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Kruger Park

### **South African Embassy Tourism Newsletter – June 2019**

In this edition we propose a visit to Durban, in the KwaZulu-Natal province. Situated in the Indian Ocean coast, near Mozambique, the city is well known for its pleasantly mild weather throughout the year and for its oriental influences, as it hosts the largest Indian community outside India. Did you know it was also home to the poet Fernando Pessoa for a few years? Take a look at our suggestions...

#### **DURBAN**

Durban is a natural paradise known for its gorgeous coastline of sun-kissed beaches and subtropical climate, situated on the eastern seaboard of Africa. Its warm beaches make this a hot favourite Indian Ocean destination all year round. Ballito, Umhlanga Rocks or even the Golden Mile are some of the most well-known beaches with surfing being a very strong attraction.

More information: <http://visitdurban.travel/>





## SPICES

Due to its huge population of Indian descent, the city is widely known for its curries and therefore we consider this a must. Besides this, we suggest that you visit the market and purchase some of the most sought after masalas, the hot favourite being 'Arson: Mother in Law Killer'. Remember that with good quality spices, a little goes a long way.

More information: <http://visitdurban.travel/>

## GANDHI

Durban is also the one-time home of one of India's most widely recognised figures – Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi spent his formative years as a young attorney in Durban from 1893 to 1914. It was here that he developed his philosophy of 'Satyagraha,' a form of active yet peaceful resistance to political injustices.

More information: <http://visitdurban.travel/>



## FERNANDO PESSOA

Pessoa arrived in Durban as a 7 year old child accompanied by his mother and step father, the Portuguese Consul in Durban. It was here that he received his education and completed high school, all in English, until the end of the 19th century. In 1905, after finishing his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Cape Town, he departed to Lisbon never to return to South Africa. In 1987, the António de Almeida Foundation placed a statue of the poet in the corner of Pine and Gardiner Streets, in the center of Durban.

More information: <http://www.literarytourism.co.za/>

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS: June 2019



### THE COMRADES MARATHON

**When:** 9 June 2019

**Where:** Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal

**More information:** <http://www.comrades.com/>

The Comrades Marathon is considered to be the world's greatest ultra-marathon standing at 89.9 kilometres long and attracting thousands upon thousands of participants each year.



### FRANSCHHOEK WINTER WINES

**When:** 15 June 2019

**Where:** Franschhoek, Western Cape

**More information:** [www.flf.co.za](http://www.flf.co.za)

Winter is here, and the best part is that Franschhoek is #OpenForWinter. Brave the cold weather and head to the Franschhoek Cellar for an old favourite, Franschhoek Winter Wines.



### KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL

**When:** 21-30 June 2019

**Where:** Knysna, Western Cape

**More information:** [www.oysterfestival.co.za](http://www.oysterfestival.co.za)

The fun and entertainment of the Festival has all the firm favourites with some exciting new events. With everything from kiddies activities, running, cycling, swimming, food and wine & live entertainment.



### MORE EVENTS

- Gas Motor Show (15-17 June 2019) <https://gasmagazine.co.za/>
- Tulbagh Christmas in Winter (22-23 June 2019) [www.facebook.com/ChristmasinWinterTulbagh/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristmasinWinterTulbagh/)
- Geek Fest (28-30 June 2019) <http://www.geekfest.co.za/>

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