

GUIDED TOUR OPTIONS:

Ocean Safari into Algoa Bay – a International Hope spot – Home to 50% of the African Penguin population, 70% of African Gannet Population, Bottlenose Dolphin Capital of the world and whales all year round.

Travel through the protected waters of Algoa Bay with the possibility of spotting Seals, Sharks and seasonal Southern Right and Humpback Whales. Minke and Brydes whales can be seen all year round. Circumnavigate St Croix Island host to the largest breeding colony of African Penguin in the world and spot the Bottlenose dolphins of Algoa Bay, with 3 other dolphin species also in the area.

Departure: 8:30 am

Duration: +- 3.5 hrs

See: https://www.nmbt.co.za/algoa_bay_hope_spot.html

Penguin Patrol Tour

The Penguin Patrol tour has been put together by the team at Raggy Charters for tourists and locals alike to learn about and enjoy our resident animals. With Port Elizabeth being home to the largest breeding colony of African penguins in the world and the new Algoa Bay Hope Spot initiative launched in December 2014 by Mission Blue and the Sustainable Seas Trust, making the endemic and endangered African penguin its iconic species, it only feels right that the penguins should be Nelson Mandela Bay's main attraction! Visit 3 spots where the African Penguin can be seen in Port Elizabeth. The Penguin Patrol starts at 8:15am with a boat cruise into Algoa Bay with Raggy Charters. Experience an exciting boat cruise out to St Croix Island to see the largest breeding colony of African penguins in the world. On their return from the boat trip guests will get to enjoy lunch in the Port Elizabeth harbour before being taken to SANCCOB. This marine rehabilitation centre is a vital resource in keeping our penguin population going and guests will get to see the good work they are doing. Guests will be taken on a tour around the centre and will learn about the desperate need for such centres in conserving marine species, and will get to experience nature through sight, sound and touch. The final stop will be at Bayworld Oceanarium and Museum, an establishment devoted to public education, as exhibits are aimed at stimulating a greater awareness of the need for conservation of our natural and cultural heritage. Guests will get to see both the Seal and Penguin Presentations where they will learn about each species and about the individual animals.

Route 67

Start your tour of Route 67 at the newly renovated Campanile. The Campanile contains the largest carillon of bells in the country in addition to its chiming clock. When it's song time, the tower tops ring out with a carillon of the original 23 bells, conjuring nostalgic cries of history. From there follow Route 67 which consists of 67 Public Art Works symbolising Nelson Mandela's 67 years of work dedicated to the Freedom of South Africa and includes 67 steps leading up the second largest flag in Africa. The artworks were designed by local artists from the Eastern Cape. The route is proud celebration of our cities heritage and history. This is a must see stop for the whole family to walk and to enjoy.

Departure: Anytime

Duration: +- 3hrs

Port Elizabeth Beer Tour

Hop – on our coach for a round about trip in the City, visiting 3 Craft Breweries, enjoy tours of the breweries to see how it's made. Then indulge in 12 different beers, a stout and cider – finally enjoy a typical pub meal let's down a few on our four hour journey.

Departure: Anytime

Duration: 4 hours

Cape Recife, Lighthouse and Grysbok Nature Reserve 4 x 4 Tour

Pick up at place of residence in Port Elizabeth and travel to the southernmost tip of Algoa Bay, Cape Recife, Cabo de Arrecife, the Cape of Reefs as it was named by the early Portuguese explorers. On arrival we collect the key and enter the reserve. Our first stop is at the SANCCOB for a guided tour of this marine bird and penguin rehabilitation center.

Afterwards you continue our tour of the reserve arriving at Cape Recife itself with its mobile sand dunes and historic, operational lighthouse which was completed in 1851, the 3rd oldest fully operational Light house in South Africa today.

Parking the tour vehicle walk the last 100 metres observing the wealth of shore birds and many species of terns that inhabit this often wind swept rocky point at the southern entrance to Algoa Bay and the very reason for the existence of this well maintained light. As you enter the lighthouse you will be introduced to the old machinery that provided the mechanical power to operate this lonely outpost. Climbing the wooden, circular 101 stairs that bring you to the light at the top of the building one can only wonder at the efforts of those early lighthouse keepers, the steps worn smooth and polished by the weary footsteps up and down the stairway to keep the light burning and to maintain this beacon of hope, even in the worst of weather conditions. Stories of ghosts and intrigue stalk the very atmosphere of this ray of light.

Optional addition (4 x 4): Leaving the lighthouse we continue to a series of settlement ponds where a wide variety of mainly aquatic birds can be viewed from the bird hide or if the invasive vegetation covers the waters we simply continue to the main road to enter the Grysbok Nature reserve a protected area of coastal Fynbos that surrounds the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU). This is a refuge for a number of antelope, Red hartebeest, Common Duiker, Bushbuck and Zebra amongst others but is also home to the diminutive Cape Grysbok after which the reserve has been named. There area is also host to a surprising wealth of birdlife including a number of nocturnal (Owls) and diurnal raptors and ground birds.

While coursing the sandy roads of the reserve in our 4 x 4 vehicle we describe the many uses the hardy herbaceous vegetation had for the Early Khoikhoi many of whom inhabited and foraged in this area.

We point out a number of ancient shell middens or discard heaps of sea shell and other domestic debris left as testament to the lifestyles of these hardy hunter herders who occupied these windswept shoreline tens of thousands of years ago.

Departure: 9:00 or 14:00

Duration: +- 3-3.5 hrs

Included: entrance/conservation fee, bottled water

Departure for sunset drive: April-August: 15:30 / September-March: 16:00

Duration: 3.5 hrs

Included: entrance fee, bottled water, glass of wine at sun set, snacks

Addo Elephant National Park Tour / Private Game Reserve

Exciting and informative game drive through the Addo Elephant National Park or one of the many private game reserves. Addo is home to more than 600 Elephants, Lions, Buffalo, Zebra, Eland and Antelope amongst the many other species of animals and bird life. Some of the private game reserves offer private boma dining options especially for groups as well as traditional dancing and welcomes.

Departure: Various options

Duration: +- 5 hrs

Included: transfers, entrance/conservation fee, bottled water.

City Tour – Port Elizabeth

Get an overview of the history of the Bay and the City of Port Elizabeth, an insight into the first inhabitants, the Khoikhoi, the early European mariners, Xhosa and early Boers, the arrival of the British 1820 settlers. Of 100 years of warfare and view the rich colonial architectural heritage of the City and surrounding areas. Our tour starts with a brief look into the region's pre colonial history, beginning with the San, Khoikhoi, early Portuguese explorers and Dutch farmers before journeying to the historical heart of Port Elizabeth to explore its wealth of colonial and post colonial architecture and learning about the fascinating and tragic love story behind the naming of our city. Visit the popular places of interest, including; Fort Fredrick (the "rst colonial building), the Donkin Reserve (where you will discover and learn about some of the art pieces on Route 67) and explore the Central Business District with its magni"cent art deco architectural styled buildings. Let an experienced guide reveal story behind the monuments, sports fields, art galleries, Cathedrals and Hotels that form the binding web of early society, which contributed to the establishment of the modern city of Port Elizabeth as we know it today.

Departure: Anytime

Duration: +- 3.5 hrs

Cultural Tours – Port Elizabeth

Untold Stories Tour

After an orientation of the township, you will visit two local residents who will share their story with you. These are ordinary people, with extraordinary tales. Some of the story tellers tell tales of our political past. Some tell of their life as township artists, and how their African roots influence their work. Other will tell of the joy of raising a family, despite sometimes trying conditions. Our story tellers are real people, and there love of life and visitors have prompted them to open there lives to you. Food is an excellent way to come together, so expect to be well fed. Dinner or lunch is included.

Home is where the heart is Tour

The townships of Port Elizabeth are home to the majority of citizens of Nelson Mandel Bay. It is where the major changes of the past 20 years of democracy are most visible. Its home to the proud, friendly and engaging Xhosa people who have made it their home for the last 100 years. We have developed some products to serve a variety of interests, and all are guaranteed to be beneficial to hosts and visitor.

(i)The Beating Drum The drum is like the heartbeat of Africa. After an orientation of the township, you will meet some young passionate drummers, who will share with you their love

of drumming, and what drums mean in African Culture. And then its your turn, as the drummers run a workshop for those of us with less rhythm!

(ii)Stories of Hope Townships are home to some interesting, inspiring people. Join us on a Journey of Hope as we visit some amazing self-help projects, where community members will explain their work, and show you around the projects. From burgeoning vegetable gardens, to community care workers, this visit will leave you in awe.

(iii)Schools at the heart of the Community This tour will take you into the heart of the township community – its schools. It is here, where despite many challenges, we can introduce you to teachers and principals who are making a difference. These visits are well co-ordinated to minimise any disruptions to learning, and give a wonderful insight to the opportunities schools are creating for ordinary township children.

The Shebeen Tour (evening Tour from 4pm)

Duration: 3-4 hours

This version of the 'local' is at the vibrant heart of social life in every township. Shebeens were previously the illegal drinking houses or Inns particular to South Africa and found within the township communities. You will be taken on an unforgettable journey to experience the diversity of the townships, before relaxing at one of our carefully selected Shebeens for drinks and dinner. Enjoy the unbeatable hospitality of our African hosts and absorb the convivial community atmosphere with the locals. Most tourist accommodation is found in areas of the city where there is little opportunity to mingle with the ordinary South African. The guides are in constant contact with our local taverners and as a result are able to select the best venues for local entertainment and hospitality. Shebeen tours have proven overwhelmingly popular as an opportunity for visitors to participate in ordinary life. In a city with a reputation for its friendliness, the experience is made all the more rewarding. Join us and feel the rhythm of Africa.....

Untold Mandela Stories Tour: Itinerary (4hr duration)

Have you ever wondered why our area is called Nelson Mandela Bay? Well, join us on as we explore the people and events that influenced Madiba's political outlook. This tour seeks to illustrate the reason Dr Mandela gave permission to have his name given to the Metro out of thousands of cities from across the world. The stories are about people and events that helped shape Mandela and his peers, Raymond Mhlaba and Govan Mbeki.

Highlights

Route 67

Route 67 is a project fashioned after the number of years dedicated by Madiba to public life and the betterment of his people. There are various works of art that depict life in Nelson Mandela Bay, extracts from speeches by the former president and the road travelled to freedom. We also have the second tallest flag pole in Africa (at 60m), a flag that measures 150m² and weighs 13kg. The last artwork focuses on is the Voting Line exhibition , fashioned after the first democratic elections of 1994.

New Brighton

We will do a tour of few sites in New Brighton including the Emlotheni Memorial Park. We will also stop at Mati Road to mark the March of Hope led by Rev George Irvine in 1990. This march came just after the release of Mandela.

Red Location is the oldest township in New Brighton. The first Act of Defiance was led by Oom Ray (Raymond Mhlaba) in 1952 in which he led a group of 30 volunteers on a march to New Brighton Station earning him the title “vulindlela” meaning the trailblazer or one who leads the way. Nelson Mandela came to launch the M-plan in Red Location in 1952. Some of the first members of the Luthuli Detachment came from New Brighton. Umkhonto Wesizwe launched their first acts of sabotage here in Port Elizabeth with the bombing of the Bantu Administration Board Offices.

All the sites we have visited so far talk to why we now call ours The Home of Freedom. Our stories are told by struggle veterans, through music and the arts.

Tour duration: 4-5 hours.

Woody Cape Dune Fields and Canopy Forest walk

Home to the world’s first nation, the Khoikhoi. Walk in the expansive dune fields with uninterrupted views of the Indian Ocean and Bird Island. Explore Khoikhoi middens: ancient heaps of millions of discarded seashells on this remote and awe-inspiring shoreline. Wander through the shaded dune forest accompanied by the song of the rich forest birdlife while Vervet monkeys climb overhead.

Departure: 8:00 am

Duration: 6 hrs

The Original BIG 7 Safari – Algoa Bay and Addo Elephant National Park

Start the morning on the protected waters of Port Elizabeth’s Algoa Bay searching for Dolphins, Seals, Sharks and the seasonal Humpback and Southern Right Whales. Circumnavigate St Croix Island for close up views of the largest breeding colony of African Penguin in the world. Return for light lunch in the harbour before departing to the Addo Elephant National Park for an exciting and informative game drive, scanning the thickets for the more traditional members of the BIG 5 and other animals, birds and reptiles.

Departure: 08.00 am

Duration: +- 10 hrs

Country Roads – Western District

Wild flower reserve, wooded valleys and modern bridges combine to start a journey through this picturesque western part of the Eastern Cape.

Characterized by the uninhabited, endless golden beaches of the Indian Ocean and bordered by the mountains in the north there are Nature Reserves and the Baviaanskloof, a World Heritage Site, well laid out, productive farmlands, and citrus orchards. Discover the largest sundial in Africa and the last resting place of the Khoikhoi woman Sarah Baartman.

Departure: 8:00 am

Duration: +- 8hrs

Bird watching in and around Port Elizabeth

A guided tour of SANCCOB, the marine re-habilitation centre and the operational lighthouse at Cape Recife. Search the shoreline for the many species of Waders, Shore and Marine birds that utilize this important area, the endangered Black oystercatcher and Rosette tern amongst the many different species. We departing inland to the Island reserve and discover the hidden secrets of the Eastern Cape subtropical thickets.

Departure: 7:30 am

Duration: half and full day tours available.

Best Beaches Sundowner

Enjoy a Sun downer picnic on one of the fantastically beautiful beaches around our Friendly City to watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean and soak the atmosphere.

Departure: +- 17:00 depending on the time of the year

Duration: +- 3 hrs

Included: refreshments, snacks, wine/beer

Guided walk through the Golden Sands of Southern Seashore

Depart via the Wild Side coastline overlooking the rocky shoreline and intertidal zone. Take an interpretive and interactive look at the intertidal ecology of the Southern seashore and examine middens, ancient heaps of millions of discarded seashells, left by the early Khoikhoi.

Departure: 8:00 am

Duration: +- 4 hrs

Included: transfer, guided walk, bottled water

Sundays River Valley Adventure

The story of the Sundays River Valley is one of majestic grey pachyderms, flightless dung beetles, orange blossoms and a place where the Zuurberg Mountains meet the Alexandria sand dunes. A place where you can glide down a sand dune on a sandboard, gently paddle down the Sundays River in a canoe or get close up to elephants, lions, black buffalo and rhino at the Addo Elephant National Park; a place filled with history, culture, adventure and tranquility; a place where nature provides the thrills and spills - be it in the air, on land or in the water.

Tour includes:

- Addo Elephant National Park
- Zuurberg Mountains
- Sand Boarding
- Zipline
- Bird watching
- Canoeing
- Citrus Farms

Duration:

Full day - departs 7:30 and returns at 15:00

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOURS:

IZIZWE PROJECTS – Making a difference volunteering tour

Izizwe Projects is a registered non-profit organization which aims to uplift the community of Gqebera Township in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, also known as Walmer Township, by establishing partnerships with community groups, including Walmer High School, Walmer Primary School, and local creches. The mission of Izizwe Projects is to revitalize community-centered organizations in the township, while also providing opportunities for international volunteers to learn about Xhosa and township culture, and to teach people about their own native cultures. Since 2008, Izizwe has strengthened these community groups by providing financial assistance, and recruiting volunteers from countries such as Britain, Germany, Netherlands, and the United States. Formally registered as a South African NPC in January 2012, Izizwe Projects is looking to expand its impact on the township by developing more projects and more local involvement. Volunteers, both local as international, can make a huge impact by assisting our programs such as the holiday program, sports program, dancing projects, support to the school and creches.

Tour details: Depart for your tour to start at the corner of Fountains Road and Heugh Road in Walmer. At this junction you will find 'Village Foods' a small snack bar run by one of the co-founders Prof Mtyaleka who will welcome you and introduce you to their organization and the community. From here you will walk around the township visiting a variety of their programs and interact with those you meet.

Awehness Tours – Art experience.

Awe experiences give you the opportunity working with artist and crafters on something special you can take home. Spend this time learning a new skill and get a glimpse into the life of an artist or crafter options include: Leatherwork, Flamework/Glass blowing, Printmaking, Jewellery Making, Graffiti/Public Art, Fashion Design End of the day with some beer tasting at Richmond Hill Brewing Co.. End of the day with some beer tasting at Richmond Hill Brewing Co.

Awehness E-Bike Tours (Half Day)

- Crossways 29km route
- Baakens Valley 24km route
- Beachfront 24km route
- Addo Zuurberg Pass 30km Route
- Intle Lodge 12km Route: (Incl. Lunch and wildlife experience)

Photography: If you are interested in having a professional photographer document a day in your travels. A photographer is available to document your Awehness experience or teach and mentor you in travel photography on the go.

SOME VERY POPULAR ADVENTURE PRODUCTS:

Adrenalin Addo: (Now includes double superman slide)

Situated in the heart of the Sundays River Valley, we are an outdoor activity centre that promises spectacular fun and adventure for everyone. From zip lining, giant swinging to canoeing, we cater for both the adrenalin junkies out there and the more adrenalin shy.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Double zip line: Not one but two 500 metre wires, makes this the highest, longest and fastest double zip line in South Africa. The tour begins with a short raft ride across the Sundays River followed by a 10 minute hike through indigenous bush up to an impressive vantage point high up above the Sundays River. Breath-taking views across a valley of citrus orchards are the reward from atop before it's time to get in position ready to just let go. With the wind in your hair, two twin zip lines fly you and one other over the river at up to 80km/h. An automated breaking system at the end means you do nothing but enjoy the ride. Weight restrictions: 20-120 kg.

Giant swing: The first of its kind in South Africa, this is the ultimate adrenalin rush. After being hoisted up 18 metres high, a sudden release has you free falling for several seconds before you begin one giant swing.

Canoeing: Self-hire canoes are an ideal way to paddle the Sundays River, take in its surrounds and embrace the river's song.

See for fact sheet:

https://www.nmbt.co.za/uploads/1/files/doc_adrenalin_addo_fact_sheet2.pdf

Addo River Safari and sandsledding:

Addo Cruises t/a The Sundays River Ferry is a family owned and managed business situated on the Sundays River Estuary on the doorstep of the Addo Elephant National Park and a short drive from Port Elizabeth. Addo Cruises (The Sundays River Ferry) established in 2006 is a custom built, aluminium 12 meter double decker, river cruise craft offering an extremely stable cruising experience on one of South Africa's longest river estuaries. We are an outdoor adventure activity entity that specializes in scenic river cruises which includes sand sledding and bird watching. We accommodate young and old who would like to experience beautiful and pristine scenery as well as fun and excitement.

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https://www.nmbt.co.za/uploads/1/files/doc_addo_cruises_and_sand_sledding.pdf