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Former home to the legendary Zulu chief, King Shaka, KwaZulu-Natal is known as the Zulu Kingdom and boasts 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, excellent safari experiences in Big 5 wildlife reserves, historic Zulu and Anglo-Boer War battlefields, and beautiful tropical beaches along the shores of the Indian Ocean. The international, multi-ethnic and bustling port city of Durban can also be found here, attracting both local and international visitors all year round, thanks to its consistently warm climate.

## KEY INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Petro-chemicals
- Maritime
- Ship Building and Repair
- Food and Beverages
- Textiles and Clothing
- Wood and Paper
- Plastics
- Cement
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Agribusiness and Forestry
- Domestic Appliances
- Non-metallic Mineral Production
- Jewellery Manufactory
- NCP Alcohols
- Mining

## KEY ATTRACTIONS

- The province has a pristine 600 kilometre **coastline**, and some of the finest beaches in South Africa
- The **iSimangaliso Wetland Park** is a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a wide diversity of flora and fauna for visitors to explore and enjoy
- The **uKhahlamba / Drakensberg Park** is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with exceptional natural beauty and an estimated 40 000 San paintings spread across hundreds of different sites
- **uShaka Marine World** is a 16-hectare theme park offering visitors a world of entertainment and excitement from aquarium shows, to water rides and even shopping
- **Zululand** is an unspoilt haven offering everything from traditional Zulu village experiences to spectacular Big 5 game viewing opportunities across numerous private and provincial game reserves
- The **Battlefields Route** boasts South Africa's largest concentration of significant battle sites relating to both the Zulu and Anglo-Boer Wars, with 82 battlefields, museums, old fortifications and places of remembrance



African Continent



South Africa



KwaZulu-Natal



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# KWAZULU-NATAL: DURBAN



## RISE WITH OUR ZULU KINGDOM

Renowned for its people being as warm and friendly as the climate, Durban is a bustling Indian Ocean port city. With fantastic beaches and world-class infrastructure, Durban is a sought-after meetings destination. With a large and convenient facility package including 3 600 hotel rooms within walking distance of the award-winning Durban International Convention Centre, the city is where Africa and the world meet.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Durban is easily accessible through King Shaka International Airport, with direct flights to and from:

- **Middle East:** Dubai

Other cities served via a short 60-minute connecting flight from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg (the largest airport in Africa), include:

- **Europe:** Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Istanbul, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Munich, Paris, Zurich
- **Middle East:** Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Jeddah
- **North America:** Atlanta, New York
- **South America:** Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo
- **Asia:** Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Singapore
- **Australia:** Perth, Sydney
- **Africa:** all major cities

Moving around Durban is easy with numerous hotels located close to the Durban International Convention Centre, as well as the Moses Mabhida Stadium and the iconic beachfront promenade.

## ACCOMMODATION

There are thousands of hotel rooms in Durban, all catering to a variety of budgets. The list of 5 930 hotel rooms below includes Graded Establishments only:

- 546 five-star rooms
- 1 990 four-star rooms
- 3 394 three-star rooms

For ultimate convenience, there are 3 600 hotel rooms located within a short walking distance (15 minutes) of the Durban International Convention Centre.

## VENUE CAPACITY

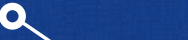
Named Africa's Leading Conference Centre for the 11th year\* and voted in the top 20 conference centres in the world\*\*, the Durban International Convention Centre boasts the largest area of column-free, flat-floor, multipurpose space in Africa, including:

- Plenary seating: up to 12 300 delegates
- Tiered seating: up to 3 880 delegates
- 25 meeting rooms: flexible space for meetings and break-out sessions
- Exhibition space: over 33 000sqm



Durban

Easy access through King Shaka International Airport



5 930 hotel rooms (Graded Establishments)

Award-winning International Convention Centre

Proven track record delivering successful events

Key attractions:  
Beautiful beaches, uShaka Marine World, Drakensberg, iSimangaliso Wetland Park, Zululand

\* by the World Travel Awards  
\*\* by the AIPC

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## ORGANISING AND HOSTING EXPERIENCE

- Loerie Advertising Awards 2015
- 6th IOC World Conference on Sport 2015
- 3rd International Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship 2015
- The International World Congress of Architects 2014
- MIM Pan African Congress on Malaria 2013
- INDABA (1985 - 2015)
- COP 17/CMP7 in 2011
- 123rd International Olympic Committee (IOC) session 2011
- Host City for the 2010 FIFA World Cup
- World Conference Against Racism 2001
- XIII International AIDS Conference 2000

**ICCA Rankings: Durban is ranked 125th (2014), tied with the cities of Auckland, Basel, Bordeaux and Montpellier.**

## DURBAN KWAZULU-NATAL CONVENTION BUREAU

The Durban KwaZulu-Natal Convention Bureau is a partnership initiative of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and eThekweni Municipality to promote the meeting and business tourism services of the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal, and the metropolitan area of Durban. Services provided by the Durban KwaZulu-Natal Convention Bureau include:

- Promotional materials
- Educational trips and site inspections
- Supplier information and quotations
- Social programmes
- Pre and post tours and incentive packages
- Assistance with congress bids
- Convention publicity and delegate boosting
- Destination display and promotion
- Information kits and welcome packs for delegates
- Shuttle services
- Identification of Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) services

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## Why choose D U R B A N

1. English speaking
2. Easy access
3. Great facility package
4. Value for money
5. 16 072 hotel rooms
6. Cultural melting pot
7. Fantastic climate
8. Track record of hosting international events
9. Unique Zulu heritage and culture
10. Blue Flag beaches