



Inspiring new ways



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In this edition we propose a visit to Durban, in the KwaZulu – Natal province. Situated in the Indian Ocean coast, near Mozambique, the city is well known for its pleasantly mild weather throughout the year and for its oriental influences (largest Indian community outside India). It was also home to the poet Fernando Pessoa. Take a look at our suggestions...

Dip your feet in the Indian Ocean

Durban is known for its mildly tropical weather and for its warm beaches making this a hot favourite Indian Ocean destination all year round. Ballito, Umhlanga Rocks or even the Golden Mile are some of the most well known beaches with surfing being a very strong attraction. The walks on the beach front are very pleasant and this is where one can acquire a huge variety of locally made crafts and also have fun seeing the many sand sculptures decorating the beaches.

More information: <http://www.durbanexperience.co.za/>





Fernando Pessoa bust

Fernando Pessoa arrived in Durban as a seven year old child accompanied by his mother and step father, the Portuguese Consul in Durban. It was here that he received his education and completed high school, all in English, until the end of the 19th century. In 1905, after finishing his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Cape Town, he departed to Lisbon never to return to South Africa. In 1987, the António de Almeida Foundation placed a statue of the poet in the corner of Pine and Gardiner Streets, in the center of Durban.

More information: <http://www.literarytourism.co.za/>

Buy spices to take to friends

Due to its huge population of Indian descent, the city is widely known for its curries and therefore we consider this a must. Besides this, we suggest that you visit the market and purchase some of the most sought after masalas, the hot favourite being 'Arson: Mother in Law Killer'. A packet costs around R20 (1,5 Euros).

Mais informação:

www.southafrica.net/blog/en/posts/entry/five-cool-things-to-do-in-durban



Cocktail at sun down ...

Durban's Marine Parade is breathtakingly gorgeous and offers plenty of possibilities for a delightful cocktail at sunset in this tropical city. After a sun soaked day at the beach or strolls around the city or neighbouring region, we propose a visit to the hotel Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani which has a Panorama Bar and Pool Deck with a fantastic view to the ocean. Joe Cool's bar right in the middle of the beach is another suggestion not to be missed...

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – June 2014



SA NATIONAL DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: 3 - 16 June 2014

Where: Krugersdorp

More information: www.motorsport.co.za

This event will mark the beginning of the 2014 season for the South African National Drag Racing Championships. Spectators will be guaranteed intense racing by some of the country's fastest drivers.



DELHEIM'S WILD MUSHROOM HUNT

When: 16 - 17 June 2014

Where: Stellenbosch

More information : www.delheim.com

Join a small group of avid fungi foragers, eccentric hobbyists and amateur mycologists, when Delheim Estate sets foot in the forest for its exclusive Wild Mushroom Hunts, in search of these elusive, seasonal delicacies.



DURBAN SURF CARNIVAL

When: 6 – 8 June 2014

Where: Durban

More information : www.durbansurfcarnival.blogspot.com

The warm waters of the Indian Ocean and the excellent waves make Durban the ideal host for this exciting event. The history of South African surfing will be celebrated in the Forgotten Soul Retro surfing compo, and involves sportsmen competing on boards from the 70's and 80's.



MORE EVENTS

- Umngazi Pondo Pedal (4 – 8 June) www.pondopedal.com
- Cook Franschoek (13 – 15 June) www.franschoek.co.za
- Hermanus FynArts (6 – 16 June) www.hermanusfynarts.co.za
- Wacky Wine Weekend (5 – 8 June) www.royalshow.co.za
- Greyton MBT Classic (14 - 15 June) www.greuytonclassic.co.za
- FNB Whisky Live Festival (19 – 20 June) www.whiskylivefestival.co.za

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