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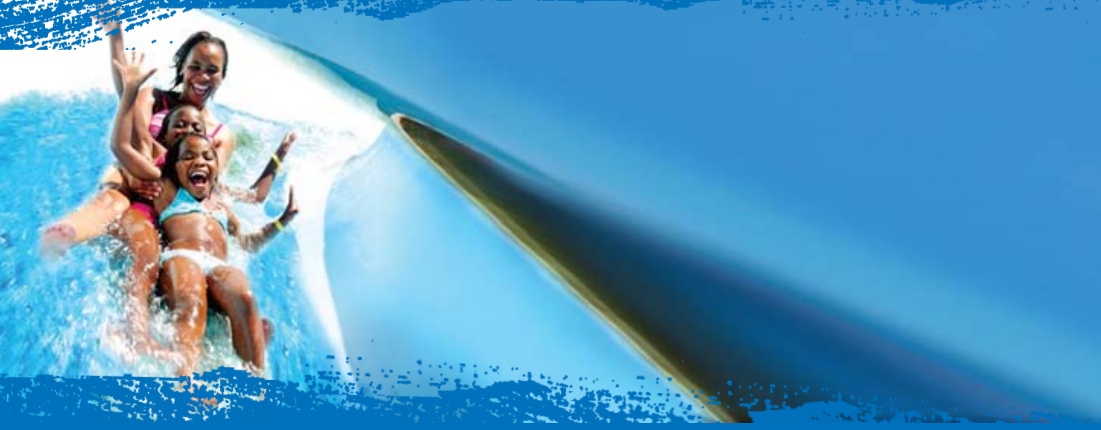
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- Safety tips:
- Tourists should take the sensible precautions they would in any major city.
 - Avoid carrying large sums of cash and other valuables (cameras, video cameras, etc.).
 - Avoid leaving belongings unattended.
 - Be alert and vigilant at all times.
 - Take special precautions in secluded areas (including parks and gardens and walks / trails), especially at dusk and after dark.
 - Street children and beggars may approach you for a handout - Social workers counsel against giving money.
 - Try and walk around in groups; there is safety in numbers.
 - At night, park in a secure, well-lit area.
 - Be aware that uniformed parking attendants will offer to safeguard one's car for a tip (small fee).
 - Do not leave valuable belongings in your car; rather lock everything in the boot where they are out of sight.
 - For any emergency, dial 10111



FAMILY FUN IN NELSON MANDELA BAY

Kids can experience loads of sea, sand, fun and sun in Nelson Mandela Bay which is why parents enjoy spending family time at this popular and laid-back leisure destination as well. Fondly known as the 'friendly city', Port Elizabeth and the towns of Uitenhage and Despatch beckon families with an attractive atmosphere of year-round holiday fun set against a backdrop of urban activity. Its warm, welcome nature is matched by a wonderful moderate climate all year round boasting a high percentage of sunshine with sea temperatures ranging from 16 degrees C in winter to 23 degrees C in summer. Furthermore, Nelson Mandela Bay's pristine beaches are legendary with four beaches boasting the coveted international full stage Blue Flag status, namely: Humewood Beach, Hobie Beach, Wells Estate and King's Beach. The Bay provides countless watersport and beach recreational activities including safe swimming, body surfing, scuba diving, sunbathing, attractive playgrounds and splash pools for the kids and relaxed strolls along wide expanses of golden beaches which are usually alive with sun worshippers.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

The great outdoors provides one of the most wonderful playgrounds for children to learn more about nature and the natural environment. Nelson Mandela Bay is situated in nature-lovers paradise, offering wonderful African bush adventures for the young, and young at heart. Within the city limits of Nelson Mandela Bay itself, an unbeatable variety of walks and hiking trails are available. The surrounding area supports the most diverse array of vegetation types in South Africa as five of the country's seven terrestrial biomes (bio geographic areas) are represented in the Eastern Cape. From special kiddies programs available at a selection of private game reserves which include mini-game drives, educational nature walks where children learn more about the animals and plants in the area, spoor tracking to animal touch farms, the focus is on learning, adventure and having fun. Not forgetting Bayworld's very own Snake Park as well as their educational seal and penguin presentations at the Oceanarium or the reptile demonstrations at the Boma Reptile World.



A superb value-for-money family-fun holiday base, Nelson Mandela Bay offers a diverse selection of attractions including eco-attractions, scenic nature trails, historic heritage, magnificent wildlife and cultural experiences. Children will find much to occupy them and keep them entertained while on holiday. Nelson Mandela Bay is a destination for children as well as their parents and family as there are a wide variety of fun activities and entertainment options to experience.



A RICH HERITAGE

Under fun historical explorations, the 1820 Settler history and architectural delights of the historical city centre can be explored at leisure on a self-guided walking tour, namely the Donkin Heritage Trail. One of the highly recommended stops along the route would include a visit to the quaint No. 7 Castle Hill Museum. This little jewel is one of the oldest surviving settler cottages in Port Elizabeth. The interior presents a picture of domestic life as enjoyed by an English middle class family in mid-19th Century Port Elizabeth. This picturesque family dwelling located in Castle Hill Road, Central has Yellowwood floors and beams, and a restored slate roof. The doll's house, lace displays and kitchen is particularly impressive and will guarantee a few enlightening and delightful hours of enjoyment. Another firm family favourite is a visit to the main museum of Bayworld. Children can embark on an exciting journey through time and through the fascinating world around us. Marvel at the diversity of museum displays, from prehistoric dinosaurs to ethnic beadwork as well as a variety of historical treasures that will keep one intrigued for hours. Noteworthy exhibits include the 15m skeleton of the last southern right whale harpooned in Algoa Bay, a life-sized reconstruction of the giant prehistoric dinosaur known as Algaosaurus, a replica of the Dias Cross and 5m bronze cannon dated 1640 recovered from a Portuguese galleon wrecked near Port Elizabeth. Their 'Behind the Scene Tours' at the museum are particularly impressive and caters for guests with a special interest in the environment. These tours include animal husbandry such as breeding programmes in the Snake Park, a visit to the Otolith Collection with an explanation on how fish bones help in identifying different species, to a visit to the Dolphin Centre where experts on dolphins, whales and marine mammals will present informative discussions on these topics. Other museum experts are also available to present tours and address visitors on topics such as shipwrecks off the coast, historical costumes, dinosaurs and porcelain. Another 'must' to include on the family itinerary is a visit to the AutoPavilion in Uitenhage. This high-tech interactive expo and heritage centre takes one on a full-throttle journey from concept to classic, laser to legend, with the cars that defined the past and inspire the future.

ALIVE WITH ENTERTAINMENT

The usual commercial entertainment and activities are also available, one of which is "The Magic Company" - the pioneer of family entertainment centres in South Africa, which operates the amusement park at the Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment World. A Go-Kart racetrack, Putt-Putt Mini-Golf Adventure Course, fairground rides and bumper boats offer hours of entertainment for children and parents alike. Furthermore, a dynamite package of children's and family entertainment is offered from the Boardwalk's Amphitheatre on a regular basis. Cinema lovers have some fine air-conditioned venues from which to choose in Nelson Mandela Bay.



A holiday in Nelson Mandela Bay would not be complete without experiencing a journey aboard the famous historic Apple Express narrow-gauge steam train which operates from Port Elizabeth to Thornhill Village or Loeie on a regular basis. One of the stops is the Van Stadens River Bridge, where children may disembark and photograph the oncoming train as it slowly steams over the highest narrow-gauge bridge in the world. A miniature version of the train can be viewed on the first Sunday of each month when the Port Elizabeth Model Locomotive Society offers miniature train excursions at Stella Londt Drive in Fernglen for the young at heart.

Another unusual family fun activity is to experience a Haunted Walk - it is alleged that Port Elizabeth has an over-abundance of "ghosts" lurking in Central Hill, the city's oldest suburb and historical heartland. Join a "Ghostly Group Tour" led by well-known historian Rose Trehaevan, who will take groups on a haunted night walk through the old city and tell stories of ghosts. The ghosts of Port Elizabeth are of all kinds, some are heard but not seen, some are seen but not heard and manifest themselves as apparitions.

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

Other family outdoor activities available for the adventurous and adrenalinjunkies include sandboarding, horse riding, canoeing and quad biking. Beautiful scenic drives and excursions into the heart of Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas are exciting self-drive options available for the intrepid family adventurer. Some of which include an explorative journey along the beautiful rugged coast along the western seaboard of Nelson Mandela Bay; a journey through the evergreen world of citrus trees along the Sundays River Valley; a visit to the famous Addo Elephant National Park - home of the BIG 7 (Lion, Leopard, Cape Buffalo, Elephant, Rhinoceros, Southern Right Whale and Great White Shark); or a visit to the rural villages of Colchester and Canonville and an excursion aboard the Sundays River Ferry.

So, we warmly welcome all kids and families - come and experience all that Nelson Mandela Bay has to offer. We urge kids and their parents to use the Kiddies Carousal Route as their passport to guaranteed enjoyment and memorable holiday experiences!



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Blue Flag Beaches
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7 Castle Hill, Historical Museum
One of the oldest surviving Settler cottages in Port Elizabeth, this picturesque family dwelling will transport children back in time as they experience delightful hours of enjoyment by exploring the hidden treasure within, including the old furniture, kitchen equipment, old dolls house, fairy garden and much more!

African Sky's is a thatch-roofed family restaurant located in the picturesque green country setting of Theescombe. The venue also has an extensive enclosed kiddies play area which boasts a Mini-Animal Touch Farm, a Jumping Castle and Trampoline.

Apple Express
The Apple Express offers children the joy and exhilaration of a train experience! The option of a short trip to a family-friendly destination entails walks, a kids' play arena, touch farm and a lovely outdoor environment.

Auto Pavilion
The AutoPavilion - VW's ultra-modern Expo and VW Heritage Centre - has been receiving around 2 000 visitors a month since opening in March 2004, making it a most popular tourist attraction.

Basically Bears
Basically Bears is an exciting store for young and the young at heart, with a variety of collectable teddy bears, clothing and accessories custom-made for teddy bears.

Bayworld
Bayworld comprises the Main Museum, Oceanarium, Snakepark, marvel at the diversity of museum displays from prehistoric dinosaurs to the 15m skeleton of the lost southern right whale harpooned in Algoa Bay.

Recommended to contact visiting areas before visiting to confirm opening & closing hours. While accurate at the time of printing, the information contained in this brochure is subject to change.

Wheelchair friendly zones

CINEMA VENUES:
Boardwalk Nu-Metro
Movie World
The Bridge at Kinokor Cinema
Uptown Theatre
Walmer Park Nu-Metro

LIBRARIES:
Allanridge Library
Booyens Park Library
Chatty Library
Despatch Library
Gelwaudale Library
Korsten Library
Kwadwasi Library
Kwamaghaki Library
Kwanobuhle Library
Kwazakhele Library
Linton Grange Library
New Brighton Library
Newton Park Library
North End Library
The Main Library
Uitenhage Library
Walmer Library
West End Library

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS:
Despatch Pool
Gelwaudale Pool
Uitenhage Pool
Newton Park Pool
Rosedale Pool
St. George's Pool
Wells Estate Pool

Bluewater Bay Beach
Bluewater Bay has a magnificent stretch of beach and in Summer is patrolled by lifesavers. Other facilities include a car park, children's playground and ablution facilities.

Garden Lovers Garden Centre
Garden Lovers Garden Centre is located in a relaxed countryside atmosphere along Krugga Kamma Road. Children can enjoy exciting fun activities in an enclosed kiddies play area while you sit back, relax and enjoy a hearty breakfast or a selection of tea treats at the restaurant.

Happy Valley
Designed for children and adults alike, the valley is ideal for family strolls and offers a delightful fairy-tail and nursery rhyme setting of colored lights in the evenings.

Hobie Beach
The popular Hobie Beach is located in the vicinity of Shark Rock Pier and the Boardwalk. The beach, which is a favorite for swimming, sunbathing and body surfing, also offers sheltered rock pools with interesting inter-tidal sealife.

Holmeleugh Farmyard
Holmeleugh Farmyard is an animal touch farm which offers tractor rides, pony rides, jumping castle and various play structures. This is a children's paradise where farm-life can be experienced firsthand by feeding, caring and learning about farm animals.

Humewood Beach
Humewood Beach is South Africa's oldest blue flag beach and situated between Kings Beach and Hobie Beach along the main beachfront.

King's Beach
King's Beach is a magnificent 1,6 km wide expanse of golden sand extending from the harbor wall to Humewood. The beach is ideal for safe swimming, body surfing, sunbathing and long beach walks.

Krugga Kamma Game Park
African Wildlife paradise only 15 minutes from the City. Cheetah, Giraffe, White Rhino, Waterbuck, Buffalo, Nyala, Impala and many more roam freely.

Lighthouses Entertainment
Lighthouses Entertainment, located at the Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment Complex, is open 7 days a week and 365 days a year and is the biggest family entertainment centre under one roof.

Logwood Castle
An exciting kiddies NEW adventure party venue built in the design of a wooden castle with parapet and loopholes (verlicke narrow slips built into the wall for defense).

Londt Park Mini Train
The Port Elizabeth Model Locomotive Society in Fernglen offers delightful miniature train excursions, complete with station, overhead pedestrian bridge and tunnel.

McArthur Pool and Leisure Centre
Heated & Cold, fresh water, outdoor swimming pools with slides at Kiddies Pools, Kiosk & Pool Bar on-site, with access to two Restaurants, Surf Shop and adjoining beach.

Open Sky Entertainment Park
Beautiful farm venue boasting an 18 hole putt-putt course, paintball, farm animal touchfarm: Large variety; exquisite birds, doves, pigeons, bantams and other animals.

Paintball Heaven
Paintballing is an outdoor interest for all ages. Enthusiasts come to Paintball Heaven to satisfy all their paintballing needs. Come and enjoy an action-packed game on one of our new fields.

Pollok Beach
Pollok Beach or the "Pipe" as it is known locally, is favored by surfers because of its excellent waves and surfing opportunities.

Popsi's Play Park
Book your next FUN-FILLED, HASSLE-FREE, UNFORGETTABLE party now! Adventure facilities include a train with carriages, Go-Carts, Peddle Bikes, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Magic Show, Jumping Castle, Party Packs, Bunnies, Candy Floss!!! Sand-Art & Bead-Art!!! also available.

SAMREC (SA Marine Rehabilitation & Education Centre)
SAMREC's marine bird rehabilitation and education centre situated in the Cape Recife Nature Reserve, allows visitors to experience nature through sight, sound and touch.

Sardinia Bay Beach
Sardinia Bay is a popular beach with picnic facilities and is regarded as one of the best walking beaches with miles of unspoilt coastline.

Schoenmakerskop Beach
As one travels along Marine Drive to the picturesque seaside village of Schoenmakerskop, 24km away, there are picnic spots, coves, rock pools and holiday resorts with safe bathing locations along the rocky section of the shore.

Seaview Game & Lion Park
Set in 100 hectares of bush and grassland, the Park offers close-up game viewing of over 40 animal species such as giraffe; blesbuck; wildebeest; zebra; caracal; african wildcat and vervet monkey.

South African Airforce Museum
The South African Air Force Museum boasts nine aircraft, including helicopters, a supersonic jet fighter, two of the world famous Harvard trainers amongst others, and the oldest surviving jet fighter in South Africa.

St. George's Park
St George's Park, established in 1860, is spread over 73 ha. of wooded parkland. The Park incorporates the world famous Port Elizabeth Cricket Club; the founder cricket club in South Africa.

St. Georges Strand
St George's Strand is accessed by traveling along the N2 towards Grahamstown and taking the St George's Strand turn-off, opposite Wells Estate.

The Boardwalk Casino & Entertainment Complex
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, a Craft Workshop as well as Nu-Metro Cinema.

The Boma Reptile World
Come learn and enjoy our snakes, lizards, geckos and tortoises! With over 40 species of reptiles, The Boma Reptile World will intrigue, entertain and educate.

The Pastry Works
At "THE PASTRYWORKS" kids are welcome in our kitchen. During the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, a variety of classes are offered, where young chefs are taught to create edibles from a sugar Easter egg to a spectacular gingerbread house.

The Pink Fig
The Pink Fig, A farm within the city limits. Relax over a hearty breakfast, a wholesome lunch or just a great coffee and cake in our "shabby chic" farmhouse restaurant.

Van Stadens Beach
An extensive lagoon, tall dunes and a river navigable by small boats to the gorge form part of the Van Stadens River Mouth Resort (including cottages and camping sites).

Wells Estate
Wells Estate is accessed by traveling along the N2 towards Grahamstown and taking the St George's Strand turn-off, opposite St. Georges Strand.

Windsor Kids Play and Party Land
Its play time and Windsor's Play Park is the place to be. Come and get lost in our land of imagination and play. From a shipwreck to an airplane, castle, bakery, fire engine or train - a land of pure stimulation for the little ones!