



# Visitor's Guide

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# Experience the Vibrant Soul of South Durban!



**Sodurba! It's a destination brimming with life where remarkable transformations are unfolding, leaving an indelible mark on all who venture there.**

Sodurba echoes with the thunderous roar of 5-metre swells crashing on to the shore at Cave Rock, commanding the respect and tube-riding skills of surfers. It resonates with the lively chatter of Vervet monkeys in nature reserves. It reverberates with the historical boom of cannons on the Bluff, echoing across the seas during World War II. It carries the haunting cry of the Luthuli tribe, the very first human settlers in the Durban area. It pulsates with the enticing aroma of curry gently simmering in large pots within the homes of its warm-hearted residents.



But Sodurba is not just about sounds of nature, history and culture; it's also about the symphony of industry; where the refining of oil, the brewing of malt and the release of steam from towering industrial stacks create a rich tapestry of commerce. It's a place where the past and the present harmoniously coexist - a testament to progress and evolution. Sodurba embodies the vibrant hues of diversity and the unwavering spirit of hope.

Sodurba is the beating, multicultural heart of South Durban. It's a place of unparalleled beauty, boundless excitement and unmatched uniqueness - it's calling out to you!

Come and immerse yourself in the vibrant spirit of Sodurba, where the fusion of cultures and the pulse of life create an unforgettable experience.

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# Introducing Sodurba

*where contrasts converge!*



Formerly known as the South Durban Basin, our pulsating backdrop encapsulates a vibrant environment of contradictions and contrasts that create a truly unique experience. A living embodiment of President Nelson Mandela's vision of the "Rainbow Nation," Sodurba unveils a captivating blend of rich history, ecological diversity, profound cultural heritage, remarkable industrial and commercial progress and unparalleled opportunities for pursuits such as surfing, fishing, diving and golfing.

Sodurba's history paints a vibrant narrative of change and growth. Once the home to the world's largest whaling station; this area now witnesses the graceful passage of passing whales, symbolising a harmonious coexistence between marine life and human endeavours. Cuttings has evolved into a popular fishing spot, doubling as a prime viewing site for the legendary annual sardine run.

Rooted in history, Sodurba reflects the dynamic spirit of a new South Africa. From its origins of providing shelter to the Coloured community in repurposed army barracks from World War II, the area has flourished into a harmonious fusion of diverse races and economic backgrounds – a living testament to democratic values.

Sodurba's alluring shores boast some of KwaZulu-Natal's finest beaches, accompanied by a rich aquatic world teeming with marine and reef life. Nestled within is the Stainbank Nature Reserve, a sanctuary of natural beauty. The Millennium Tower and lighthouse stand as iconic beacons, visible from kilometres away, offering a warm welcome to all who approach.

The picturesque landscape is interwoven with areas of industrial growth; featuring South Africa's largest shipping industry, a prosperous car sector, the renowned South African Breweries and the productive Mondi Paper.

As you venture into Sodurba, you'll be embraced by a community that exudes warmth, hospitality and immense pride in its heritage. Prepare to be captivated by the stories, landscapes, and people that shape Sodurba – The Soul of the South is a place that celebrates the past while forging a promising future.

# Coastline

*where coastal dreams come true!*

Embark on a journey to discover some of the most exquisite shoreline treasures that grace the KwaZulu-Natal coastline. From the serene shores of Treasure Beach and the intriguing allure of Cave Rock to the inviting expanse of Brighton and Anstey's Beaches to the tranquil haven of Garvies, Sodurba offers a beach lover's paradise that knows no bounds.

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Cuttings and Isipingo Beaches, where the Indian Ocean's embrace is invigorating and soothing. Thanks to the Mozambican currents that warmly caress this coastal stretch, Sodurba's waters present a haven for aquatic enthusiasts seeking ideal conditions for swimming and surfing, all year round.

This coastline's splendour is matched by its commitment to safety. With shark nets and vigilant lifeguards, Sodurba's waters offer a worry-free environment for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned surfer, an aspiring wave-rider, a paddle-ski adventurer or a curious snorkeler, these inviting waters welcome you.

Seize the opportunity to make your coastal dreams a reality in Sodurba. Be captivated by the shimmering sands, the rhythmic waves and the warm embrace of the Indian Ocean – a true haven for those seeking unforgettable experiences along this pristine stretch of KwaZulu-Natal shoreline.



# Nature



Established in 1961, Bluff Nature Reserve proudly stands as Durban's oldest avian haven. Its storied past and diverse ecosystem makes it an absolute must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts.

Originally, this expansive wetland sanctuary stretched uninterrupted across the landscape. However, the construction of Tara Road bisected the area, with the majority of the Vlei now situated to the east of this busy thoroughfare.

Bluff Nature Reserve is a haven for a myriad of bird species, offering extensive roosting and breeding grounds for various herons, egrets, African spoonbills, and other species. In recent years, the breeding patterns within the reserve have predominantly favoured by species like Egyptian and Spur-winged Geese, Swamp Hens, and Coots.

Experience the timeless peace of Bluff Nature Reserve, where the past and present of Durban's avian wonders come together in harmony.

Some of the birds to be seen at the Bluff Nature Reserve

- Grey Sunbird
- Purple-banded Sunbird
- African Purple Swamp-hen
- Yellow-throated Longclaw
- Black-throated Wattle-eye
- Western Osprey
- African Fish-Eagle
- Black Crake
- Purple Heron

Nestled in the heart of Yellowwood Park, Durban, lies the captivating Kenneth Stainbank Reserve, a sprawling 253-hectare haven that has been enchanting visitors since its establishment in 1963. This natural gem owes its existence to the generous bequest of land by Mr. Kenneth Stainbank, and it stands as a testament to his commitment to preserving the beauty of this natural paradise.

Kenneth Stainbank Reserve is a sanctuary for nature lovers, boasting an array of coastal forest and grassland habitats that provide a home to a multitude of plant and animal species. Immerse yourself in the lush greenery as you traverse the reserve's 13 kilometres of nature walks, each step a journey into the heart of untamed beauty.

For those seeking a moment of tranquil reprieve, a delightful picnic site awaits, where you can savour a meal amidst the sights and sounds of nature. Feel the stress melt away as you bask in the serene surroundings.

We believe that nature should be accessible to everyone. That's why we've designed a dedicated walk for those with physical disabilities, ensuring that the wonders of Kenneth Stainbank Reserve are open to all.

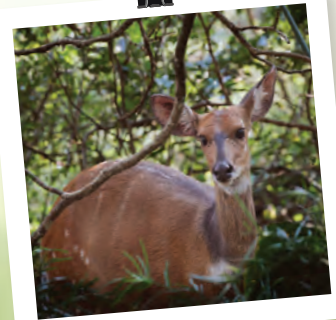
Adventure seekers can take on our challenging 10-kilometre mountain bike trail, an exhilarating journey that winds through the reserve's diverse terrain. Strap on your helmet and get ready for an adrenaline-pumping ride through nature's playground.

To start your adventure, simply pass through the entrance gate, where a warm welcome and all the information you need await. Take advantage of the opportunity to obtain maps, plant and animal lists, and valuable insights from our Field Ranger.

Please note that an entrance fee is charged at the gate, helping to support the preservation of this natural treasure for generations to come. Come and experience Kenneth Stainbank Reserve, where the beauty of Durban's natural world unfolds in every corner.

Some of the birds to be seen at Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve

- Grey Cuckooshrike
- Yellow Weaver
- Purple-crested Turaco
- Little Bee-eater
- Green Malkoha
- Tambourine Dove
- Narina Trogon
- Squacco Heron
- Lesser Striped Swallow
- Yellow-bellied Greenbul
- White-eared Barbet
- Black Sparrow Hawk
- Olive Woodpecker
- Mountain Wagtail
- Black Saw-wing
- Lesser Honeyguide
- Spotted Ground-Thrush
- Grey Waxbill
- Bronze-winged Courser
- Red-backed Mannikin
- Green Twinspot
- Rattling Cisticola
- African Jacana
- African Rail
- Neddicky
- Red-Chested Flufftail
- Barn Swallow
- White-browed Scrub-Robin
- Square-Tailed Drongo



# Landmarks

Sodurba, an area steeped in history, geography and culture, beckons you to explore its myriad wonders. Time has sculpted natural formations that have endured for millions of years, alongside man-made landmarks that embody architectural and technological innovation. Each viewpoint in Sodurba unveils breathtaking vistas that will leave you both awestruck and humbled. Join us on a journey to unearth the treasures of this extraordinary destination.



**MARITIME MUSEUM:** Delve into Durban's maritime heritage at the captivating Maritime Museum. Immerse yourself in the stories of seafaring adventures, where tales of exploration and trade come to life. Step aboard and embark on a voyage through time.



**VARIOUS TEMPLES:** Experience the serenity and spirituality of various Temples, sacred sites that have been a beacon of solace for generations. Explore the intricate architecture and vibrant culture that have shaped these remarkable places of worship.



**WORLD WAR II RADIO STATION:** Uncover a chapter of history at the World War II Radio Station, where echoes of the past resound. Stand where brave souls once communicated in the midst of global turmoil.



**COOPER LIGHTHOUSE:** Commissioned on 31 July 1953, 21-metre cylindrical concrete tower has been the beacon giving seafarers a visual marine navigation aid for 70 years.

Every corner of Sodurba tells a story, and every vista promises a breathtaking spectacle. Join us in embracing the enchantment of this extraordinary destination, where history, geography and culture converge to create an unforgettable experience.



# Harbour & Bay

**WELCOME TO DURBAN HARBOUR—WHERE HISTORY AND COMMERCE MEET IN A SYMPHONY OF ADVENTURE AND OPPORTUNITY.**

Durban Harbour stands as a testament to South Africa's enduring legacy as a global gateway. As the busiest port on the African continent and the largest container port in the Southern Hemisphere, it plays a pivotal role in shaping the nation's rich history and vibrant future. For centuries, it has been the epicentre of exotic trade travel, and adventure, welcoming travelers from all corners of the globe.

A Seafarer's Safe Haven Since 1497 Durban Harbour has provided sanctuary to ships since its first recorded discovery on Christmas Day in 1497, when the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama first set foot on these shores. This colossal, sheltered bay quickly became an essential port of call for early seafarers embarking on journeys to the East, laying the foundation for centuries of maritime commerce and exploration.

## FASCINATING HARBOUR FACTS

**Largest Port in Africa, Third Largest in Southern Hemisphere:** Durban Harbour proudly holds the title of Africa's largest port and ranks as the thirdlargest in the Southern Hemisphere.

**The Leading Container Port in the Southern Hemisphere:** With unparalleled infrastructure and capabilities, it reigns as the preeminent container port in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Handling Millions of Containers Annually:** Durban Harbour handles millions of containers each year, facilitating global trade on an astonishing scale.

**Millions Generated Per Container Ship Visit:** The economic impact generated by a single visit from a container ship to our port reaches into the millions, fueling prosperity.

### Million-Rand Contributions from

**Passenger Liners:** The vibrant tourism industry revolving around passenger liners contributes millions annually to our city's revenue.

**Billions in Salaries and Wages:** The direct and indirect impact of the port generates billions in salaries and wages, benefiting countless families in our community.

Join us as we celebrate the extraordinary history and vitality of Durban Harbour. It's not just a port; it's a living testament to the enduring spirit of exploration and commerce that has shaped South Africa for generations. Explore its depths, embrace its stories and witness the ceaseless flow of life that courses through its waters.



# History

The South Durban Basin unfolds a captivating tapestry of history, where centuries of natural and cultural transformations have left an indelible mark. From the drama of shipwrecks to the resonance of tribal settlements, from the echoes of the Anglo-Boer War to the global upheaval of two World Wars, this region has been a stage for human and environmental narratives that stretch back through the ages.

**A Rich Historical Kaleidoscope** The South Durban Basin has been a witness to it all - from the sombre legacy of the slave trade to the once-thriving whaling station that echoes with maritime stories. It served as a military base, witnessed the era of Apartheid and bore witness to the relocation of coloured and Indian communities. It has also been the backdrop to phenomenal industrial growth that has shaped the modern world in countless ways.

**Resilience and Transformation** The South Durban Basin is more than just its history; it's a testament to resilience and transformation. What were once areas of conflict and war have evolved into thriving centers of industry and commerce. Here, nature is cherished, and the community works tirelessly to create a carbon-neutral environment, safeguarding our planet for future generations. It's a place where diverse cultures, once forcibly brought together, now harmoniously coexist.

## MUST-VISIT DESTINATIONS

**Cave Rock:** Explore the enigmatic beauty of Cave Rock, a geological wonder that whispers secrets from eons past.



**The Nelson Mandela Stone in Jacobs:** Pay tribute to the enduring legacy of Nelson Mandela with a visit to the historic Nelson Mandela Stone in Jacobs.



Join us as we embark on a journey through time in the South Durban Basin, where history, culture and nature converge in a celebration of resilience, transformation and unity. Come, be a part of our story, and experience the vibrant tapestry of this remarkable region.

# Culture

In Sodurba, the spirit of the “Rainbow Nation” shines brightly. Here, people of all colours and religious beliefs live side by side, creating a vibrant tapestry of harmony and coexistence. The close proximity and rich diversity of cultures have infused Sodurba with a unique character that beckons travelers seeking an authentic encounter with the soul of the New South Africa. Sodurba is a microcosm of the beautiful mosaic that is South Africa. It encapsulates the spirit of unity, showcasing how diverse communities can not only coexist but also thrive together. It’s a place where the “Rainbow Nation” comes alive, where differences are celebrated, and where the real soul of South Africa is palpable.

Come and be a part of this extraordinary tapestry of diversity. Immerse yourself in the cultures, traditions and stories that make up our beautiful South Africa.

Sodurba awaits, ready to share its unique character and the warm embrace of its people as you embark on a journey of discovery through the heart of the New South Africa.



# Industry



Sodurba, a place of unique character, offers a distinctive blend of residential life and industry that sets it apart. Nestled among the charming neighbourhoods of The Bluff, Treasure Beach, Merebank, Austerville and Wentworth, you'll find a tapestry woven with a diverse range of industries. Notably, Sodurba is home to two of South Africa's largest oil refineries, a thriving paper mill and various small factories.

Progress and Responsibility Industry is a symbol of progress and economic growth, breathing life into our community. Yet, it also carries the responsibility of environmental stewardship. Sodurba understands the dual nature of industry – its potential for prosperity and its impact on our environment.

A Cleaner, Greener Future In Sodurba. We're committed to preserving the natural beauty that surrounds us. That's why several community and government initiatives are actively working to promote cleaner air, purer water and elevated living standards for all residents. Our shared goal is to make Sodurba carbon neutral, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

Explore Sodurba, where the synergy between industry and community thrives in harmony. Witness progress, appreciate the dedication to cleaner living, and become part of a movement that embraces both growth and environmental responsibility. Join us on a journey toward a greener, more sustainable future in Sodurba.

Visit the Sugar Terminal Tour

# Entertainment

Sodurba comes alive with a kaleidoscope of dining options, from charming cafés to lively pubs and pulsating clubs. No matter your craving, you're in for a culinary adventure that caters to all tastes. Choose from a delightful selection of simple, comforting dishes or venture into the realm of exotic flavours that will tantalise your taste buds.

After days filled with the invigorating sea breeze and sun-soaked escapades, treat yourself to a world of pampering at our luxurious salons and wellness centres. Rejuvenate your body and soul with a range of treatments and therapies designed to soothe and revitalize.

For those with a penchant for retail therapy, Sodurba is a shopper's paradise. Unleash your inner shopaholic and explore the diverse retail landscape, where you'll find a treasure trove of shops to satisfy every whim and desire. From high-end boutiques to unique local stores, Sodurba has it all.

**SODURBA: WHERE EVERY APPETITE IS SATISFIED, RELAXATION IS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS AND SHOPPING DREAMS COME TRUE.**



# Sports & Activities



In Sodurba, monotony simply does not exist! With its picturesque beaches that stretch for miles, you'll find endless opportunities for excitement. Whether you're an avid surfer, paddle-ski enthusiast or simply love to bask in the ocean's embrace, there's something for everyone. Dive beneath the azure waves, snorkel through vibrant coral gardens or even try your hand at spearfishing or ocean fishing – the options are limitless.

For those seeking a different kind of thrill, our beautiful Bluff National Park Golf Course awaits, promising to help you refine your skills and lower your handicap in breathtaking surroundings.

If immersing yourself in nature is more your style, embark on invigorating hikes through our diverse nature reserves, perfect for communing with the untouched wilderness. Birdwatchers will be delighted by the stunning avian species that call Sodurba home.

Take a leisurely stroll through the bustling harbour area, where history meets modern day, and be sure to explore our abundant landmarks that tell tales of our rich heritage. For those eager to learn, eco-educational tours provide insight into the ecological wonders that surround us.

Sodurba: Where adventure knows no bounds, and boredom is a word long forgotten.

## VISIT

- Learn how to surf • Shark Diving - Blood Reef
- Deep sea fishing charters • Snorkelling • Sporting Events
- Kite and wind surfing • Fishing and Sea-life
- Bluff National Park Golf Club

# Accommodation

*Experience Sodorba to the fullest - extend your stay!*

## VISIT

- B&Bs and Guest Houses
- Backpackers
- Self Catering
- Caravan & Camping



Sodorba offers a plethora of enticing activities that simply can't be squeezed into a single day and, in truth, you might find that a few weeks are still not enough to savour it all. So, why not make the most of your visit and stay awhile?

Sodorba offers a diverse range of accommodation to suit every traveller's preference. Whether you're a backpacker seeking the authentic charm of the Bluff, where legendary surfing couples have created a welcoming haven or you prefer the luxury and comfort of guesthouses and bed-and-breakfasts boasting breathtaking sea views—ideal for whale watching—Sodorba has you covered.

Rest assured, the Hospitality Accommodation listed is fully compliant, ensuring guests enjoy the utmost “peace of mind” when making their reservations.

Sodorba: Where time slows down, and memories are made. Stay a while and let our hospitality embrace you.



-  YOU ARE HERE!  
SODURBA OFFICE
-  MARITIME HERITAGE  
ROUTE & VIEW POINTS
-  CONSERVATION  
LEGACY ROUTE
-  MULTI-CULTURAL  
EXPERIENCE / LANDMARKS
-  NATIONAL ROADS / HIGHWAYS
-  LOCAL ROAD
-  WATER SOURCE
-  SHOPPING CENTRES
-  SAPS - POLICE
-  HOSPITAL / MEDICAL CENTRE





# Maritime Heritage Route



**WESSA TREASURE BEACH** - Step into the past at the Treasure Beach Environmental Education Centre on Durban's Bluff. This site is steeped in history and ecological significance, serving as the original radar tracking station for coastal defense during World War II. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the view from the roof, where you can witness the majestic spectacle of whales and dolphins gracefully navigating our coastline. An Excellent location for anyone interested in learning about marine science in our gorgeous, diverse Rocky Shore ecosystem



**MARITIME MUSEUM** - Delve into the maritime heritage at the Whale History Museum, nestled within the Maritime Museum. As you wander through this maritime treasure trove, you'll have the chance to explore a fascinating array of boats. Immerse yourself in the Whaling History Exhibition, shedding light on the journey from the origins of our whale story to the present-day Conservation Era, where all marine life is protected and revered. Discover how local communities engage in Whale Eco Tourism, bridging the past and present.

**WILSONS WHARF and DURBAN MARINA - WHALE WATCHING - ISLE OF CAPRI CRUISES (BBWW613) & WHALE AND DOLPHIN TOURS (BBWW201).** Wilson's Wharf and Durban Marina is your gateway to adventure. Embark on a harbour cruise, providing a close encounter with majestic whales. Or unwind and savour a delightful beverage or meal at one of the vibrant waterfront restaurants, all while soaking in the vibrant atmosphere.



# Maritime Heritage Route

BLUFF VIEW POINTS - Sodurba's natural beauty unfolds at these captivating viewpoints:

- Treasure Beach: Dive into the area's history and ecology.
- WESSA: Immerse yourself in environmental education.
- Airlie Road: Discover coastal charm and scenic vistas.
- Ansteys Beach: Bask in the sun on pristine shores.
- Brighton Beach: Enjoy the tranquility of this coastal haven.
- Garvies: Explore the rugged coastline and marine life.
- Netford Road: Uncover the hidden gem of the Bluff.
- Finnmore Place: Embark on a journey down 364 stairs to the forgotten beach and behold a scenic view of the Old Whaling Station—accessible only by foot.



**SODURBA'S WEALTH OF HISTORICAL SITES, ECOLOGICAL WONDERS AND BREATHTAKING VIEWPOINTS AWAIT YOUR EXPLORATION.**



# Whaling History



The industry in Durban started in 1907 when the Norwegian Consul in Durban, Jacob Egeland, went back to Norway and, with fellow Norwegian Johan Bryde, raised money to start a whaling operation in Durban. Durban was once a busy centre of the whaling industry. Thousands of migrating whales were caught in the seas nearby and towed back here to be processed into a number of products which were highly prized by consumers, both local and overseas. The whaling season in Durban lasted from March to September because whales would migrate northward past Durban at the start of the Antarctic winter and pass by on their way south again. In 1922 Jacob Egeland ended his partnership with Johan Bryde and started the Union Whaling and Fishing Company with his cousin Abraham Larsen, turning it into the biggest and most advanced whaling station in the world. Thankfully Whaling in Durban stopped in 1975 and a vision was born for the Bluff Whaling Station.

## VISION:

- Whale Route – Guided Tours
- Whale Festival Venue
- Educational Space for Nature conservation and research initiatives
- Museum relating to the Whaling Station and Whaling industry.
- Protection of a Heritage Site
- Protection and Maintenance of our International Whale Heritage Certification
- Local, National and International tourism attraction.



# Bluff Whale Heritage Area

The Bluff has earned the prestigious title of an international Whale Heritage Site, joining an elite group of just seven such sites worldwide. This accreditation shines a spotlight on our region, garnering attention at local, national and global levels. More than just an honour, it's a commitment to fostering sustainable tourism and championing marine conservation.



At the heart of this achievement lies the historic Bluff Whaling Station, situated on the Bluff Headlands, once the world's largest of its kind. Sodorba's vision is to transform this iconic site into a Heritage Landmark and the ultimate Tourism Attraction. Here, we aim to showcase not only our Whale Heritage but also our rich Cultural and Military history. This attraction will be a cornerstone of Sodorba's Maritime Heritage Route, seamlessly weaving together our past, present, and future. Visitors will gain insights into science, conservation, tourism, and the profound connection between our local communities and the iconic humpback whale.

Every June, we celebrate this vibrant conservation spirit with the Annual 'Welcoming of the Whales™ Festival.' It's an event for the entire family, offering both fun and education. It serves as a platform to raise awareness about the conservation of cetaceans, marine life and our precious beaches. Our artistic projects, such as "Echo", "Destiny" and "Infinity" where local artists, including school students and local companies, craft whale sculptures from plastic bottle tops, embody the creative spirit that drives our commitment to the oceans.

The Maritime Heritage Route is a beacon for tourists and locals alike, providing a journey that intertwines science, conservation, tourism and the vibrant narratives of our local communities, all framed by spectacular viewpoints to witness the iconic humpback whales.



# Conservation Legacy

- Bluff Eco Park Trails - Bird Watching
- Bluff Nature Reserve
- Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve
- Trails
- Treasure Beach



# Conservation Legacy



## BLUFF NATIONAL PARK GOLF CLUB

The Bluff National Park Golf Course is set in a wetland conservation area in Durban. A Birdwatching paradise.

Birdlife here is prolific and you can expect to see numerous species including the Fish Eagle soaring above and plenty of plovers, grey herons and pelicans who drop in to share the water with the resident Cormorants and Geese. The Bluff National Park Golf Club is home to the Grey Heron, and which is also the club's emblem.



## CROW – CENTRE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WILDLIFE

C.R.O.W. is the oldest wildlife rehabilitation centre in South Africa that is committed to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife. Run by a small, yet highly dedicated and experienced team of staff and volunteers, C.R.O.W. assists over 3000 orphaned, injured and displaced animals every year. From mongoose, genets and monkeys to birds, reptiles and antelope, C.R.O.W. represents a second chance at a free, safe and sustainable life for all wild animals in distress. Sponsor an animal is great for nature and animal lovers. Whether your donation is for yourself, as a gift, or to educate younger generations about conservation, your kindness will symbolise your support for South African wildlife.

# Conservation Legacy



## TRAILS

Numerous trails can be arranged within the Sodurba area, these can be arranged either within a Nature Reserve or on the Beach.



## WESSA TREASURE BEACH

The Treasure Beach Environmental Education Centre on Durban's Bluff is rich in history and ecological importance. It is also the site of the original radar tracking station for coastal defence during World War II and has one of the last remaining patches of coastal grassland. The Centre has been operational since 1985 and offers a wide diversity of educational experiences to all ages. The roof of the building can be used by our guests as a viewpoint to watch whales and dolphins moving up and down our coast, while enjoying tea and scones. This can be combined with an interpretive stroll in their patch of unique Coastal Grassland (led by a guide). Good birds, insect life, and photographic opportunities!



# Multi Cultural Experience

## TEMPLES

The cultural tour of temples showcases the level of culture and religious observance and is imbued with a desire to satisfy the spiritual yearning made from great efforts to establish places of worship and to follow the practices and usages that were carried out in places like India. The Durban South tour has an attraction of temples starting from Clairwood taking you to Isipingo , featuring the Clairwood Shree Siva Soobramoniar Temple ( celebrating 135 years ) , Shree Murugar Alayam , Merebank Shree Parasakthie Alayam (celebrating 75 years), Merebank Shri Sivan Soobramoniar Alayam , Saiva Sithantha Kazhagam Of South Africa , Merebank , Isipingo Shree Siva Soobramoniar Temple and the Isipingo Gowshala Durga Matha and Shiv Mandir



## Experience Spiritual Heritage at Clairwood Shree Siva Soobramoniar Temple

Step into a world of rich cultural heritage and profound spiritual devotion at the Clairwood Shree Siva Soobramoniar Temple, established in the year 1889. This sacred site, located at 122 Sirdar Road, bears witness to the enduring legacy of the Indian community that arrived on these shores in the 1860s.

### A Journey of Faith and Culture

The pioneers of this community brought with them a deep-rooted reverence for their cultural and religious traditions from their motherland. Despite the humble beginnings of their places of worship, the devotion that emanated from within was truly remarkable. Their commitment to spiritual principles guided their lives, shaping the development of Indian culture in this new land.

Most of the early settlers hailed from the Madras Presidency and the Central Provinces, identifying as part of the Hindu community. This connection to their heritage led to the establishment and evolution of temples throughout the region, each a testament to the enduring spirit of their faith.



# Multi Cultural Experience



## Isipingo Gowshala & Mandir Temple:

A Sanctuary of Tradition

In Hindi, “Mandir” translates to temple, and “Gowshala” signifies a cow protection facility. Central to Hindu culture, the cow is revered as a mother, symbolizing nourishment and life. As such, many Hindus abstain from consuming beef as it is forbidden in Vedic culture. The belief is that a child thrives on the milk provided by its mother.

The Shri Sivan Soobramoniar Alayam, situated at 21 Bidar Road in Merebank and established around 1975, stands as a testament to the dedication of its founding devotees and local residents. This temple emerged in an economically challenged community, leading to numerous fundraising endeavours to create a permanent space for cultural and religious pursuits. Through years of unwavering effort, a thriving spiritual hub took shape.

# Multi Cultural Experience

## Isipingo Shree Siva Soobramoniar Temple:

### A Center of Community

Located at 21 Jooma Road, Isipingo Rail, the Isipingo Shree Siva Soobramoniar Temple, founded by the late Mr. K.N. Govender in 1950, has become a focal point for spiritual seekers.

Today, it warmly accommodates up to 300 devotees, while its versatile hall can seat 500 cinema-style or 300 at tables—perfect for hosting weddings, functions, and ceremonies that celebrate the vibrant traditions of this community.

Embrace the spiritual journey, immerse yourself in cultural heritage and experience the timeless devotion at these temples. Discover the soul of a community that has carried its traditions across continents and generations, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of South Africa.



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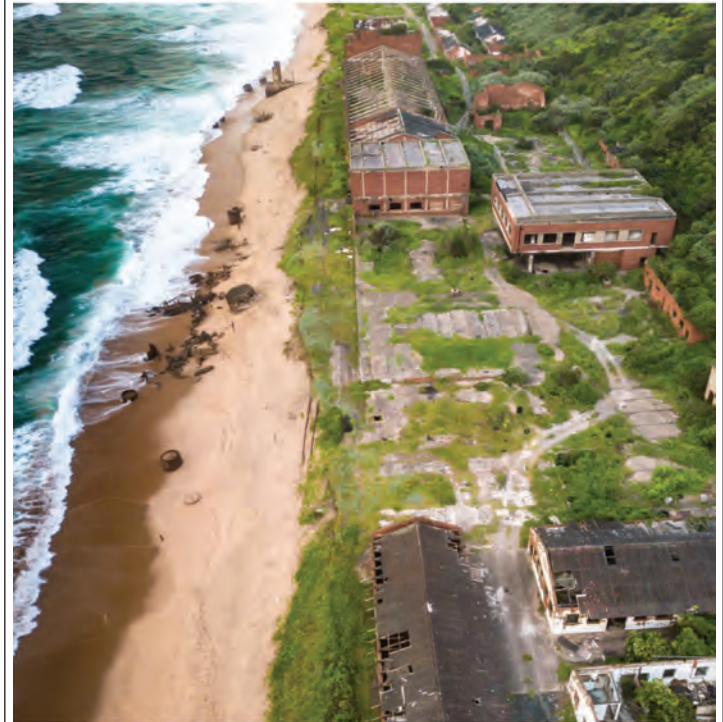
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