is the grass area with a children's swimming pool and a number of rock pools.

64. UVONGO BEACH

Considered one of the most beautiful beaches on the South Coast, it is difficult to argue this point when Uvongo Beach has soft white sand and a waterfall that empties into the lagoon, accompanied by top-notch facilities.

Beach goers enjoy swimming, snorkelling, bodyboarding, surfing, stand-up paddling, canoeing, and exploring the rock pools.

DINING

65. C-BALI RESTAURANT

039 315 0473

This family run, relaxed beachside restaurant has delicious seafood and sushi specialities on the menu, as well as gourmet handmade burgers. Enjoy craft gin and beers, including its signature house lager at the Craft Gin Bar & Cocktail Deck overlooking the ocean.

* Recommended by previous Wild Coast Sun guests

66. SENZI'S ON FAYA (ALSO KNOWN AS SENZI'S SHISANYAMA)

**039 312 1203 / senzinokwe@telkomsa.net /
senzisbutchergrill@gmail.com**

Husband and wife team, Michael and Senzi Frey, started a chain of Senzi establishments starting with Senzi's Shisanyama in 2013. It serves the best quality grilled meat where you choose your protein, and a Braai Master cooks it to perfection, filling the air with that classic South African Aroma. There is also an à la carte menu.

* See under experiences for the night club offering

EXPERIENCES

67. AQUA PLANET DIVE CENTRE AND CHARTER

082 877 3966

Whether you are interested in snorkelling, new to diving or an experienced diver, Aqua Planet Dive Centre and Charter has the dive expertise to suit your needs.

The Professional Association of Diving Instructors five-star dive and charter centre offers scuba diving courses, dive charters to Protea Banks, tours and packages, and well stocked dive shop.

Get to know our sharks with dives that bring you up close with Bull Sharks, Hammerheads – often seen overhead in the hundreds (yes you read that right, hundreds), Guitar Sharks, Coppers and Blacktips, with the privileged seeing the elusive Tiger Shark.

68. BBS FARM

Located in South port, 079 568 1815

The women-owned agri-tourism farm provides tours of the macadamia nut and tomato plantations grown by the local community.

69. DEEP SEA FISHING, SHELLY BEACH

Shelly Beach is known as an underwater paradise with its abundance of marine life. Jump onto one of the many fishing charters and head out in search of your big catch, from tasty species to big game monsters like Tuna and Billfish.

70. FISHING OFF PIERS

039 682 7944.

Easy access shore fishing is a firm favourite among fishermen in the Margate area with two prime pier spots to cask off and hang for hours, with your cooler box and friends.

- Margate Fishing Pier
- Uvongo Fishing Pier

71. NYANDEZULU VILLAGE (CULTURAL TOUR)

Nyandezulu is a lovely rural village situated 9km inland from Shelly Beach. Take a trip into the hills and discover the Nyandezulu community and their semi-rural settlements.

Visitors are welcomed by the community at the large wild fig tree at the Mfihlo Guest House, with its jaw-dropping sea views from the very top of the hill. From there, choose to drive or be driven to the Ntantana Mountain and magnificent Nyandezulu Falls.

72. PURE VENOM REPTILE PARK

082 492 8256 / www.purevenom.com

Situated on an old estate in Izotsha near Shelly Beach, the family-run reptile park is a must for those wanting to see the most fearsome and venomous snakes on the planet. Visitors can count all 70 teeth of a crocodile and stroke the scales of an iguana. For the brave, have a photograph taken holding a python, mamba, cobra or viper.

The grounds are beautiful and graced with enormous wild olive trees that date back to the 1800s. They also have a petting zoo with farm animals and exotic birds.

The Pure Venom Reptile Park rescues and rehabilitates injured snakes as well as removes snakes bothering public and relocates them.

73. ROTARY UVONGO FLEAMARKET

The Rotary Uvongo Fleamarket has been running every Saturday and Sunday morning for more than 30 years. With over 160 stalls, there is a wide range of goodies, from fresh produce – fruit and vegetables, meat and cheese – to clothing, bags, toys and games, as well as second-hand bits and bobs. The market also has an open-air tearoom to put your feet up and enjoy a hot or cold beverage and a slice of homemade cake.

74. SENZI'S LOUNGE & EXCLUSIVE VIP LOUNGE (NIGHT CLUB)

039 312 1203 / senzinokwe@telkomsa.net / senzisbutchergrill@gmail.com

In 2016, the Senzi duo expanded their chain with Senzi's Lounge and Exclusive VIP Lounge.

The lounge offers an upmarket area to relax and unwind, enjoying music of its resident DJs, as well as popular artist performances scheduled throughout the year. It has two bar areas and a large dance floor to let your hair down and socialise.

For a more refined experience, visit Senzi's Exclusive VIP Lounge for the VIP treatment in the luxurious interior with balcony that provides a spectacular view of Margate's Marine Parade.

75. ST MICHEALS ON SEA BEACH

If you feel like a walk, then make use of one of the most magnificent walks along the coastline on a grassy park. The Saints Walk stretches from St Michaels on Sea to the Uvongo Beach and you can simply enjoy the stunning surroundings, natural vegetation and gorgeous views along the walk.

76. UVONGO WATERFALL

039 682 7944

For hikers seeking picturesque trails, the Uvongo Waterfall plummets 23m down over rock escarpments and into a lagoon of the nearby Uvongo Beach. Pack your swimming costume for a dip in the ocean once you have worked up a sweat.

GOLF

77. MARGATE COUNTRY CLUB

039 312 0571

The Margate Country Club golf 18-hole course is an absolute delight to play all year round. Although challenging at times it is also a forgiving course especially for beginner players. You can look forward to 5 par 3's and a 11th signature hole that requires an accurate tee shot over a picturesque ravine. In addition, the water features that are a bird haven and the views over the surrounding hills are magnificent.

WILDLIFE & BIRD WATCHING

78. RIVER VALLEY NATURE RESERVE

083 263 5537 / info@rivervalleynaturereserve.co.za

The River Valley Nature Reserve falls within a horseshoe of a picturesque section of the Ivungu River in Margate. It boasts a variety of different ecosystems within a small area with an abundance of birdlife, antelope and small mammals.

79. SKYLINE NATURE RESERVE

Found between the coastal towns of Uvongo and Margate, Skyline Nature Reserve has a beautiful arboretum that includes almost 380 indigenous tree species, most carefully labelled.

Neighbouring Uvongo River Nature Reserve (see below) is more well known, while Skyline Nature Reserve, although it has been around for more than 40 years, remains relatively obscure, visited only by those who know of their existence.

There is no entrance fee, which may account for its humble facilities, but it is a botanical heaven. In addition, it is a birdwatcher's paradise, and keep your eyes peeled for small mammals like blue and grey duiker and bushbuck. Other than hiking, you can cycle and picnic, although there are no designated picnic sites.

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80. UVONGO RIVER NATURE RESERVE

This is bird country, not only does the Uvongo Bird Park, with its walk-through aviaries, lie right next door to the Uvongo River Nature Reserve, the reserve itself is a haven for rare bird species – such as the buff-spotted flufftail, purple-banded sunbird and the grey waxbill.

Although a small reserve at 28 hectares, it packs a punch with birdlife and even among those more commonly spotted – African crowned eagle, African fish-eagle, narina torgon and yellow-bellied greenbul – the average birder would be excited to tick off their list.

RAMSGATE



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BEACHES

81. RAMSGATE BEACH

Located in the quaint village of Ramsgate, the picturesque beach is an escape from some of the other bustling beaches on the South Coast. That said, the quieter beach is equipped for launching ski-boats and has a large tidal pool and lagoon for great water activities and swimming.

DINING

82. LA CAPANNINA ITALIAN RESTAURANT

039 317 1078

When on the South Coast and you fancy a little taste of Italy, you cannot go wrong with La Capannina Italian Restaurant.

For more than two decades, the restaurant has centred its menu on Italian cuisine that includes pasta, traditional woodfire pizza and succulent meat and fish dishes. It also has an extensive wine list and well stocked bar.

Open Tuesday to Sunday for lunch (12h00 to 14h00) and dinner (from 18h00) and daily in season.

* Recommended by previous Wild Coast Sun guests

83. PISTOLS SALOON AND WILD WEST MUSEUM

039 316 8463

It's no joke, Huckleberry the donkey is a familiar face and regular to Pistols Saloon – he drinks cold drinks at the bar and munches on carrots.

Pistols is a family friendly restaurant and wild west-themed pub, which also has a museum next door, with lots of cowboy memorabilia and information about Indians and the 'Most Wanted' criminals of that era, including Billy the Kid and Frank and Jesse James.

There is no horsing around in this pub, with its no swearing rule. If you let one slip, you are fined R2, which goes to the SPCA and a worthy cause.

84. THE WAFFLE HOUSE

039 314 9424 / manager@wafflehouse.co.za

The iconic eatery has been serving wholesomely fresh Belgian waffles since 1991 and has a view overlooking the Ramsgate Lagoon, with a quaint wooden bridge accessing the beach below.

Great care is taken in the preparation of all dishes on the waffle and breakfast menus, using quality ingredients and organically grown fruit and vegetables where possible.

You can also visit the deli on the property and purchase the same organic foods used at the restaurant.

Open Monday to Sunday between 08h00 and 17h00.

* Recommended by previous Wild Coast Sun guests

85. BUTTERFLY VALLEY

EXPERIENCES

073 422 5357 / 072 235 3688

A fun and educational outing for the whole family, Butterfly Valley is located in Ramsgate.

The butterfly farm specialises in South African butterflies and because they breed its own, are able to present the whole butterfly lifecycle to visitors.

86. RAMSGATE WHALE DECK (WHALE WATCHING)

From the Ramsgate Whale Deck, you have spectacular views of the main beach, lagoon and tidal pool. It is also the perfect spot for whale-watching all year round and the annual migration of the Humpback whale, which occurs between May and September.

Spectators can also enjoy the delightful antics of resident common and bottlenose dolphins, as well as the annual Sardine Run during the winter months.

87. MTENTWENI WHALE DECK (WHALE WATCHING)

Another great deck to watch the migration of the Humpback and Southern Right whales traveling to Mozambique.

The deck falls part of the Umtentweni Conservancy, which was established in 2007 to protect and promote natural heritage within the greater Umtentweni area.





PORTSHEPSTONE

PORT SHEPSTONE

Approximately 52km/45 minutes from Wild Coast Sun

EXPERIENCES

88. NTELEZI MSANE HERITAGE SITE IN MTHWALUME

060 473 3712

The cultural and heritage site honours the liberation stalwarts who were arrested here in 1906. The heritage centre showcases local African history, as well as sharing indigenous knowledge and creative arts. Tours require a minimum of five people per group.

GOLF

89. PORT SHEPSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

039 695 0140/1

Steep in history, the Port Shepstone Country Club built in 1912 is a popular picturesque 18-hole course nestled between the sea and the uMzimkhulu River. The front nine is scenic with the fairways lined with the tropical coastal forest while the back nine have a decidedly links-style feel where the wind and water-traps will test your abilities.

Wildlife & Bird Watching

90. BENDIGO NATURE RESERVE

039 682 7944

A hidden gem in Port Shepstone, Bendigo Nature Reserve is a small conservation area with hiking trails and an abundance of birdlife.

According to an online review, this reserve, although overgrown, is still beautiful if you want to get into the thick of nature.



BIZANA

Approximately 53km/1 hour from Wild Coast Sun, inland

EXPERIENCES

91. OR TAMBO GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

039 682 7944

Since the death of Oliver Tambo, in 1993, his family's homestead in Bizana on the Wild Coast attracts thousands of foreign and local visitors. Oliver Tambo was president of the ANC for over 25 years.

The Garden of Remembrance at Nkantolo Village, Mbizana includes an exhibition space where artefacts and photographs are showcased, to preserve and contain information related to the life and legacy of Oliver Reginald Tambo.





ORIBI GORGE

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Approximately **75km/1 hour** from Wild Coast Sun

EXPERIENCES

LAKE ELAND NATURE RESERVE

039 001 1010 / 083 257 9468 / www.lakeeland.co.za

92. DAY VISITORS (BIKE, HIKE AND FISH)

For those looking to mountain bike, hike or fish at Lake Eland Nature Reserve, there is a day visitors rate. Bring your gear and equipment.

93. HORSE RIDING

Enjoy the tranquillity of the game reserve on the back of a horse and the friendly guides will help you spot wildlife ranging from giraffe to warthogs. The guided tours range from one to two hours, and beginners are welcome. Minimum of two people, maximum of six. Minimum of 10 years old and bookings are essential.

94. GAME DRIVES (SELF AND GUIDED)

Lake Eland has a variety of routes that one can select depending on the amount of time you have to spend touring the game reserve and you can do a self-game drive or opt for a guided game drive.

One of the popular routes is a visit to the suspension bridge and caves past the Zip Line office – allocate between 2-3 hours for this. For a full day, continue the scenic drive on the reserve to the lake and back along the western side of the reserve, which is just over 30km.

The roads can accommodate all “normal” cars, no need for a 4x4. However those that want to push their 4x4 talents, can make use of the 4x4 track.

95. PAINTBALL

Load up and head out on the paintball course in teams to combat each other in a game of paintball.

Minimum of four people and minimum age is 10 years old.

96. SCOOTER TOUR

Enjoy a one of a kind 5km guided tour of the game reserve on a nonmotorised scooter. Not only do you get to take in the beautiful Oribi Gorge, but you need to be on the lookout for wildlife such as impala and zebra.

Fun for the whole family, small children hitch a ride with mom or dad. Children between six and nine to be accompanied by an adult.

97. ZIP LINES (TOUR AND EXTREME)

Zip line down the longest zip line tour in Africa, at 4,5km, across the Lake Eland Game Reserve.

The tour consists of 14 zip line slides starting at the top of Oribi Gorge. Slide number 6 is the longest, which soars 680m down from a 300m height. One of the slides crosses so close over the lake that you can almost touch the water, and the final slide is through a tunnel.

For the adrenalin junkies, the ZipXtreme will provide the ultimate thrill. The first slide is 1km straight down and you reach speeds up to 160km per hour, and another two slides take you to the collection point. Not for children.

WILD 5 ADVENTURES

Oribi Gorge Wild 5 Extreme Adventure on 039 682 7944 / 082 566 7424 / Info@wild5adventures.co.za

Besides the five adventures (plus paintball), Wild 5 Adventures also has a Lock-Lane for you to leave a legacy of your lasting love locked in Oribi Gorge forever. Padlock your lock on the lane and throw the key into the gorge.

98. GO BALLISTIX PAINTBALL

Paintball fun with a range of games from the well-known Capture the Flag and Hostage Rescue to custom-made games, designed to deliver a fulfilled experience for your group. Guns, overalls and headgear are provided.

99. SUSPENSION BRIDGE

A spectacular opportunity to be suspended between heaven and terra firma, as you hover 100m above the Gorge floor enjoying views of Lehr's Waterfall, Baboon's Castle and the World's Highest Gorge Swing.

Almost as long as it is high, the bridge's length measures 84m.

100. WILD ABSEIL

Enjoy a spectacular sightseeing experience trail along the Mzimkuluwana River and up to the top of Lehr's Waterfall before abseiling down the 110m cliff.

Learn the ropes and experience a new dimension of sightseeing from one of the world's highest commercial abseils.

The first 45m is a cliff abseil where one traditionally abseils with their feet against the cliff, while the remaining 65m is a free abseil allowing one to take in the beauty of the gorge from a different angle.

101. WILD QUAD ADVENTURES

Quad biking is a great way to experience nature in its unspoiled beauty. Pick your own pace, whether it is safe yet exhilarating or calm and serene, it is the best adventure on four wheels. Experienced guides escort you on the tours, which are operated all year round, weather dependant.

102. WILD SLIDE

For those lacking the courage to do the Wild Swing (see below), the slide may be more suited for you.

Experience solitary bliss as you slide along the cable that spans across the Oribi Gorge, 165m above the treetops. Strapped securely in a full body harness, you can enjoy the view without compromising your comfort.

103. WILD SWING

A must for adrenalin junkies and definitely one for the bucket list. Leap off the top Lehr's Waterfall, from the highest swing of its kind in the world and drop 165m down into the gaping depths of the Oribi Gorge below.

Unlike a bungee where you are strapped by the ankles, you experience the swing securely and comfortably fastened in a full-body harness.

EXPERIENCES

104. HOEPOE FALLS (HIKING)

Located in the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve, the Hoopoe Falls hiking trail is the perfect place to appreciate the best nature has to offer.

The easy trail follows the river from the main picnic site in the gorge. You will be flanked by the towering sandstone cliffs of the gorge as you follow the river for about 1.5 hours when you will join the trail running alongside the Mbalala Stream to the Hoopoe Falls.

The hike is 7km, and approximately 4 hours, return on the same route.

* See below for more on the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve

105. RIVER RAFTING IN ORIBI GORGE

082 566-7424

White river rafting down the Umzimkhulu River will certainly get your blood pumping and makes for a fun adventure – for the young and old, experienced or inexperienced.

Get your life jackets on and hit the water to brave grade 2 and 4 rapids, with names like 'the Omen' and 'the Brick' – depending on the conditions at the time. Experienced guides will accompany you to ensure it's a safe and enjoyable trip.

You are estimated to be in the water for roughly four to six hours, with a stop for a quick refreshment along the way.

Bookings are essential.

106. SAMANGO WATERFALL

A hikers' paradise, one of the many waterfall trails in Oribi Gorge is Samango Falls, which is about 4km in distance. Basic hiking equipment is needed, so wear comfortable sneakers and sunblock and pack water and snacks.

Wildlife & Bird Watching

107. ORIBI GORGE NATURE RESERVE

(033) 845-1000 / bookings@kznwildlife.com

According to online reviews, the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve has "magnificent" and "awe-inspiring" scenic views and offers the best hiking experience and photography opportunities.

The reserve was proclaimed in 1950 and sits on 1,917 ha of land, carved out of ancient sandstone and an impressive view of the Umzimkulwana River Gorge. It has a wealth of birdlife and smaller wildlife species, and visitors have occasionally seen leopards.

Open daily between 07h00 and 18h00.

108. ORIBI VULTURE VIEWING HIDE

Advanced bookings are essential, 072 893 3794

Oribi Gorge is home to a breeding colony of over 200 Cape Vultures. Get up close and personal with these magnificent birds from easily accessible cliff vantage points where you will see them soaring along the ridges, flying above, below and at eye level.

Watch as they perform stunning formations and hear the rush of air through their feathers as they glide passed, sometimes just meters away. The memorable experience does not require hiking or mountain climbing.

Wildlife includes Impala, Nyala, Grey and Blue Duiker.

Birdlife includes over 130 species, some being African Crowned Eagles, African Fish Eagles, Black Sparrowhawk, African Harrier Hawk, Narina Trogon, African Finfoot, Purple and Knysna Turaco, Green Malkoha, Spotted Ground Thrush, Blue-Mantled Crested Flycatcher.

Visitors can enjoy birdwatching, fishing, hiking, picnicking and family photo shoots.

HIBBERDENE

Approximately 76km/55 minutes from Wild Coast Sun

109. UMZUMBE SURF CAMP

073 536 8728 / umzumbesurfcamp@gmail.com

Run by Ali and Rich, owners of SA Surfari and South African Surf Tours, the duo share their surfing passion and experience with anyone keen on a surf lifestyle. Keen surfers can hire out surfboards and those wanting to learn, lessons are provided.

WILDLIFE AND BIRD WATCHING

110. VERNON CROOKES NATURE RESERVE

039 974 2222

Vernon Crookes Nature Reserve, in Hibberdene, is a twitcher's paradise with over 300 bird species to see and record, easily 100 in a summer morning's birding. The over 2 000 hectares of untouched land is an 'island' of coastal evergreen forest, bush and grassland mosaic, streams, dams, marshes in a 'sea' of sugarcane, gum plantations and tribal lands.

Picnics make a great day out in nature.



SCOTTBURGH

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Approximately **112km/1h20m** from Wild Coast Sun

EXPERIENCES

111. CROCWORLD CONSERVATION CENTRE

039 976 1103

Come meet Henry, the world's oldest surviving crocodile who, born in 1900, is over 120-years old. He killed several men and children before he was captured in 2003, but according to a sign around his enclosure, still has a 'sweet tooth for children'.

Henry is 4m long and weighs 750kg; he has 10 wives, who produce over 400 babies a year.

A great excursion for the family, there are many things to see and do here with feeds Tuesdays to Sundays and you can go into the hatchings section to see the babies. There is also an animal farm and a bird enclosure.

When you have built up your own appetite, dine at the Fish Eagle Café.

112. SWIM WITH SHARKS

Blue Wilderness, Scottburgh, 071 705 8518

Delve into the mystical shark waters and an exhilarating adventure suited to your level of comfort, with a choice of shark cage dive, swim with sharks or shark SCUBA dive.

Suitable for anyone over eight years old, the expedition takes about 2,5 hours with the opportunity to see blacktip sharks, tiger sharks, dusky sharks and ragged tooth, as well as the odd dolphin and whale, depending on the time of year.

SCOTTBURGH

Approximately **112km/1h20m** from Wild Coast Sun

GOLF

113. SELBORNE PARK GOLF ESTATE

039 975 8500

The world class parkland 18-hole golf course with its beautifully manicured fairways was designed by Denis Barker around one of only two privately owned coastal forests. Selborne Park Golf Estate is a challenging but exhilarating course that will test your abilities while you enjoy the gorgeous sea views and glimpses of the indigenous wildlife.

Wildlife & Bird Watching

114. TC ROBERTSON NATURE RESERVE

074 792 0605

The TC Robertson Nature Reserve lies on the edge of Scottburgh, on the south bank of the Mapambanyoni River.

Mapambanyoni means 'where birds gather' and the 60 hectares of land is home to 180 species of bird, as well as the blue and grey duiker.

Park visitors can also enjoy the picnic spots.



AMANZIMTOTI

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Approximately **143km/1h45m** from Wild Coast Sun

BEACHES

115. PIPELINE BEACH

Pipeline beach is popular with locals as a swimming and surfing location with plenty of spots for those who wish to braai or picnic. Alternatively, head to the restaurant for a bite and a refreshing dip in the fresh-water pool nearby. Wildlife & Bird Watching

116. ILANDA WILDS NATURE RESERVE

Situated along the Amanzimtoti River, the Ilanda Wilds is a small 14-hectares nature reserve that consists of a richly vegetated patch of riverine and coastal scarp forest inhabited by more than 120 various tree and shrub species including the rare Fluted Milkwood and Natal Elm tree.

Three self-guided trails within the reserve will delight visitors with prolific birdlife and probable sightings of vervet monkeys. The trails are well laid out and each cover a distance of about 1 kilometre.

Of historical interest, there is a plaque in the reserve mounted on stone, where King Shaka apparently tasted the river water and gave the town of Amanzimtoti its name, "place of sweet water".

Park visitors can also enjoy the picnic and braai spots.

117. PIPELINE COASTAL PARK, THE

One of several popular areas to visit around Amanzimtoti, Pipeline Coastal Park is an elongated strip of tropical paradise along the Indian Ocean. It has lush vegetation that features *Strelitzia nicolai*, *Mimusops caffra* and *Brachylaena discolor*.

118. UMBOGAVANGO NATURE RESERVE

According to SA-Venues.com, the 36-hectare nature reserve is 'like something out of a story that the passage of time forgot' with 'the thick overhead canopy of forest, the tangle of creepers, the slatted bamboo bridge at Dick's Crossing just below the bird hide, alongside which a grove of arum lilies grow in spring, and the odd little water hole combine to form a haven for birds.'

There are two trails that lead through the coastal forest and a longer trail to the dam system, passing a large plantation of exotic trees where you can spot raptors like the black sparrowhawk. Three hides along the edge of the dams gives one better access to the water.

119. UMDONI BIRD SANCTUARY (ALSO KNOWN AS AMANZIMTOTI BIRD PARK)

This wonderful family attraction bird park sprawls across 4,5km hectares of landscaped gardens and boasts a birdlife of more than 150 species. Visitors can either enjoy the calls of birds from the lush gardens or tea garden that overlooks the pond, or the more adventurous can head off on a self-guided trail through the indigenous riverine forest. The park also features picnic areas and a number of bird hides.

120. VUMBUKA NATURE RESERVE

031 949 2081 – bookings need to be made in advance

Another birdlife gem, Vumbuka Nature Reserve is situated within the factories of the Industrial Park of Amanzimtoti. Walk through the indigenous forest with the opportunity to spot a multitude of species.



KOKSTAD

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Approximately **146km/2-hours** from Wild Coast Sun

BEACHES

121. A NEW RESORT INGELI FOREST

039 553 0600

Nestled below the Ingeli Mountain range near Kokstad, ANEW Resort Ingeli Forest is, as its name says, surrounded by breath-taking indigenous forests. Fitness fanatics can enjoy the mountain biking and trail running tracks, while hikers and birdwatcher can appreciate the natural environment and sights.



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