

Port of East London

SOUTH AFRICA

Buffalo City - incorporating
East London, Mdantsanxe,
King William's Town & Bhisho

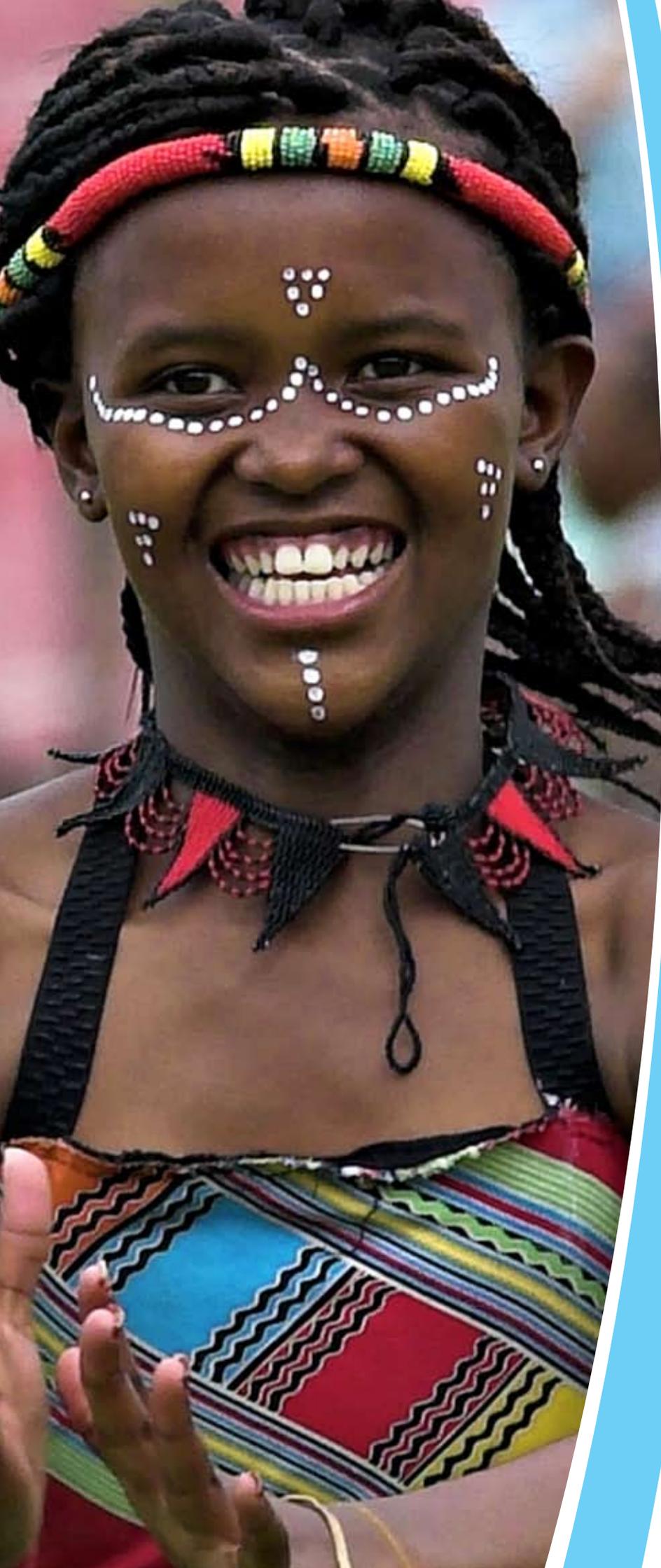


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Welcome to...

Buffalo City

The Buffalo City Municipal area is proudly Eastern Cape, heart of the Adventure Province. The gateway to four of the region's tourist corridors: the Sunshine Coast on Route 72 (Port Elizabeth to East London), the Wild Coast (East London to Port St John's), the Friendly N6 (East London to Bloemfontein) and the Amathole Mountain Escape (East London to Hogsback). East London boasts South Africa's only river port, situated at the mouth of the Buffalo River.

With our moderate year round climate, high quality of amenities and attractions - all within easy reach of the Port - East London is gaining ground as an ideal and convenient choice for cruise liners to drop anchor. The perfect destination for passengers in search of a unique sun, sea, sand and safari-related cruising experience with the conveniences of contemporary living all nearby.

Our wildly beautiful coastline stretches 68 km to include 10 estuaries, conservancies, natural heritage sites, rocky shores and 14 sandy beaches. The warm Indian Ocean invites eco-adventurers to experience a variety of sea sports such as swimming, paddling, surfing and fishing.

The area is popular with local and international visitors for its rich cultural heritage, the Xhosa tradition and historical tourism. Buffalo City is the gateway to the birthplace of the legendary Nelson Mandela, with many of South Africa's past and present political leaders hailing from the region and also the home of Xhosa kings. Buffalo City has a rich British and German history. Many of the smaller towns and villages within the city still boast German names.

Buffalo City is known for the convenience and close proximity of its amenities and attractions. Local crafters and Xhosa traditional entertainment create a welcoming atmosphere at the Port. Tourism Buffalo City (TBC) gladly hosts an information desk at the point where passengers disembark. TBC also provides information and activity brochures and maps for distribution to passengers.

South Africa's only River Port

The East London Port has preferential docking and berthing arrangements for passenger ships. Although no dedicated cruise terminal, 5 berths are available to this industry and berth allocation is arranged with the Harbour Master and Ships Agent prior to vessel arrival. The preferred berths are F & G with a maximum permissible draft of 9 metres. The Port is located on the East Coast of South Africa, 257 nautical mile from Durban. The Port's GPS co-ordinates are Latitude 33° 02' S and Longitude 27° 55' E.

Host to the cruise liner industry in our Summer and Autumn months (October to May), the entrance channel is 180 m wide and 11 – 14 m deep with a turning basin of 360m. Vessels of up to 245 m can be accommodated and the Port lends itself to a quick docking procedure and is ISPS compliant. Pilotage is compulsory in all South African ports. Pilots are assisted by 2 x 43 ton BP Z-peller and 1x19 ton BP pilot/workboat which are available for this service.

The quayside is only 1 km from the city's centre and is wheelchair-friendly. The East London Airport is just 8 km from the Port and offers regular national flights between East London and the major cities of Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban.

East London Port Information Summary

GPS co-ordinates	Lat. 33° 02' S Long. 27° 55' E
Tidal Range at Port	2m
Height of quay above High & Low water	HW – 3m LW – 5m
Berth from city centre	1 km
Max size	LOA 245m Draft ranges up to 10.4m depending on berth option
Nearest Airport	8km
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Amenities within close proximity of the East London Port (available 7 days a week)

- **Local supermarket for supplies:**
 - Fleet Street Spar 1.1 km from quayside
- **Automated Teller Machine (ATM):**
 - for cash withdrawals (ZAR) 1.1 km from quayside
- **A walk along the Esplanade:**
 - East London Port quayside to Orient Beach Complex 1.5 km from quayside
 - Orient to Eastern Beach gates 1.5 km from quayside
- **The East London Golf Club:**
 - home to the annual Africa Open Golf Tournament 5.8 km from the quayside



Attractions and shore excursions - all within close proximity

Modern, air conditioned tour busses (generally co-ordinated from out of town) collect passengers directly from the quayside for pre-booked shore excursions led by qualified and enthusiastic tour guides. Independent excursions, with car hire facilities, are also available for those wanting to explore the city at their own leisure.

Shuttle service

A shuttle service can be co-ordinated to commute the 15-minute route between the East London Museum, the Ann Bryant Art Gallery, world-class shopping centres, Nahoon Beach and Nature Reserve and the Port.

Proposed tour itineraries: MASS PARTICIPATION EXPERIENCES



Big 7 Game Viewing: Inkwenkwezi Private Game Reserve

Inkwenkwezi is situated in the malaria-free Eastern Cape of South Africa. The reserve is situated within an area of one hundred square kilometres encompassing five different biomes (vegetation types) which offer varied game viewing.

It is one of the few reserves with a tidal estuary. The reserve has all of the Big 5 and a variety of antelope as well as giraffe, zebra and other predators. The reserve is five minutes from magnificent beaches where the sharks and whales are found, completing the offering of the Big 7. Driving to Inkwenkwezi is a pleasure as the roads are tarred right to the entrance. Enquire about the 'gigantic burger evenings' that are a major attraction to their restaurant.

Distance from Port	30 km (40 min)
Capacity	max. 80
Facilities	restaurant, shop, toilets, accommodation
Duration	3 ½ hrs

Khaya la Bantu Cultural Village

Experience the authentic Xhosa culture of South Africa at Khaya La Bantu, near East London, with a local guide and narrator, where you will explore the sacred rituals and daily way of life within a Xhosa village. The explanations and stories will enrich your insight into various aspects of the Xhosa heritage and their proud traditions.

We invite you to enjoy a unique visit with a vibrant group of local Xhosa people dedicated to preserving the traditions and beliefs, established by their ancestors, which are still practised in the rural areas of the Eastern Cape and throughout South Africa.

The tour begins with an inspiring and energetic welcome dance enhanced by rhythmic drumming and singing, colourful costumes with traditional beadwork. This is followed by a beer tasting ceremony at the Chief's burial site, a visit to the various dedicated ritual huts, an insight into the life of the sangomas (healers) and a display of stick fighting followed by the preparation of a traditional Xhosa meal. Finally a meal is served in the dining hut which includes refreshments from the Mananana Bar. Visitors are also invited to learn beadwork and purchase homemade crafts.

Distance from Port	45 km (60 min)
Capacity	120
Facilities	restaurant, toilets, craft vendors
Duration	3 ½ hrs

East London City Tour

Choose from our vast number of unique and significant icons and explore East London's rich natural, cultural and historic heritage.

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR ITINERARY:

The East London Museum tells the story of the rediscovery of the coelacanth in 1938; displays an extensive collection of authentic Nguni beadwork and provides illustrated information on the maritime history of the infamous Wild Coast of Southern Africa. Stretch your legs on the Nahoon Point Nature Reserve boardwalk leading to the site of the world's oldest archaic human footprint. An educational centre provides additional information on the area.

The Heroes Park Complex on the Esplanade pays tribute to the German Settlers who populated this region during the 1850's; and the famous 'Multicultural Man' sculpture, one of only five in the world, symbolizes local cultural interaction.

Other stops can include the City Hall, where the statues of Bishop Desmond Tutu and Steve Biko serve as remembrance of the apartheid legacy. Drive past South Africa's first women's prison, the site of the first powered air flight in South Africa, South Africa's first Grand Prix circuit; or visit one of the many colonial residences now turned into museums or art galleries.

There are no less than five Nature Reserves, within the City's boundaries, which include endemic species, such as the umtiza tree; endangered species such as the samanga monkey and a vast collections of cycad species.

Distance from Port	45 km
Capacity	museum max. 100
Duration	3 ½ hrs

Township tour

Situated adjacent to East London is Mdantsane: South Africa's second largest black township. This tour provides information on the apartheid policy and offers a glimpse of the urban Xhosa township life, which is a direct result of the Group Areas Act (1950). This predominantly drive-through tour travels through the throbbing city centre and taxi rank, stops at political memorials, world boxing champions' monuments; an art centre; hip and happening taverns and shack dwellings. Additional choices can include visits to schools, churches and traditional healers. Don't forget to sample the local traditional beer – umqombothi.

Distance from Port	35 km (45 min)
Capacity	120
Duration	3 ½ hrs



PACKAGES FOR SMALLER GROUPS

All the Mass participation tour packages are also available to smaller groups.



Golf Tours

Two of South Africa's most unique and beautiful golf courses are within a 5-minute drive from East London Port: the East London Golf Club and the West Bank Golf Club, a links golf course.

Beachcombing

Choose any of our local beaches for safe swimming, sunbathing and exploring within a 10-minute drive from East London Port. Endless stretches of magnificent coastline.....

Steve Biko Tour

Travel for 50 km to Biko's home, workplace and grave in King William's Town. Set aside half a day for this trip. Take in the Biko Bridge over the Buffalo River (and South Africa's only river port) and the Steve Biko Statue in front of the East London City Hall.

Nature Walks

Nahoon Point Nature Reserve is only 9km from the East London Port and city centre and offers various guided walking trails allowing passengers to stretch their legs and absorb the natural beauty and biodiversity of the fauna, flora and wide variety of bird species in the area. Learn more about the world's oldest fossil footprints, the history of the Khoisan and the world famous surfing destination and local history of Nahoon Reef. Alternatively, choose any of our five Nature Reserves all within a 20-minute drive from the East London Port.

Community Service Offerings

These can include service to community and school vegetable gardens, soup kitchens to feed the poor or volunteering at local games reserves and outreach programmes.

Additional excursion options for consideration can include:

- Beach horse trails along the magnificent coastline and dune forests.
- The Keiskamma Community Art (and Tapestry) Project in Hamburg.
- A visit to Qunu – birthplace and childhood home of Nelson Mandela – former president of South Africa.
- Hogsback and the Amathole Mountain Escape and a visit to King Sandile of the Amarharhabe Xhosa Tribe.
- Agri-tourism outings to the Wild Coast Jikeleza, including a visit to Murambi Roses.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Port formalities

<p>Customs formalities</p>	<p>Customs officials have easy and quick access to the port. They are responsible for the customs clearance of ships and import/export consignments Requirements for the Agent to be collected at vessel and handed in at Customs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port requirement list • Two crew lists • List of narcotics on board • List of ship's stores • Crew personal effects declaration • Customs form DA5 • Ports of call • Livestock list <p>Contact details: Tel: +27 (0)43 722 4841</p>
<p>Health formalities</p>	<p>The Port Health Services office is in close proximity with relative easy and quick access to the Port. Port Health requirements include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marpol Waste Disposal Certificate • One Maritime Declaration of Health • One vaccination list • Full crew list • Ports of call • Valid de-ratting exemption certificate • All international vessels must apply for free pratique. <p>Radio advice to and request for free pratique from port health authority is direct via East London radio. Free pratique should be requested 48 hours prior to arrival of a vessel.</p> <p>Contact details: Tel: +27 (0)43 722 2988</p>
<p>Security compliance</p>	<p>The port is ISPS certified and operated on ISPS level one. Port activity is monitored by a comprehensive CCTV network encompassing cameras monitored by a security control room. All access points are manned 24 hours and a strict permit system is in place for port users and visitors. All terminals are ring-fenced and access to these terminals is controlled.</p>
<p>Environmental formalities</p>	<p>Only authorized waste service providers are permitted to operate in the port for the removal of slops and galley waste. All vessels arriving in South Africa from international or national waters are required to submit an all-inclusive and fully completed Ballast Water Report and comply with relevant parts of IMO Guidelines.</p>



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