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PORT OF PORT ELIZABETH
NELSON MANDELA BAY



CRUISE
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Welcome to Nelson Mandela Bay – celebrated for its unique urban, natural and cultural offerings. The metropole of Nelson Mandela Bay comprises the seaport city of Port Elizabeth, the inland towns of Uitenhage and Despatch, and the riverside towns of Colchester and Cannonville. It is situated on South Africa's south-eastern coastline, in the Eastern Cape Province - birthplace of Nelson Mandela, the late globally-revered iconic freedom fighter, hero and leader, former South African president, world icon of peace and Nobel Peace Prize winner - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

Nelson Mandela Bay is acknowledged as a value-for-money, family-orientated holiday destination and, more recently, as one of the most sought-after international IRONMAN destinations. It is a place known by many names: The Friendly City, African Water Sport Capital, Five Biome City, Mohair Capital of the world and the Host on the Coast. Another claim to fame is the fact that Algoa Bay was awarded Hope Spot status (special conservation areas that are critical to the health of the ocean) by Mission Blue in 2014 in addition to lately being declared as the Bottlenose Dolphin Capital of the World. All these names define its scenic beauty, wide

range of sport and water sport activities, rich diversity and easy-going atmosphere.

Despite its sophisticated urban ambiance and setting, it is still closely linked with contrasting landscapes including splendid nature reserves, the glorious ocean, diverse wildlife and the magnificent great outdoors. With forty kilometres of breath-taking sun-drenched golden beaches enhance the pristine coastline of the Bay with the warm waters of the Indian Ocean lapping the shore.

The region offers a unique diversity with a blend of natural beauty and a rich legacy that carries the history of Khoisan, British, Dutch, German and Xhosa people, adding to the complexity of its culture and historical heritage. Clearly, Nelson Mandela Bay, as a destination, has that winning combination of numerous relaxation and authentic experiences.

Due to the proximity of Addo Elephant National Park and over 12 Private Game Reserves to the city, Port Elizabeth is seen as one of the top destinations in the world for cruise ships looking for safari options as daily excursions.



1. PORT OF PORT ELIZABETH

LOCATION

**Latitude 34 ° 01' S (3357, 5 S),
Longitude 25 ° 42'E (2538, 5 E)**

Located in Algoa Bay, in the Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape Province, the port's vision is to become "a sustainable, world class, smart people's port of choice" and ultimately transforming into a place where people can "work, live and play". The Port of Port Elizabeth is a geographically well-positioned, customer-centric, multi-cargo port that prides itself on flexibility and service excellence. It is the gateway for expanding markets, and is not only linked with the rest of the world, but it also has direct transport links into the heart of the African continent.

Operated by the Transnet National Port's Authority, The Port of PE has been the facilitator of trade in exports and imports of various multi-cargo commodities and prides itself in customer centricity, flexibility and service excellence. The Port of PE is currently a port of call where cruise liners dock to afford a visitors and opportunity to explore the beauty of Nelson Mandela Bay.

Being a congestion free port allows it to maintain high cargo handling rates, fast and efficient ship turnaround and unparalleled service levels. The port is equipped to handle dry bulk, bulk liquid, general cargo and container cargo. Passenger ships usually make use of Berth 101 and additionally one of the fruit terminal berths when calling at Port Elizabeth.



DEPTH OF HARBOUR ENTRANCES

- The entrance channel to the port is maintained at a depth of 14.5m and has a generous width of 310m.
- The draft of vessels allowed into the Port range from 9.6 to 12.2m. The advertised depth is 12.5m.

LENGTH AND CONITION OF QUAYSPACE

The port does not have a dedicated cruise terminal however the preferred berth to accommodate cruise vessels is berth 101, in the Automotive Terminal.
Quay Length: 380m

Depth: 11,0m / Draft: 10,5m



MARITIME SERVICES

The Port Control Tower provides 24-hour communication to all vessels using the Vessel Traffic Management System (VTS). The port limits are two nautical miles west of Cape Recife to two nautical miles east of the North Bank of the Swartkops River.

Marine Fleet

The port's marine fleet includes the following:

- Tugs – 2 x Voight Schneider Tugs with 70 ton BP
- Workboat
- Pilot Boat

Services

The Port of Port Elizabeth's full service bouquet includes:

- 24/7 Vessel Traffic System (VTS)
- 24/7 Pilotage
- 24/7 Tugs, Pilot Boat and Work Boat
- 24/7 Berthing Services and
- Other services including the provision of water, electricity, refuse removal, firefighting and off shore services



2. KEY TOURISM EXPERIENCES

COASTAL & BEACHES

Algoa Bay, the coastal region of Nelson Mandela Bay, boasts 40 km of magnificent golden beaches as well as one of the most diverse marine eco systems in the world. This includes islands with most importantly the largest Cape Gannetry in the world (110 000 breeding pairs) as well as over 50% of the worlds African Penguin population. With its perfect combination of warm water, calm sea and fair breezes, it is one of the best sailing venues in the world and a Mecca for all beach and water sport enthusiasts. Water temperatures vary between 18 and 21 degrees Celsius during summer and 14 to 19 degrees Celsius during winter.



WILDLIFE & NATURE

There is nothing quite like the African bush, and no better place to view wildlife than in the Eastern Cape. From rocky shores to indigenous floral fynbos, from stretches of golden beaches and unspoilt sand-dunes to lush indigenous forest and untamed wilderness areas, the nature reserves within, and on the outskirts of Nelson Mandela Bay offer a wonderful range of options to the great outdoors. Big 7 (Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Buffalo, Elephant, Southern Right Whale and White Shark) and other safari's in and around Nelson Mandela Bay is an activity everyone should enjoy. The numerous game reserves in and around the city offer the perfect mix of fauna and flora. These splendid, sometimes untouched areas have developed into one of South Africa's main wildlife viewing destinations.



ART INSPIRING
CENTRAL, DONKIN RESERVE



ADVENTURE & SPORT

Nelson Mandela Bay offers excellent and varied sporting facilities and the city hosts numerous exciting international and national sports events all year round, including the only African leg of the World Ironman Championships annually. The action adventurer needs to look no further as Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas are jam-packed with adventure. Activities include horse-riding, sandboarding, Segway Tours, Go-karting, Indoor wall climbing, quad biking and much more. Cyclists can keep active on safe tarred roads, special cycling areas and routes or take the scenic gravel roads through beautiful farmlands and nature areas. Other activities in the surrounding areas include ziplining, abseiling, walks and hiking opportunities in indigenous forests, guided hikes, beautiful day walks, as well as bass- and fly fishing. Unique eco-wilderness tours are offered into the Woody Cape area of the Alexandria dune fields – the largest coastal dune fields in the Southern hemisphere.

HISTORICAL

Nelson Mandela Bay bears the rich legacy of an area which saw the first meetings of Khoisan, Portuguese, British, Dutch, German and Xhosa people. As the landing place of the British Settlers, it boasts some of the finest architectural attractions in South Africa. Various historical and speciality tours are on offer to showcase the many buildings of rich architectural and historical importance.

ARTS & CULTURE

Nelson Mandela Bay offers an ethnic mosaic of arts and culture, typical of its inhabitants. European culture is evident in grand Edwardian, Victorian and Art Deco architecture citywide. Numerous arts and craft centres display a variety of locally produced artworks. Township tours personally introduce visitors to Xhosa culture. The centrepiece of Nelson Mandela Bay's arts and culture industry is right in the inner city known as the Arts Journey – which includes exhibitions and showcases on Route 67 and at the Athenaeum gallery, ArtEC, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, South End Museum and Ron Belling Gallery. The Donkin Reserve is home to multiple pieces of public art that form part of a collection of 67 pieces of art throughout the city. The "Route 67" arts journey celebrates the 67 years of Nelson Mandela's political life through a visual collection of works produced by local artists.

ENTERTAINMENT & SHOPPING

Nelson Mandela Bay is the ideal fun, entertainment and shopping destination; offering various kinds of entertainment to suit every age, personality and individual. Enjoyable evening entertainment include sundowners' cruises, nightclubs, award winning cocktail bars, late night music spots, fine art theatre performances, movies, restaurants and cultural performances.

AGRICULTURE

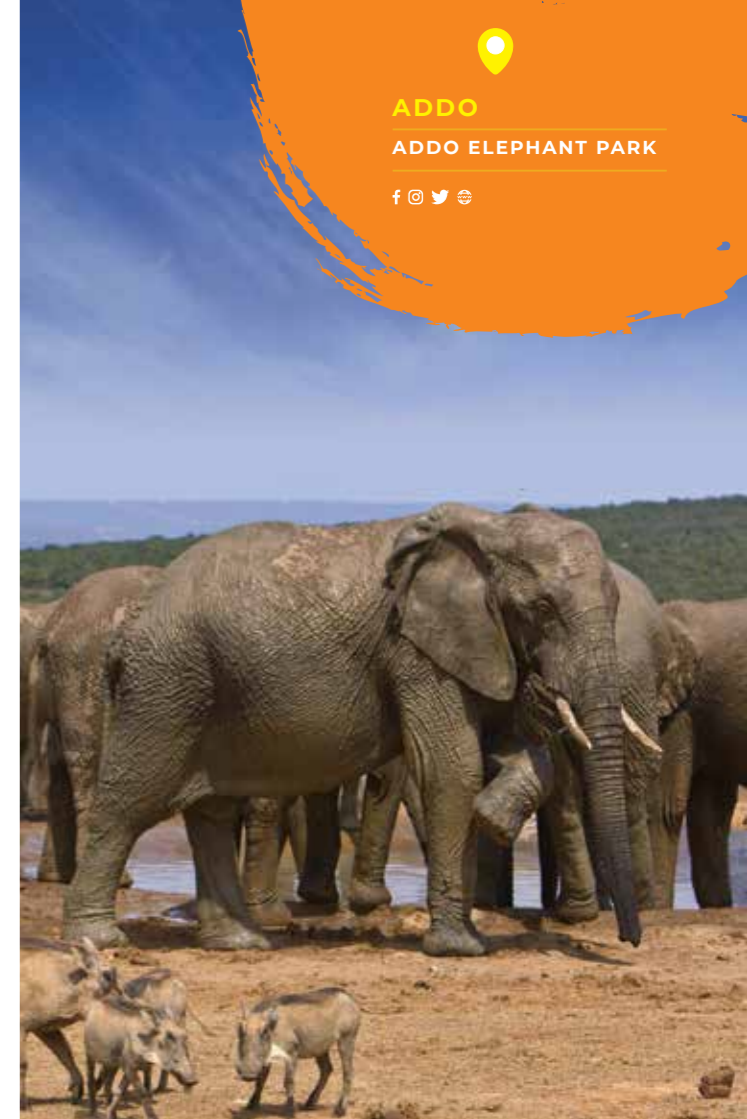
The Eastern Cape is well known for its oranges, prickly pears, angora goats and dairy farms. Ostrich farming does exist but on a smaller scale. The Eastern Cape is however highly successful when it comes to wool and mohair. The province, and particularly Nelson Mandela Bay, has succeeded in establishing South Africa as a world leader in these sectors. South Africa produces 53% of global mohair production and together with Lesotho, produces 70% of world production, making Africa a prominent continent for its excellent quality mohair. South African mohair is regarded as the highest quality in the world. Port Elizabeth is known as the "Mohair Capital of the world" and most of the world's mohair gets processed and shipped internationally from here.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Feel free to Relax, Refresh and Revitalize! 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.

MEETINGS, INCENTIVES, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Nelson Mandela Bay is prime business plus destination with a diverse range of experiences within proximity of bush and beach.



3. TRAVEL INFORMATION

ACCESSIBILITY

Nelson Mandela Bay's well-equipped airport, harbour, highways and roads link Southern Africa, and the Eastern Cape in particular, with other major national and international destinations.

The centrally situated Port Elizabeth Airport is easily accessible from all parts of the city. A number of flights are available that connect Nelson Mandela Bay with domestic and international destinations, through the Durban, OR Tambo and Cape Town International Airports every day. The Airport is serviced with regular flights by South African Airways (SAA) as well as certain local and national airlines including SAA - SA Express and British Airways/Comair and

Kulula as well as other airlines. Scenic helicopter flights, tours and charters are available to tourists who want to get a bird's eye view of the Bay, the coastline and surrounding areas.

Taxis, hotel transport and plenty of car hire options are available from the airport while shuttle services offer a convenient mode of transport in and around the city, as well as in the surrounding areas. Taxis offer reliable, convenient, courteous and quick service. As a rule, taxis throughout South African cities do not cruise you are advised to telephone a taxi for service. Municipal buses, operating as a service to especially people living within the Nelson Mandela Bay, travel to all parts of the city and residential areas. Uber and Taxify is also available in the city.



DISTANCES

Port Elizabeth - East London 283.3km
Port Elizabeth - Grahamstown 126.6km
Port Elizabeth - Mthatha 483.6km
Port Elizabeth - Johannesburg 1046.4km
Port Elizabeth - Cape Town 769km
Port Elizabeth - Durban 984km
Port Elizabeth - Bloemfontein 677km

TIME

• South Africa is in the GMT +2 time zone (UTC +2), which is the same as Athens, Bucharest, Cairo, Istanbul, Jerusalem, Harare and Helsinki.

MAKING SENSE OF CENTS

- South Africa's currency is the rand which is divided into 100 cents.
- Notes come in R10, R20, R50, R100 and R200 denominations and coins come
- in R1, R2, R5 and 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent denominations.
- Visa and MasterCard are acceptable everywhere and credit cards are essential for car hire.
- ATMs are open 24 hours a day.

MAKING SENSE OF CENTS

- Non-residents can drive with a drivers licence that is valid in their own country, provided it bears a photograph and signature of holder and is in English.
- Requirements for car rental are a valid drivers' licence and a credit card (American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard or Visa).



NELSON MANDELA BAY EXPERIENCE FACT SHEETS

- ADRENALIN ADDO
- ADDO RIVER SAFARI AND SANDSLEDDING
- ADDO WILDLIFE BIG FIVE RESERVE
- ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK TOUR / PRIVATE GAME RESERVES
- AFRICAN DRUMBEAT
- AWHENESS E-BIKE TOURS (HALF DAY)
- AWEHNESS TOURS – ART EXPERIENCE
- AWEH-WALMER TOWNSHIP TOUR
- BEST BEACHES SUNDOWNER
- BIRD WATCHING IN AND AROUND PORT ELIZABETH
- CAPE RECIFE, LIGHTHOUSE AND GRYSBOK NATURE RESERVE 4 X 4 TOUR
- CITY TOUR – PORT ELIZABETH
- CRISSCROSS ADVENTURES – MOUNTAIN HIKING, SAFARIS, BIRD WATCHING, ADDO QUAD BIKING
- COUNTRY ROADS – WESTERN DISTRICT

- IZIZWE PROJECTS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEERING TOUR
- GIRAFFE WALKING SAFARIS
- GUIDED WALK THROUGH THE GOLDEN SANDS OF SOUTHERN SEASHORE
- GUIDED ROSEATE TERN TRAIL
- GUIDED ROUTE 67 TOUR
- HEAVENLY STABLES BEACH/BUSH HORSEBACK SAFARIS
- HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS TOUR
- HELI PILOT AIR TOURS
- PORT ELIZABETH BEER TOUR
- SARDINE RUN
- SCUBA DIVING PORT ELIZABETH
- THE ORIGINAL BIG 7 SAFARI – ALGOA BAY AND ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK
- OCEAN SAFARI INTO ALGOA BAY
- PENGUIN PATROL TOUR
- SUNDAYS RIVER ADVENTURES – CRUISE, CANOE AND SANDBOARDING
- SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY ADVENTURE
- STAMPEDE ALGOA BAY OYSTER CRUISE
- THE SHEBEEN TOUR (EVENING TOUR FROM 4PM)



LIST OF GAME RESERVES

Nelson Mandela Bay:

- Addo Wildlife Private Reserve
- Amakhala Game Reserve
- Camp Figtree Mountain Safari Lodge
- Founders Lodge
- Hopewell Private Game Reserve
- Inzolo Exclusive Game Lodge
- Kariega Private Game Reserve
- Koffylaagte Game Lodge

- Kwandwe Private Game Reserve
- Kwantu Private Game Reserve
- Lalibela Private Game Reserve
- Pumba Private Game Reserve
- Schotia Private Game Reserve
- Shamwari Private Game Reserve
- Sibuya Private Game Reserve
- Bellevue Forest Reserve

Addo Elephant National Park Private Concession lodges:

- Kuzuko Lodge
- Gorah Elephant Camp
- Riverbend

