

VISITORS GUIDE








CITY OF
uMHLATHUZE
VISION INTO ACTION



The City of uMhlathuze Welcomes You!

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THE CITY OF UMHLATHUZE

The City of uMhlathuze is made up of Richards Bay, Empangeni, eSikhaleni, Port Dunford, Vulindlela, Felixton, eNseleni and eNgwelezane, as well as the rural areas under Inkosi uDube, Inkosi uMkhwanazi, Inkosi uKhoza and Inkosi uZungu. uMhlathuze assumed city status on 21 August 2001. The name uMhlathuze is derived from the uMhlathuze River that meanders through the municipal area and unifies these towns, suburbs and traditional areas symbolically.

With a population of approximately 350 000 uMhlathuze is situated 180km North East of Durban on the coast.

The City of uMhlathuze is rich in diversity and is the ideal holiday destination where nature lovers can explore the internationally acclaimed game reserves and visit the spectacular wetlands. Outdoor and sporting enthusiasts can take advantage of the subtropical climate and endless beaches and cultural heritage seekers can visit Zulu Cultural Villages, museums and markets.

How to get there

BY AIR: The nearest commercial airport is the Richards Bay Airport. SA Express 035-786 0301 conduct daily flights between Richards Bay and Johannesburg. Empangeni has an air-field.

BY ROAD: The two main feeder roads to Empangeni and Richards Bay are the N2 highway from Durban (South) and Pongola (North) and the R34 from Vryheid and Melmoth (West). The condition of the roads range from above average to adequate and road signage is in accordance with international codes. The Greyhound Bus 035 – 772 2090 runs between Empangeni, Richards Bay and most major centres.

BY SEA: Richards Bay is the first port of call with world-class facilities for vessels. The Zululand Yacht Club 035 – 788 0256 and the Tuzi Gazi Mooring 035 – 788 0031 cater for the international yachting fraternity.

Climate

Climate conditions are typically sub-tropical to tropical. The average daily temperature in summer is 28°C and in winter 24°C (Empangeni) and 22°C (Richards Bay). The humidity levels tend to be very high and the annual rainfall is 1100mm (Empangeni) and 1200mm (Richards Bay).

Weather Reports

Local Weather	082 231 1605
Surf Conditions.....	083 123 0500
Ski Boat & Sailing Conditions.....	082 231 1607



SHOPPING AND SERVICE FACILITIES

Shopping Centres

Empangeni:

Sanlam Centre – Operating hours

Monday - Friday : 09:00-17:00

Saturday : 08:00-16:00

Sunday & Public Holiday : 09:00-14:00

Richards Bay:

Boardwalk (Inkwazi Mall) – Operating hours

Monday - Thursday : 09:00-18:00

Friday : 08:00-19:00

Saturday : 09:00-17:00

Sunday & Public Holiday : 09:00-15:00

There are also ample 24-hour service stations in the area with 24-hour convenience stores

Health and Medical

Empangeni and Richards Bay boast excellent medical practitioners and two first class private hospitals: Empangeni Garden Clinic and The Bay Hospital.

The Travel Doctor Richards Bay 035 – 789 8309 can be contacted for any travel related health issues.

Malaria

uMhlathuze is a low risk malaria area however it is advisable to apply insect repellent in the evenings to avoid mosquito bites.



Safety and Security

Although the majority of the population is peace loving, one needs to maintain awareness levels and practice security measures. Visitors are asked to be alert at all times. Contact uMhlathuze Tourism Office 035 – 907 5018 or 035 – 907 5630

EMPANGENI

Empangeni was established as a Norwegian Mission in 1841 and has flourished to become the commercial and agricultural centre of the City of uMhlathuze, occupying 13% of the total 796sq/km municipal area.

According to folklore the name Empangeni was derived from the Zulu word “phanga” (which means grabbed), as a result of the many crocodile attacks on the water bearers and visitors to the nearby crocodile infested stream eMpangeni. Another version of the origin of the name of the Town is that it is derived from the Mpanga Trees (*Olinia radiata*), which grow on the banks of the Empangeni River.



RICHARDS BAY:

Tel: 035 789 5677, 5 Richards Bay Park, CBD.

BOARDWALK:

Tel: 035 789 7442, L97 Boardwalk Inkwazi.
www.hyperpharmexpress.net

eSIKHAWINI:

Tel: 035 796 3377, Shop 10, eSikhawini Mall.

RAPHIA:

Tel: 035 340 2021, 16 Hely hutchinson Street, Mtunzini.

STUART GILLBANKS:

Tel: 035 454 1577, Renckens hyperstone, Mandeni.

CAPITAL:

Tel: 035 474 2159, 2 LBI Ctr, 47 Osborn Road, Eshowe

MEDICAL CENTRE:

Tel: 035 550 0554, Opposite Postnet, Mtubatuba

PLAZA:

Tel: 035 796 4790, Shop 5B, Esikhaleni Plaza Mall, Esikhawini



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RICHARDS BAY

Richards Bay is considered to be the industrial and tourism centre of the area and occupies 37% of the total 796sq/km municipal area.

Richards Bay began its existence as a small fishing town and flourished with the development of the Port of Richards Bay, the country's deepest and largest port, in 1976. It has been earmarked by the Government as one of the country's growth and development points, and through the Industrial Development Zone initiative (IDZ) will attract a great deal of investment. Richards Bay is already home to some of the country's most productive and lucrative industries.

ESIKHALENI

This is the City's home the "ekasie" (township) culture. It is adorned with one of the most pristine features of nature, Icubu Lake. It is also home to the King Cetshwayo Monument at the place where King Cetshwayo boarded the ship when he was being exiled to England, after a defeat of amaZulu at the battle of Ulundi in 1879.

eSikhaleni also boasts top class taverns and accommodation facilities that provide the best entertainment. The restaurants are an ideal place to enjoy African cuisine. For tours and accommodation around eSikhaleni, the uMhlathuze Tourism can be contacted 035 – 907 5018 and 035 – 907 5630.

VULINDELA

The area of Vulindlela is home of one of the academic institutions in the African continent, the University of Zululand. It is the only comprehensive institution of higher learning north of the uThukela River. It has always strived in producing graduates with high-level knowledge and skills. Currently, it is experiencing and increased intake of students from other parts of Africa, especially from Namibia, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. Tel: 035 – 902 6000.



WHAT TO DO AND SEE

LEISURE

Beaches

The warm Indian Ocean beaches are ideal for swimming, surfing, yachting, kayaking and most other water sports. Alkantstrand and Newark Beaches are protected by shark-nets and have lifeguards on duty. Facilities include picnic spots, braai area and fishing. Beach Manager 035 – 753 2496

Tuzi Gazi Waterfront

The Tuzi Gazi Waterfront is an ideal playground for water sports enthusiasts. The numerous shops, pubs, restaurants and walk-on moorings add to the vibrant atmosphere. Contact the uMhlathuze Tourism Office on 035 – 907 5018 and 035 – 907 5630.

NATURE

Birding

Richards Bay arguably rates as one of the BEST URBAN birding experiences in the country. With a wide variety of areas to visit, affordable local guides, bird hides and boardwalks. Richards Bay offers amazing opportunities to get out there and enjoy what nature has to offer.



Over 350 species occur in the immediate Richards Bay area: 73% of South Africa's red data book species and 24 National Rarities have been recorded from the Richards Bay area.

Within Richards Bay is the Thulasihleka Pan, probably the most reliable site for spotting Lesser Jacanas in South Africa as well as enough variety of water birds to keep you busy for most of the morning, including huge flocks of pelicans, spoonbills and unusual species such as Baillon's crane, African Marsh Harrier and Brown-Throated Weaver. There is also an excellent network of walking trails and hides at the pan that are a must for any birder or outdoor enthusiast in the area. Guided walks are offered.

The Southern Sanctuary (Important Bird Area SA079) and Harbour area have also long been hotspots for rarities in South Africa such as Crab Plover and Broadbilled Sandpiper. According to leading ornithologist Dave Allen, from the Natural History Museum in Durban, this is some of the best "water birding" in southern Africa.

Less than an hour's drive from Richards Bay is South Africa's most exciting forest birding area – Ongoye Forest with its Green Barbet, Eastern Bronze Naped Pigeons, Green Twinspots, Brown Robin, Yellow-Streaked Greenbulbs as well as its host of endemic plants. Nseleni Nature Reserve is also a beautiful little reserve where boat trips can be arranged to see Whitebacked Night Heron and African Finfoot.

Please see page 8 and 9 for a listing of some of the interesting birds to be found in and around the City of uMhlathuze.

Contact Sakhamuzi Mhlongo on 083 436 2252 or email: sakhamuzimhlongo@yahoo.com or Duncan on 083 225 5960
Email: guides@zbr.co.za
Website: www.zbr.co.za



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Dolphin Viewing Platform

Situated at the end of the North Breakwater Pier at Alkantstrand Beach, this specially erected platform allows visitors to view the Humpback Dolphins that frequent the Richards Bay coastline.

Help Protect the Humpback Dolphin, Website: www.dolphins.org.za

Enseleni Nature Reserve

Situated 15 minute's drive from Richards Bay on the N2 towards Empangeni, visitors are welcome to enjoy the picnic/braai sites and self-guided nature walks. Entrance is free.

There are two different walks

The Nkonkoni Trail – 7km

The Mvubu Trail – 3km

A variety of small mammals and an abundance of bird life can be seen. A conference/activity centre is available to educational groups and other interested parties.

KZN Wildlife 035 – 590 9012
Website: www.kznwildlife.com

Lake Mzingazi

The 944 hectares freshwater natural lake is the source of Richards Bay's water. It is home to an abundance of hippos and crocodiles and is the favoured feeding place of the Fish Eagles for which the town is renowned. The lake has been left untouched and can best be views in its natural splendour from the Mzingazi Golf Estate Richards Bay Country

Club.....035 – 753 2441

Mzingazi Golf Estate.....035 – 753 4848

ARTS AND CULTURE

Empangeni Art and Cultural Museum

The Empangeni Museum is housed in the old Town Hall (1916). Here visitors can view exhibits on Zulu culture, the Sugar Pioneers as well as contemporary art. The museum is open Tuesday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:00 and on Saturday from 09:00 to 12:00

Contact: 035 – 907 5888

Website: www.umhlathuze.gov.za

In Richards Bay, the Zululand Crafts Association offers the best in the crafts markets

Contact: 083 960 9229



ENTERTAINMENT / OTHER

Ster Kinekor Cinemas

Situated in the Boardwalk Shopping Centre, Richards Bay , this cinema includes five modern luxurious theatres and a service point for snacks and refreshments. 035 – 789 7365 or 082 16789

Umfolozi Hotel Casino Convention Resort

Situated in Emapangeni, this casino includes 300 slot machines, 10 gambling tables, a fun video arcade, cocktail bars and Nandi’s Restaurant.
Tel.....035 – 787 8200
Website.....www.umfolozicasino.co.za

Harbour Cruises

Sailing charters on Richards Bay Harbour for one or two hours
Tel.....073 156 7825
Website.....www.portsail.co.za
Email.....izak@izak.co.za

Helicopter Charter Flips

Bell Air Charter offers a full range of charter services including helicopter flips, sightseeing, easy access to remote areas, video and filming site inspections, search and rescue, aerial surveillance and patrols
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BIRDS FOUND IN UMHLATHUZE

Name: Spotted Ground Thrush
Habitat: Ever Green Coastal Forest
Status: Winter Visitor
Found in: Enseleni Nature Reserve, Lake Nhlabane

Name: Green Malkoha
Habitat: Thick Ever Green River Rhine & Coastal Forest
Status: Throughout the year
Found in: Lake Mzingazi & Enseleni Nature Reserve

Name: Rudd's Apalis
Habitat: Thorn Veld & Coastal Forest
Status: Throughout the year
Found in: Lake Mzingazi & Lake Nhlabane

Name: Livingstone's Turaco (Lourie)
Habitat: River Run, Mountains & Costal Forest
Status: Throughout the Year
Found in: Lake Mzingazi & Lake Nhlabane

Name: Narina Trogon
Habitat: River Run & Ever Green Forests
Status: Throughout the year
Found in: Caravan Park, Lake Mzingazi & Lake Nhlabane

WATER BIRDS

Name: Mangrove Kingfisher
Habitat: Mangrove Swamps
Status: Uncommon Winter Visitor
Found in: Richards Bay Harbour (Transnet)

Name: Crab Plover
Habitat: Swamps
Status: Uncommon Summer Visitor
Found in: Richards Bay Harbour (Transnet)

Name: African Fin Foot
Habitat: Densely Vegetated Rivers with an over growth
Status: Very shy Uncommon Resident throughout the Year
Found in: Enseleni Nature Reserve and Lake Nhlabane

Name: Southern Brown Throated Weaver
Habitat: Forest Shrub, breeds over Water
Status: Uncommon Localized Resident
Found in: Thulasihleka Pan (between Foskop and the harbour)

Name: Greater Sand Plover
Habitat: Coastal Wetlands
Status: Uncommon to Local, Common Summer Visitor
Found in: Richards Bay Harbour (Transnet)



GRASSLAND BIRDS

Name: Broadtail Warbler

Habitat: Long Rank Grass that join rivers

Status: Resident at low altitudes, Summer visitor to Higher areas

Found in Ongoye Forest

Name: Black Wing/ Lap Wing

Habitat: Short Grass Land, both Coastal and Upland areas

Status: Uncommon Summer visitor

Found in: Grass for Africa – Empangeni

Name: Red Wing – Pratincole

Habitat: Open grass

Status: Local common breeding summer visitor

Found in: Grass for Africa – Empangeni

Name: Long Claw – Yellow Throated

Habitat: Grassland

Status: Common Resident throughout the year

Found in: Grass for Africa – Empangeni

Name: Cape Long Claw

Habitat: Wide range of Grass land

Status: Common Resident

Found in: Grass for Africa – Empangeni



EMPANGENI AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

Empangeni is situated 150m above sea level in the heart of sugar cane country. The subtropical climate makes Empangeni a perfect year-round holiday destination.

Despite being a developing modern town, Empangeni has managed to maintain its original small town charm. Visitors can expect to be treated to warm friendly hospitality that is synonymous with Zululand.

Sporting Enthusiasts can enjoy a round of golf on the spectacular 18-hole golf course, challenge local talent to a game of squash and cool down in the Olympic size swimming pool.

DISTANCES FROM EMPANGENI

Cape Vidal.....	110km
Durban.....	180km
Eshowe.....	60km
Gingindlovu.....	60km
Hluhluwe.....	110km
Mkhuze.....	178km
Mtubatuba.....	60km
Mtunzini.....	40km
Richards Bay.....	20km
Sodwana.....	220km
St Lucia.....	80km
Ulundi.....	135km

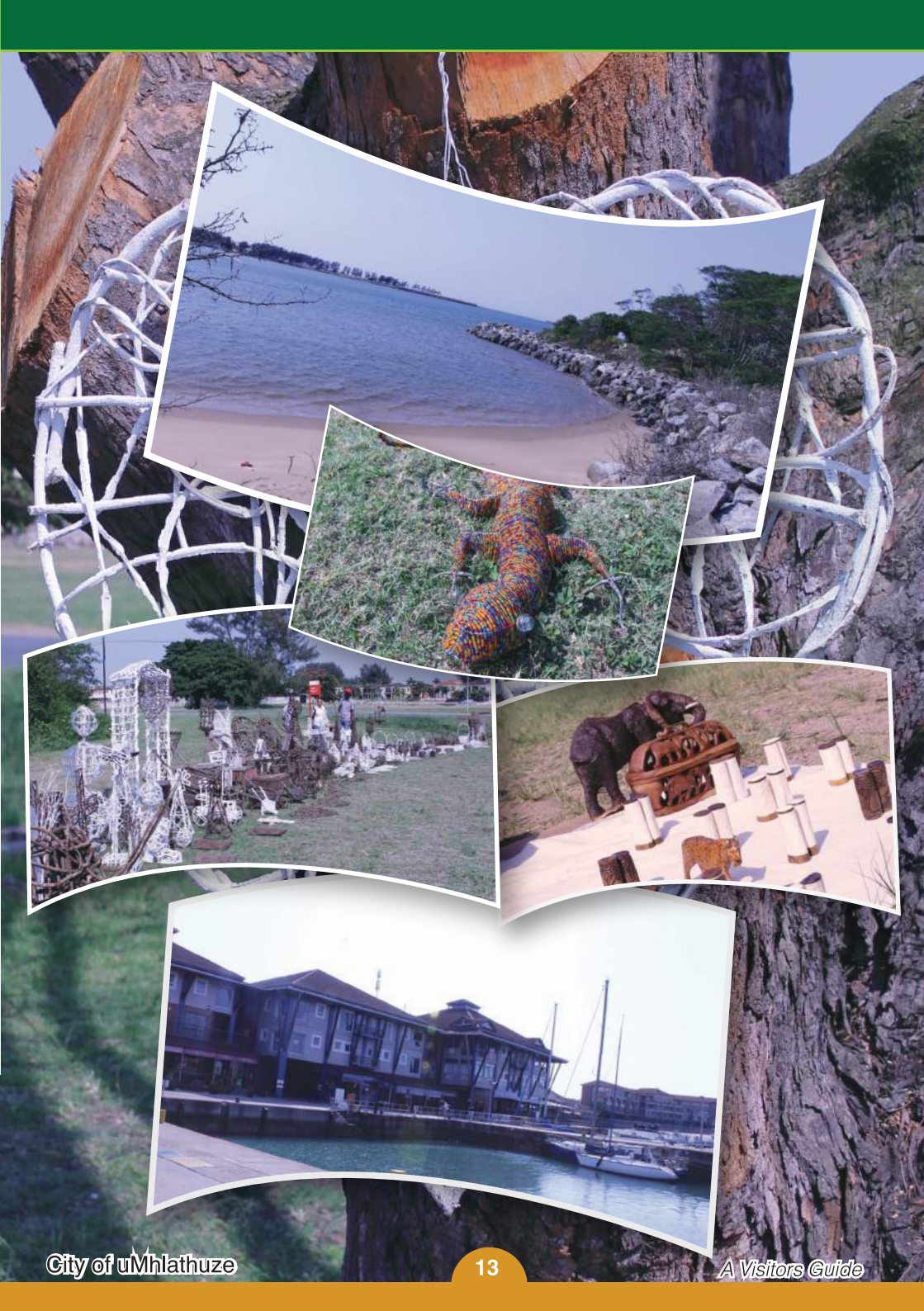


WHERE TO STAY

	Hotel & Conference Facilities	Guesthouse & Bed & Breakfast	Self Catering	Bush Lodge - catered & self catering
Aloedale Lodge		X	X	X
Amble Inn		X		
Anchor MVM B&B		X		
Canefields Country House	X			
Carsdale		X		
Coopers Nest		X		X
Dove Cottage		X		
Empangeni Conference Centre		X		
Footprints Inn		X	X	X
Golfview Lodge		X		
Imbizo Conference Centre	X			
Lawaaiwater				X
Nyala Park		X		
Pentlands Guest House		X		
Protea Hotel Empangeni	X			
Raptors Rest		X		
Stewarts Farm				
Tula Thula Private Game Reserve				X
Umfolozi Hotel Casino Convention Resort	X			
Yellowwood B&B		X		
Zimbete Country House		X		







TOURIST DESTINATION



Richards Bay's resounding success is owed to thoughtful town planning and stringent nature conservation principles. This has ensured that industry, tourism and nature co-exist in harmony. The town and its surrounds have vast expanses of untouched indigenous vegetation and many natural lakes and marshes, making it one of the most picturesque tourist destinations in the country. The town boasts an abundance of wildlife including hippos, crocodiles and monkeys. Over 300 species of birds can be spotted in and around town, making it a bird watchers paradise. Humpback dolphins and whales frequent the Richards Bay waters and can be viewed from a specially erected viewing platform at Alkantstrand Beach. The Enseleni Nature Reserve, which is home to wildebeest, zebra, reedbuck and other small mammals, offers hiking trails that take visitors through the Zululand bush-veld and along the banks of the Enseleni River.

Richards Bay is a sporting enthusiasts' haven. The year-round summer and warm Indian Ocean make an ideal training environment. The protected beaches, the Tuzi Gazi Waterfront and the bay area serve as a water sport playground. Over week-ends a vibrant buzz echoes along the shores as all kinds of vessels take to the water providing pleasant entertainment for those basking in the sun or relaxing in the cool shade of the Casuarina trees where local joggers, walkers and cyclists zooming about are a common phenomena. A golf course estate is already operational. The breath taking scenery and unexpected visits from hippos, crocodiles, monkeys and fish eagles complement this challenging course.

For those who prefer working out indoors there is a fully equipped modern franchised health gym. The numerous public swimming pools are ideal for serious training or simply for cooling down.

A large variety of shops in the central business district offer all of the modern day conveniences and services that we all take for granted. Businesses are always prepared to go the extra mile and visitors can look forward to excellent friendly service.



Davidson Lane, Meerensee,
Richards Bay
Tel: 035 753 3065
Email: baylodge@ion.co.za
www.bayviewlodge.co.za

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- 13 comfortable spacious rooms with 2 double beds
- Air-conditioned with an en-suite shower and TV
- A full English breakfast is included in the tariff
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- Safe parking
- Walking distance to the beach



DISTANCES FROM RICHARDS BAY

Cape Vidal.....	110km
Durban.....	180km
Empangeni.....	20km
Eshowe.....	80km
Gingindlovu.....	60km
Hluhluwe.....	90km
Mtubatuba.....	60km
Mtunzini.....	40km
Sodwana.....	210km
St Lucia.....	80km
Ulundi.....	155km

UMHLATHUZE TOURISM OFFICE

Richards Bay CBD Tourism Office.....	035-907 5018
Empangeni Tourism Office.....	035- 907 5630
Email.....	tourism@umhlathuze.gov.za
Website.....	www.umhlathuze.gov.za
Postal.....	Private Bag X1004 Richards Bay 3900

UTHUNGULU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

(Regional Tourism Information)	
Tel.....	035 – 7992500
Fax.....	035 – 789 8176
Email.....	tourism@uthungulu.co.za
Website.....	www.uthungulu.org.za
Postal.....	Private Bag X1025 Richards Bay 3900

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL NUMBERS

Police.....	10111
Ambulance.....	035 797 3313
.....	10177
Bay Hospital.....	035 780 6111
Central Pharmacy.....	035 789 3910
Fire Brigade	
ALL HOURS.....	035 - 797 3911
.....	035 - 797 3314
EMERGENCY.....	083 661 9911
Empangeni Garden	
Clinic.....	035 - 902 8000
Ngwelezane General Hospital....	035 - 901 3470
Fax:.....	035 - 901 7000
Lower Umfolozi War Memorial	
Hospital.....	035-902 8500
Travel Doctor Richards Bay.....	035 789 8309
.....	083 452 1115
Empangeni Pharmacy.....	035 772 3017
Traffic Department.....	035 907 5633
Wildcare Centre.....	035 789 5500
KZN Wildlife.....	035 753 2212
Port Control / National Sea Rescue	
Institution.....	035 753 1460





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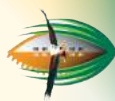


WHERE TO STAY

	Hotel & Conference Facilities	Guesthouse & Bed & Breakfast	Self Catering	Holiday Flats	Log Cabins/Apartments
Admiralty Arch guesthouse		x	x		
African Sun		x			
Andrew Saville			x		x
Aristor Manor B&B		x			
Awethu Guesthouse		x			
Baobab Lodge		x			
Barbets Burrow			x		x
Bay View Lodge	x				
Benguela		x	x		
Blue Marlin Guesthouse	x		x	x	
Bonanza Estates			x	x	x
Challenor Ridge		x	x		
Daai Pleek		x			
Duck Inn		x	x		
Duneside		x	x		
Englbrechts			x		
Fish Eagle Inn		x			
Fig Tree Lane	x		x		
Fleur de Lis		x			
Griffin Guesthouse		x			
Hippo Inn		x			
Imini Guesthouse		x			
Ingonyama Guesthouse& Conference Venue	x	x			

	Hotel & Conference Facilities	Guesthouse & Bed & Breakfast	Self Catering	Holiday Flats	Log Cabins/Apartments
Isibaya B&B		x	x		x
Knot's Landing B&B		x			
La La Selva		x	x		
La Mer Lodge		x			
La Renee			x		
La Rochelle		x			
Lakeside Apartments			x		x
Lalaphansi Accom (School Groups)					
Ligtoring Gastehuis		x	x		
Mhlathuze Guest House		x			
Mkhulu Self Catering			x		
Mvula House		x			
Mzingazi Lake B&B		x	x		
Mzingazi Waterfront			x		
Nomusa's B&B		x			
Nyathi B&B		x			
P&J Projects		x			
Pentlands Guest House		x			
Protea Hotel - Umvubu	x		x		
Protea Hotel - Richards Bay	x				
Protea Richards Hotel	x				
Protea Hotel - Waterfront	x				





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Tourism@umhlathuze.gov.za

EXPLORE THE CITY OF UMHLATHUZE

The benefits of affiliating with the UCTO:

- Inclusion in our comprehensive database
- Free listing in marketing material such as travel guides, trade directories, niche brochures
- Our web-page hosted and generated by the UCTO
- Permission to display brochures at uMhlathuze flagshop information office and airport office
- Opportunity to participate in trade shows
- Opportunity to host media exploring the uMhlathuze region
- Opportunity to be profiled by media houses with which the UCTO has relationships
- Opportunities for tour operators and tourism product owners

**SUMMER
ALL YEAR
ROUND**



MOUNTAIN BIKING



WATER SPORTS



BIRD LIFE



RICHARDS BAY -
SMALL CRAFT HARBOUR



ANGLING MECCA



TOWNSHIP TOURS



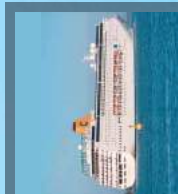
TOURISM OFFICE
UMHLATHUZE COMMUNITY
TOURISM ORGANISATION



UCTO OFFICE - SMALL CRAFT
HARBOUR, RICHARDS BAY



ARTS AND CULTURE



CRUISE LINERS

UMHLATHUZE COMMUNITY TOURISM ORGANISATION



www.umhlathuzetourism.co.za



uCTO seeks to promote local events

CTO membership is mandatory

TOURISM product owners in the City are reminded of the need to register their businesses with the uMhlathuze Community Tourism Organisation (uCTO).

‘According to regulations promulgated on 13 May 2004, it is mandatory for enterprises whose primary objective is to provide services and facilities to tourists in KZN to register with the KZN Department of Economic Development and Tourism,’ said uCTO Chairperson Thandi Nzama. ‘This is done via the CTO which, like any other business association, is required by the law to be the voice of the tourism industry role-players at all levels.

‘Our purpose is to disseminate the information about tourist destinations, attractions and accommodation.

‘We also encourage interactions among those involved in the tourism business thus promoting the image of the City of uMhlathuze.

‘We also enhance our identity by encouraging effectiveness and professionalism of our members through networking, partnerships and tourism awareness education.’

Besides currently building up its data base, uCTO is also putting together a calendar of events in the City, and is keen to hear of and promote any planned event that attracts people, including day visitors from the region, to the City.

This includes sporting, cultural, entertainment or any other type of mass activity.

If you are planning any show or event, please convey the details to tourism@umhlathuze.gov.za

Benefits of CTO membership Besides being an obligatory requirement,

membership of the CTO gives product owners a number of benefits, among others:

- Inclusion in a comprehensive database
- Free listings in marketing material such as travel guides, trade directories, niche brochures and maps
- A web-page hosted and generated by uCTO
- Permission to display brochures at uMhlathuze flagship information office and airport office
- Access to the uMhlathuze CTO Logo to assist in promoting uMhlathuze as a tourist destination, and your own business.
- Opportunity to take advantage of economical advertising in a wide range of print and electronic media
- Opportunity to participate in trade shows
- Opportunity to host media exploring the uMhlathuze region.
- Membership Certificates issued to all affiliated members
- Free training/ workshops facilitated by Municipality
- CTO will be mouthpiece of product owner members.

As per legislation; section 32(f) and (i) of the KwaZulu-Natal Tourism Amendment Act, 2002, it is mandatory for enterprises whose primary objective is to provide services and facilities to tourists in the province of KwaZulu-Natal to register with the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs therefore it is compulsory for product owners to register with the Community Tourism Organisation in order to comply with the KZN tourism legislation.



RICHARDS BAY ACCOMODATION

Duck Inn

Tel:.....0357534147
Email:.....info@duckinn.co.za

Duneside ****

29 Pipe Fish, Meerensee

Tel:.....035 753 4812
Fax:.....035 753 4813
Cell:.....082 821 1316
Email:.....info@duneside.co.za
Website:.....www.duneside.co.za

UMhambi Lodge***

63 Brea Hill, Meerensee

Tel:.....035 753 1038
Cell:.....082 321 1143
Email:.....umhambi@isat.co.za
Website:.....www.uhambilodge.co.za

Holy and Joy Guesthouse

Tel:.....035 772 2496
Email:.....Holyandjoy.bnb@gmail.com
Website:.....www.holyandjoybnb.co.za

Woodpecker Inn

Pelican Parade, Birdswood

Tel:.....035 786 1230/51/55
Fax:.....035 786 1243
Email:.....woodpeckerinn@satcom.co.za
Website:.....www.woodpeckerinn.co.za

Just Like That B&B

H2, Esikhawini

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Cell:.....082 425 9304

Nomusa's B&B***

16 Diva Dives, Veldenvlei

Cell:.....082 485 6555
Cell:.....086 672 6878
Email:.....jennybb@mweb.co.za

Blue Marlin ****

11 Kabeljou Kade, Meerensee

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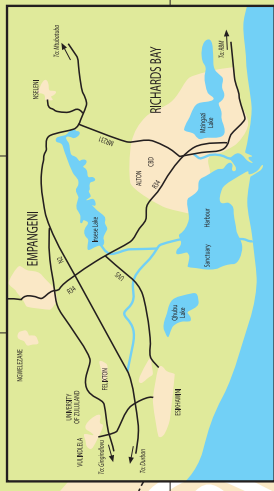
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Game species occurring in the reserve include wildebeest, zebra, impala, reedbuck, waterbuck, bushbuck, bushpig, red, blue and grey duiker, hippopotamus, crocodile, large-spotted genet and the shy bushbaby.



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Getting There

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