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CONFERENCING

Business meets leisure



Nelson Mandela Bay is the main gateway to the Eastern Cape and is the country's fifth largest city. It is always buzzing with business visitors, investors and conference attendees, exploring the new entrepreneurial opportunities created within the Bay. The Bay is equidistant to all major South African cities and offers endless stretches of white sandy beaches. The visitors are provided with a safe and welcoming environment with the warm hospitality that Nelson Mandela Bay is renowned for.



Nelson Mandela Bay is capable of hosting conferences, corporate events and private functions in a number of exciting venues in and around the Bay. Conferences are supported by state-of-the-art technical support in different conference venues. This technical support is able to meet the needs of every conference. Video conferencing, well equipped venues and team-building getaways are all wrapped up in an effective, stable and scenic environment.



Venues offer a variety of facilities which can be arranged to suit any conference, meeting or event. Seating arrangements are flexible, breakaway rooms can be provided and a variety of catering services can be arranged. The average venue caters for 70-300 delegates however bigger and smaller venues are also available. Venues are situated around the Bay area but if you are looking for exclusivity and comfort, a private game reserve, seaside resort and luxury hotels also offer world-class conference venues. A vast amount of establishments offer unique private function venues that are ideal for hosting cocktail parties, awards dinners, company and year end functions.



REASONS TO MEET

in Nelson Mandela Bay

STRESS FREE CONFERENCING

Nelson Mandela Bay is a magical slice of Africa which offers a wealth of leisure opportunities, including "Big Seven" game, viewed up close in a malaria-free environment, but more than this, it is an area devoted to "stress-free conferencing".

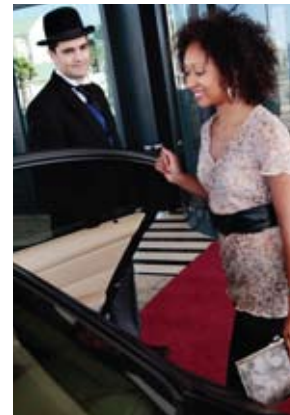
LANGUAGES

Predominant languages are English, isiXhosa and Afrikaans. Business is conducted mainly in English.

ACCOMMODATION

Nelson Mandela Bay boasts more than 15 000 beds within a 20-minute radius of the Port Elizabeth International Airport. Discerning travelers can choose from One- and Two-star Hotels offering good value-for-money or superior traditional 3- to 5-star hotels or up-market 5 star retreats. Guest houses range from basic Bed & Breakfast or Self-Catering to luxurious establishments. Township Lodges are an exciting alternative.

Self-catering establishments including holiday resorts, caravan parks and camping sites, are situated along the main beachfront or other more rural locations. Budget and group accommodation, including backpackers, is also available. Establishments assessed and accredited by the National Tourism Grading Council of SA, display appropriate internationally-recognized star ratings.



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EASE OF ACCESS

Known as the "Friendly City", it is located on the south-eastern coast of Africa, 763 km east of Cape Town. This busy seaport and popular tourist destination is situated along the shores of Algoa Bay.

Nelson Mandela Bay is known as the 15 minute city due to the smooth traffic flow and easily accessible motor freeways. Getting around is an easy and scenic experience. Metered taxis, luxury air-conditioned coaches and shuttle busses run regularly between the airport, hotels and attractions and cover the majority of the city area.

The centrally-situated Port Elizabeth International Airport is very accessible and within easy reach from all parts of the city. The Airport is serviced regularly by various airlines. (SAA, as well as certain local and national airlines, including SAA-SA Express, British Airways (BA), Kulula.com and 1-time operate from Port Elizabeth.) Various affordable car hire company options are available, which provide visitors with an alternative mode of transport while exploring Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas. Qualified accredited tour guides operating in the city offer tailored tours to meet individual requirements.

GOOD WEATHER ALL YEAR ROUND

The city boasts a wonderful moderate climate all year round, with sea temperatures ranging from 16 degrees C in winter to 23 degrees C in summer. An extensive summer period is experienced from October until May which is comparatively dry and warm with relatively low humidity. Winters, which are from June until September, are notably mild with chillier evenings. The average temperature for summer and winter are 25 degrees and 17 degrees C respectively. A temperate all year round rainfall is common.

WINING AND DINING

Nelson Mandela Bay is home to a wide variety of cultures and all the tantalising foods and flavours which come with them. Whether it's 5 star cuisine from a gourmet restaurant, traditional pap 'n vleis from a township tavern or a quick bite and cup of coffee from a bistro, Nelson Mandela Bay has the perfect restaurant for you. With the highest capita ratio of restaurants per population in South Africa, you will certainly be spoilt for choice while dining in Nelson Mandela Bay. You can get anything from a juicy steak and a bottle of our finest wine to a bush braai while taking in the magnificent African sunset.

2010 FIFA WORLD CUP™ HOST CITY

Held every four years, the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ was the first-ever soccer World Cup held on African soil. As an official host city, Nelson Mandela Bay (Port Elizabeth) was afforded an awesome opportunity to showcase itself and its capabilities of hosting large events.

ASSISTANCE

The Nelson Mandela Bay Tourism - Convention Bureau has been re-established to assist you with your conference requirements within the Nelson Mandela Bay region.

The Nelson Mandela Bay Tourism CONVENTION BUREAU

Nelson Mandela Bay Tourism is the official destination marketing organization of Nelson Mandela Bay. The Nelson Mandela Bay Tourism Conference Bureau (NMBT) was established to assist and ensure that every conference and event is a memorable success by cutting the red tape, ensuring access to tourist sites, supplying accommodation and in general, taking care of the clients every need. The NMBT Convention Bureau provides destination expertise on Nelson Mandela Bay and supports associations, corporates, professional conference organisers, destination management companies and event organisers, which are interested in hosting events in the city or surrounding area.



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SAACI: South African Association of the Conference Industry
 ICCA: International Congress and Convention Association
 SITE: Society of Incentive Travel Executives
 SATSA: South African Travel Association of South Africa

THE NMBT CONVENTION BUREAU'S SERVICES INCLUDE:

Pre & post bid assistance

- NMBT assists in lobbying for possible funding for large conferences and events to the city
- We assist with Bid presentations, bid site inspections and promotional material

Convention planning support

- NMBT assists with site inspections
- Marketing of the convention / event through different mediums
- Media & public relations assistance
- Assistance with sourcing of suppliers / local professional conference organizers

On site assistance & support

- Airport welcome receptions can be arranged
- Visitor information booths can be arranged at the conference or event
- Welcome bags and other promotional material can be supplied
- Visitors guides and maps can be supplied

Incentive Trip assistance & support

- Comprehensive destination expertise
- Itinerary planning
- Facilitation of stakeholder engagements

Other services include:

- Car Rental – special conference rates can be arranged
- Accommodation - special conference rates can be arranged
- Pre and Post Tours - special conference packages and rates can be arranged
- If no conference organizer is involved or delegates are responsible for own arrangements, NMBT can assist with a one-stop call centre for all their accommodation, car rental, tours, and day trip requirements in the Nelson Mandela Bay.



CONFERENCE Venues

Establishment	Grading	Room Name	U-Shape	Cinema	Banquet	School
22 Godetia Guest House		Boardroom	10			
Access Guest House			30	50	30	40
Addo Elephant Back Safaris	****		15	20	20	15
Aero Guest Lodge	****		18	60	22	40
Bayworld				200	120	150
Beach Hotel (PEHG), The	****	Boardroom	18			
		Regatta	25	50	40	40
		The Agulhus	60	100	70	70
Big Blue Beach Lodge			20	40	50	30
Bishops Inn Beachfront Hotel & Self-Catering Suites	***		22	40	40	20
Brookes Hill Suites			20	50	0	30
Bushman Sands Hotel and Golf Course	****		45	90	64	42
Cape Flame Guest House	****		18	25	20	25
Cape St Francis Resort Lifestyle Estate	***		100	250	140	200
Cherry Place Cafe and Conference Centre		Boardroom	8			
		Cafe			60	
Cherry Place Cafe and Conference Centre		Conference centre	26	100	80	50
City Hall			200	300	200	200
City Lodge Hotel Port Elizabeth	***		12	12	12	12
Cob Creek Estate		Boardroom	24	30	24	32
		Sugar Bird		100	80	60
Corner House Accommodation	***		18	22	0	22
Emthandeni Guest House	***		10			12
ETC Conference Centre			0	600	300	220
Feather Market Centre		Auditorium excluding Balcony		911	550	600
		Auditorium including Balcony		1187		
		Baakens room		60	40	40
		Feather Market Centre	350	1187	700	700
		Foyer Ground Floor			300	
		Foyer Upper Floor		175	300	120
		Gilbey's Suite		60	40	40
		Selly Hall		1000	700	700

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First Avenue Lodge	****		20	20	0	30
Forest Hall Guest House	****		16	20	16	16
Ibhayi Guest Lodge	****	Leopard Room	30	50	24	35
		Lion Room	18	40	18	18
Jagerhof Game Lodge	****		18	40	22	35
Jon-Jen Guesthouse	***		24	30		30
Kariega Game Reserve	****		50	80	70	60
King Edward Hotel & Conference Centre	***	Bomvu			88	
		Edwardian	150	360	297	250
		Grill Room	45	80	66	60
		Rufane		24		20
		Side Bar	40	110	77	70
		Syndicate		20		20
		Terrace			33	
Kuzuko Lodge	*****		20	48	50	24
La Cigale Exclusive Country Estate	****		40	100	120	30
La Provence Country House	****		22	50	40	24
Lalibela Game Reserve	****		110	110	110	110
Loerie Ruskamp/Indudumo Ventures			100	100	120	40
Madiba Bay Willows Resort	***		80	150	100	200
Mentors Venue (Jeffreys Bay)	***	Damaskwa	110	250	0	150
		Gamtkwa	800	0	1000	1000
		Gamtkwa 1	350	1800	0	500
		Gamtkwa 2	300	1000	0	400
		Gonakwa	0	0	0	0
		Inkwa	50	100	0	60
Nangoza Jebe Hall (Centenary Hall)			0	2090	700	0
Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium		Business Lounge East			90	
		Business Lounge West			90	
		Conference One		100		66
		Conference Two	34	60		36
		Left Boot	28	52		20

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Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium (...Continued)		Media Conference Room		200		
		Open Area		250	250	200
		Portal Room		80		48
		Presidential Suite	40	220	80	135
		Press Café		55	80	48
		Right Boot	28	52		20
		Suites (1-45)	20	50	40	40
		World of Windows			300	
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) Conference Venues - 2nd Avenue		Cafeteria			250	
		MMM Loubser Auditorium		691		
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) Conference Venues - Missionvale Campus		Conference Centre				112
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) Conference Venues - North Campus Conference Centre		Foyer			200	
		Lounge	10	15		12
		Restaurant		150	140	
		Theatre		170		110
		Venue 2	30	40		35
		Venue 3	10	15		12
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) Conference Venues - North Campus		Cafeteria			450	
		Council Chambers			30	
		Goldfields Auditorium		654		
		Senate Hall				96
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) Conference Venues - South Campus		Auditorium				470
		Kraal - Milkwood	15	20		15
		Kraal – Umvelani	30	40		30
		Restaurant - Upstairs			150	
		Senate Chambers				90
Paxton Hotel	****		12	15	12	12
Pine Lodge Resort & Conference Centre	***		144	500	240	350
PR Unlimited - Elizabeth Place			50	200	140	120

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Protea Hotel Tsitsikamma Village		Protea Hotel Tsitsikamma Village	37	57	55	51
Protea Marine Hotel	****	Admiralty	12	20	0	0
		Chart room	10	0	0	0
		Commodore Room	15	20	0	15
		Fish Eagle	35	100	90	60
		Oyster Catcher	20	60	35	30
Radisson Blu Hotel Port Elizabeth	*****	Bay Suite I	38	100	60	54
		Bay Suite II	38	100	60	54
		Bay Suite III	38	100	60	54
		Bay Suite I-II	74	245	140	140
		Bay Suite I-III	74	245	140	140
		Bay Suite II-III	74	245	140	140
		Hobie Beach Suite	20	40	20	18
		Kings Beach Suite	20	0	0	0
Red Location Museum		Private Dining Filini	20	0	20	0
		Sardinia Beach Suite	21	50	30	24
		Auditorium	0	120	0	0
		Foyer	0	150	0	0
Sahara Oval St George's		Galary	200	200	150	200
Sea Otters Lodge Guesthouse & Conference Centre	****		0	300	200	0
Shamwari Game Reserve	*****		25	25	25	25
Summerstrand Hotel	***	Eagles Crag Boardroom	14	0	0	0
		Longlee Manor	20	50	60	30
		Conference Room	80	300	200	150
		Conference Room & Lillies		300	260	200
		Lillies		50	60	30
		Meeting Room 1	15	20		20
		Meeting Room 2	20	30		20
		Meeting Room 2&3	30	80	60	40
		Meeting Room 3	25	40	40	30
		Meeting Room 4	18	40	30	20
		Meeting Room 5		20	10	

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Summerstrand Hotel	***	Meeting Room 6	30	70	40	30
		Pool Lounge			80	
The Barn At Riverside			80	300	200	180
The Boardwalk Casino & Entertainment Complex			Opening 2012 Main Hall capacity approximately 2400 pax			
The Boma Reptile World			200	200	200	150
The Caledon Centre	***		30	200	130	100
The Chapman Hotel and Conference Centre	***	Dolphin room	16	16	12	12
		Ocean Room	30	50	32	35
The Fernery Lodge & Chalets			40	40	25	30
The Hub	*****	Conference room	17	45	22	24
The Kelway Hotel	****	Room 1	55	100	80	90
		Room 2	16	20	16	30
The Paragon		The Paragon	36	80		45
		The Paragon Boardroom		30		20
The Plantation	****		150	200	180	200
Tsitsikamma Falls Adventures			100	200	100	200
Uitenhage Town Hall				400	350	300
Victoria and Alfred Guest House	****	Room 1	12	25	0	14
		Room 2	16	40	24	14
		Room 3	51	80	50	20
Villa Toscana Boutique Hotel and Conference Venue			20	40	35	35
Woodall Country House and Spa	*****		20	20	20	20
Zuurberg Mountain Village	***	Boardroom	20			

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SAACI is aware of the increasing importance of Southern Africa as an international conference destination and is endeavouring to ensure that the industry meets the required standards.

SAACI comprises over 800 members from a variety of sectors within the conference industry, including conference venues, conference and event organisers and a large variety of service providers such as audio visual, entertainment, decor, catering services and many more.

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NELSON MANDELA BAY

MORE THAN JUST A REWARD *A lifetime experience!*

Nelson Mandela Bay is known for its very rich culture and history, its unforgettable wildlife experiences, its pristine and safe beaches, and so much more that will thrill and excite those you wish to reward. Nelson Mandela Bay is the gateway to the Adventure Province of the Eastern Cape and the scenic Garden Route on the south coast of South Africa. Nelson Mandela Bay is surrounded by the untouched wilderness wonderland of the Eastern Cape. The Eastern Cape's natural diversity ranges from the evergreen Tsitsikamma Forest, with its renowned Otter Trail, to the rugged Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area, the southern slopes of the Drakensberg and the imposing Great Karoo. The Eastern Cape offers visitors every type of outdoor experience. Reward those that deserve the best.



A SPORTING CITY

A Mecca for all beach and water sports enthusiasts, Algoa Bay offers unrivalled weather conditions, in addition to an abundance of action-packed activities, throughout the year. In fact, the Bay has been tagged as the Water Sport Capital of Africa, as it has hosted countless national and international sporting and water sport events in recent years, including the prestigious Ironman South Africa Triathlon. Water sport activities include swimming, snorkeling, body surfing, sunbathing, yachting, windsurfing, surfing, jet skiing, canoeing, kite-surfing, power-boating and fishing. In summer, professional fully-trained lifeguards patrol most beaches. The city also has many active sports clubs catering for bowls, golf, tennis, badminton, squash, volleyball, pool, darts, athletics and cycling, as well as seasonal sports such as soccer, rugby, hockey, roller hockey, cricket, motor racing and many more.

BEACHES

Nelson Mandela Bay's pristine beaches are legendary with a number of beaches boasting the coveted international full stage Blue Flag status. The Blue Flag is an international award for beaches that meet the highest standards of safety, amenities, cleanliness and environmental protection. Nelson Mandela Bay, famous for its weather, with warm summers and mild and pleasant winters, is said to have the fourth best coastal weather in the world. Summer water temperatures range from 18 to 21° C; and from 14 to 19°C during winter. Sea conditions are generally calm in the bay, except when the south-easterly wind blows. Professional lifeguards patrol most beaches during summer. An eco-sensitive boardwalk system hugs the dunes; this is ideal for beach strollers. The Bay provides safe swimming, body surfing, snorkeling, angling, sunbathing and walking opportunities. Attractive playgrounds and splash pools for the kids make this an ideal family holiday destination.



WILDLIFE & NATURE

Nelson Mandela Bay is situated in a nature-lovers' paradise contributing to an unbeatable combination of seaside and African bush holiday. The Bay is within half an hour's drive of several internationally-acclaimed game reserves, offering visitors an unforgettable encounter with African wildlife.

The Eastern Cape is arguably one of South Africa's principal malaria-free game viewing destinations. Most reserves boast the Big Five safari experience while THE BIG 7 (comprising elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, black rhino, lions, the great white shark and seasonal southern right whale in the marine section) can be viewed at Addo Elephant National Park.

Nelson Mandela Bay and environs have a rich diversity of vegetation, fauna and landscape. One of the unique selling features is that the region is an important meeting ground of all seven major converging Biomes, namely: The Thicket Biome which includes the valley bushveld flora; The Savannah Biome; The Fynbos Biome characteristic of a winter rainfall; The Grassland Biome which includes Flora of higher altitudes; The Nama-Karoo Biome; Forest Biome which includes Montane and Coastal Indigenous Forest.



ENTERTAINMENT & SHOPPING

Being a value-for-money family holiday destination, Nelson Mandela Bay offers a delightful variety of indoor and outdoor fun activities, attractions and entertainment options to cater for the needs of the young and the young at heart.

Those visitors seeking retail therapy will find their every requirement filled by Nelson Mandela Bay's array of attractive lifestyle centres, shopping malls, up-market boutiques and tourist friendly craft markets. A superb range of Spa venues and Wellness Centres located in and around Nelson Mandela Bay offer a variety of pamper treatments.

After dark, Nelson Mandela Bay is transformed into a sea of lights and bustles with a diverse mix of nightlife leisure activities. Enjoyable evening entertainment options include sundowner cruises, nightclubs, cocktail bars, late night music, sports, fine art theatre performances, movies, a great selection of restaurants and cultural performances.





ARTS & CULTURE

Nelson Mandela Bay offers a true ethnic mosaic of arts and crafts typical of the inhabitants of the region. Due to the diverse mix of cultures, traditions and people, a wide variety of tastes and expressions in art are captured in a unique and creative way that makes this area an essential stopover for all art lovers.

Numerous craft centres display a vibrant variety of locally produced pieces of art. Encounter the skill of local beading and ceramic artists at work. Nelson Mandela Bay also boasts a number of impressive art galleries, museums and heritage sites. "Townships" are steeped in history, tradition and culture. These have flourished into hubs of activity and social life. The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, founded in 1882, is home to the country's oldest art school. Mohair is one of the world's most exclusive natural fibers, with two centuries of refinement by the South African mohair industry behind it. This region also forms part of the Mohair Capital of the World.



HISTORY

Nelson Mandela Bay's rich cultural heritage guarantees a unique insight into the Eastern Cape's diverse and remarkable past. This area bears a rich legacy which saw the first meeting of indigenous Khoisan people, British, Dutch, German and Xhosa people. This landing place of the 1820 British Settlers boasts some of the finest historical architectural attractions ranging from Victorian and Edwardian to Gothic and Cape Dutch style.

These can be explored at leisure in the heart of the city centre along the famed self-guided Donkin Heritage Trail.

Located on the Little Swartkops River, Bethelsdorp was the first organized settlement in the Algoa Bay area, bar the military command post at Fort Frederick.

The Red Location Museum of Struggle, which was opened in November 2006, commemorates South Africa's turbulent apartheid history and long struggle for freedom. Red Location, the city's first black township, is where the first urban Black families settled in the 1900s. South End Museum in the heart of the city depicts the history of forced removal under apartheid.



WELLNESS

Relax and pamper yourself in Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounds with a superb range of Day Spa packages which are on offer. What better way to unwind, detoxify and rejuvenate your body, mind and spirit than to experience spa extravaganza treatments that have been designed to invigorate you in the wonderful soothing comfort of peaceful surroundings.

Spa venues range from exclusive Leisure Centres on private Game Reserves with Hydro-Therapy facilities and fully equipped gymnasiums to intimate Beauty and Skin Care Clinics and Salons. A wide selection of body and beauty treatments which cater for both men and women are available. Alternatively, highly skilled therapists can tailor your treatments. Indulge in a luxurious treatment such as a mud wrap, an aromatherapy massage or reflexology to energize, refresh and revitalize your body, mind and soul in Nelson Mandela Bay.



APPEALING ATTRACTIONS

- Ibhayi Sunshine Saunter is a picturesque circular self-drive which highlights the coastal riches of the area along the Western Seaboard of Port Elizabeth. The scenic route covers the beautiful rugged coast along Marine Drive, picnic spots, coves, rock pools along the rocky section of the shores as well as charming seaside resorts, lush countryside and tea gardens. Pods of dolphins and whales are frequently sighted along the coastline.



- Heavenly Stables provides scenic two to two and a half hour beach rides through the Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve onto Sardinia Bay beach and back again. A one hour trail ride for those who prefer a shorter distance is also available.

- Enjoy a cruise and see Cape fur seals, numerous sea birds, surrounding shipwrecks and even schools of dolphins. Visit the St Croix Island marine reserve and see the largest (20 000) breeding colony of endangered African penguins. Bottlenose dolphins are common throughout the year and are seen in schools of between 50 and 400. Common dolphins are sometimes spotted further offshore in majestic groups of up to 2 000 while humpback whales frolic in the waves closer to shore.

- Seaview Game and Lion Park as well as Kragga Kamma Game Park, both situated 15 minutes from the City Centre offers travelers interaction with lions, cheetahs as well as many other wildlife species.

- Home to one of the world's most challenging links courses. Humewood Golf Club is consistently ranked as one of South Africa's Top 10 golf courses. Successful hosts of the 2007 SA OPEN, the golf course is complemented by an elegant clubhouse with a spectacular view. The course is 6 390 metres in length with 18 holes and a par of 72.

- The international award winning Red Location Museum is named after a series of corrugated iron barracks and cottages that the majority of Port Elizabeth "Blacks, Coloureds, Indians and Chinese" were forcefully moved to in 1903. These barracks and cottages, rusted a deep red colour, were home to many political and cultural leaders and the birthplace to momentous social movements during the Apartheid era. This museum, situated in the heart of a traditional township, is a unique experience not to be missed.



- The Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment World is set around a series of man-made lakes and beautiful gardens. The complex has also incorporated a selection of international restaurants, specialist shops, cinema and a craft workshop. In addition, an indoors modern video and games arcade offers a variety of machines from kiddie rides to simulators and 3-D games.

- Only a short drive from Port Elizabeth, the Addo Elephant National Park (home to the big 7) is a popular choice for anyone wishing to see these majestic giants of the African bushveld. The park is situated in the Sundays River region of the Eastern Cape, which is a malaria-free area.

- The rural villages of Colchester and Cannonville are nestled on the banks of the beautiful Sundays River, a few kilometres from the river mouth where it flows into the Indian Ocean through the majestic and world-renowned Coastal Dune Fields. Only 40 km from Port Elizabeth, this small community boasts the closest point of entry (five km's) into the Greater Addo Elephant National Park Southern Gate. An excursion on one of the Sundays River ferries is highly recommended.

- Appreciate nature from an elephant's perspective by experiencing Addo Elephant Back Safaris. This experience includes a safari on the back of an elephant followed by walking besides these gentle giants, which will allow you to interact with and observe elephants in their natural environment.

- Other highly recommended attractions worth exploring include: Jeffreys Bay / J'Bay, one of the five most famous surfing destinations and home to the best right hand point break in the world; the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area (one of South Africa's latest World Heritage Sites) which comprises of 192 000 ha. of pristine rugged mountainous terrain offering a unique wilderness experience; the historic town of Grahamstown; the Valley of Desolation near Graaff-Reinet and The Owl House in nearby Nieu Bethesda; Cradock and the Mountain Zebra National Park; the picturesque holiday village of St Francis Bay; the coastal towns of Kenton-on-Sea and Port Alfred, the Hole in the wall in the Wild Coast and so much more.



ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

The Herald Cycle Tour – this annual cycling event starts off the new year with lots of excitement

FEBRUARY

Chilli Festival – held at the end of February, this annual festival features all things chilli-related

River Mile – a family open water swimming event just a few minutes' drive from Port Elizabeth

MARCH

Medieval Fayre – Medieval activities - archery, dancing, sword fighting, jousting, plays, war machines, craft stalls & working exhibitions, falconry, mock trials - great family fun.

APRIL

Ironman South Africa – mid-April, Nelson Mandela Bay is the spectacular venue for this triathlon. This event draws many international competitors

Splash Festival – a four-day festival each Easter Weekend, highly suitable for the whole family. This event includes sporting activities, especially water sport, children's competitions, music concerts and a great carnival atmosphere.

MAY

Addo Trail Run – this marathon offers something a little different for the runners who take part. The venue is Addo Elephant National Park, located near Port Elizabeth, with the route following trails through the African bush

Last night of the Proms – in aid of St Francis Hospice – held at the Feather Market Centre

Noordhoek Dive Festival – one of the biggest scuba diving festivals in South Africa

JUNE

Kirkwood Wildlife Festival – an event held just north of Port Elizabeth. Visitors can enjoy a mix of conservation, wildlife and entertainment, with wine tasting, as well as hundreds of stalls, music performances and a game auction

National Arts Festival – held in Grahamstown

JULY

Billabong Professional Surfing Contest – a short distance from Port Elizabeth, the popular resort of Jeffrey's Bay plays host to this famous sporting event where all the competitors hope to ride the perfect 'supertube'

AUGUST

Women's Day celebrations are held annually around the city

Radio Controlled Model Airshow – a family event hosted by the Port Elizabeth Radio Flyers on an airfield near St Albans. The day features everything from helicopters to jets

SEPTEMBER

Northern Arts Festival – held at the end of September, the Northern Arts Festival brings together a wealth of local music talent from the Eastern Cape

Tourism month & Heritage month offer a wide range of activities and celebrations

OCTOBER

Sherwood Garden Centre Spring Festival – a gardening exhibition which showcases the region's floral expertise to tourists and locals

Ocean Racing Series – an action-packed event which is part of South Africa's top water sport series. Swimming, running and paddling races are included

Oktoberfest – German festival – Ein prosit der Gemütlichkeit! Get into the party lane and experience a traditional Oktoberfest! Bring your lederhosen and dancing shoes and enjoy traditional music all the way from Germany in the form of Viva Bavaria.

NOVEMBER

Triathlon Series – the Port Elizabeth event in this series is open to teams and individuals. Starts from Pollock Beach each November

Kids Connection Expo – the ANNUAL exhibition will focus on expectant parents and families with children ages 0-12 years old.

Willows Challenge – this event is a 10 & 5km trail run, Potjiekos Competition and Amazing Race

DECEMBER

Miss Tropika – an annual pageant held at various locations around the city

Port Elizabeth City Marathon – an event that is open to runners and walkers

Nelson Mandela Bay Summer Season – packed with a host of exciting events as well as fireworks displays

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