

11TH COMMONWEALTH KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



SOUTH AFRICA, DURBAN 2024
28TH NOVEMBER – 01ST DECEMBER

Commonwealth Karate Championship(Elite) 28th- 29th November

Commonwealth Karate Club Championship 30th Nov - 01st Dec



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August 7, 2024

Mr. Sonny Pillay
President
Karate South Africa

Dear Mr. Pillay

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the awarding of the 11th Commonwealth Karate Championships, Elite and Club evens, to Durban, South Africa. The date of the event(s) to be held from November 27 to December 1. This event has been sanctioned by both the World Karate Federation and Commonwealth Sport.

The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Karate Federation have every confidence in the ability of Karate South Africa to create a world class event as was accomplished in 2018. While we realize the timelines are short, we are very hopeful that the City of Durban, SASCOC, and other relevant offices and agencies will support the championships.

On behalf of the Board, I look forward to working with Karate South Africa to create another memorable event that will allow the karate athletes in the Commonwealth countries to be crowned as the Commonwealth Champion for Karate in their respective divisions from 2024 to 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Vokey".

Craig Vokey,
General Secretary



CKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sonny Pillay

President, Commonwealth Karate Federation



To our CKF Colleagues and Family Members,

May I firstly warmly welcome delegates & athletes from all around the globe and simultaneously express my absolute delight to have received your patronage of our 11th Commonwealth Karate Championships Durban 2024. Moreover, your presence is value added and highly appreciated.

Given the various challenges that has currently engulfed the world today the Leadership of our Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF) looks forward (as always) with optimism to the success of our 11th Commonwealth Karate Championships being hosted once again (after a six year interval) in the Kingdom city of Durban South Africa.

As President,I wish to state that the CKF Executive Committee is grateful to WKF President Mr. Antonio Espinos for his unreserved endorsement and support for the 11" Commonwealth Karate Championship Durban 2024.

It is noteworthy that the leadership of the Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF) can confidently state that our Commonwealth karate Championships is always in keeping with the ethos of the Commonwealth Family Values.

It is expected that the championships deemed the battle of the "best of the best" will be fought in true "warrior" style result of which a world class display of fighting skills by the top ranked international athletes gathered in Durban is expected to be evident throughout the four days of competition (Nov 28th –Dec 1st)

I remain optimistic that Karate South Africa(KSA)our gracious hosts , the LOC in particular will use this opportunity to organise & execute the said Championships in such a meticulous manner that it will attract large crowd of spectators to the Durban's world class Olive Convention Centre.

The host city Durban which is the 2nd most popular tourist city in South Africa (Cape town is the 1st) South Africa would be a tourist delight no doubt with much on offer hence I would urge the delegates officials and athletes who have travelled long distances to take in the sound and sights of this fascinating country before returning home.

To the athletes I urge you to maintain the decorum of a true sportsman/woman ensuring good sportsmanship prevails throughout the event especially given that we of the Karate fraternity are looked upon as Role models in today's society.

Best sporting regards

A handwritten signature of Sonny Pillay in black ink.

Sonny Pillay

President: Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF)





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28 AUGUST 2024

Hanshi Sonny Pillay
President: Karate South Africa (KSA)
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Dear Hanshi Sonny Pillay,

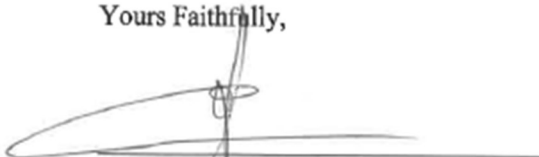
RECOGNITION OF THE AWARD TO HOST THE COMMONWEALTH KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 IN DURBAN

On behalf of the City of Durban and eThekweni Municipality, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Karate South Africa (KSA) on being awarded the hosting rights for the 11th Commonwealth Karate Championship in Durban scheduled to place from 27 November to 1 December 2024.

This prestigious achievement reflects the excellence of Karate South Africa and its dedication to advancing karate as a sport both locally and internationally. Hosting this event will not only boost the local economy but will also provide a platform for promoting social cohesion and nurturing budding karate talents in Durban. We are confident that the exposure of our City as a sporting destination will leave a lasting legacy.

We are proud that the City will be host to such an event and recognise Karate South Africa (KSA) as an important stakeholder in sports development in eThekweni Municipality.

Yours Faithfully,



CLLR CYRIL XABA
MAYOR
ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY



TOURNAMENT RULES & SCHEDULE

Throughout the Commonwealth Karate Championships, the World Karate Federation (WKF) rules will be applied and as such only WKF approved protective equipment (inclusive of chest, leg, feet and hand protection) will be permitted. It is COMPULSORY for athletes competing in the Commonwealth Elite championship to wear WKF approved attire Athletes competing in the club component WKF approved attire is optional.

The WKF and Karate South Africa (KSA) comply with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code of practice and adopt a strict stance on anti-doping. Therefore, WADA rules will be stringently applied throughout the championships. A dedicated well facilitated room for WADA is assigned in the venue.

The CKF Championship will comprise of two events, namely the 11th Commonwealth Karate Championship (Elite) which will only be open to National Team athletes and the Commonwealth Karate Club Championships will be open to all Commonwealth karateka that are members of the WKF.

At the Commonwealth Karate Championships-Elite there will only be two athletes allowed in each category per National Team. However, in the Commonwealth Club Championships (which will take place after the Elite event is concluded) there will be no limit on the number of entries per category.

The two-day Commonwealth Karate Championship-Elite event will take place on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November. The Commonwealth Club Championship will follow and take place on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 01st of December. Registration for Events both is already open through sports data.

Here are the event links:

11th Commonwealth Karate Championships - 2024, Durban, South Africa

https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=925&ver_info_action=catlist#a_eventheadend

Commonwealth Karate Club Championships - 2024, Durban, South Africa

https://www.sportdata.org/karate/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=8312&ver_info_action=catlist#a_eventheadend

- Athletes' official weigh in on Wednesday 27th November, 2024 from 09am-4pm at Comp Venue
- Referees Briefing on Wednesday 27th November, 2024 at 10.00 am onwards at HQ Hotel
- Congress for CKF on Wednesday 27th November, 2024 at 4.00 pm onwards at HQ Hotel

Competition Schedule

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the online registration to finalise the number of athletes. Further information will be communicated at due time.



TOURNAMENT RULES & SCHEDULE

Online Registration

All registration in the CKF Championship must be processed ONLINE via Sportdata. Onsite registrations will NOT be accepted. The registration will be validated once completed with the online payment through the payment platform.

National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data. The online registration of athletes will be openly disclosed for everyone from the beginning, allowing consultation by CKF National Federations of the competitors registered in real-time.

To assist in the Officiating of this Event it would be appreciated if all participating Countries could make available Judge / Referees. To register an Official each Country should complete the relevant section on Sportdata. (Note, National Referee qualification is acceptable).

Any issue regarding the online registration must be notified to the software provider and to the CKF at the latest five days before the first day of competition to enable consideration without altering the smooth running of the process. Sportdata will provide live timing with a rundown of days before the start of the event the online registration will close. Please note that no entries will be accepted after the closing date. For Technical Support for Online Registration or in case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the Sportdata software team via the email address.

atd@karate-sa.org or treasurer@karate-sa.org

Last Date of Entry is 15 October 2024, 12 AM

Age cut off – 27th November 2024

Here are the event links:

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Commonwealth Karate Club Championships - 2024, Durban, South Africa

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TOURNAMENT RULES & SCHEDULE

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is 65\$ (USD) for individual categories and 125\$ (USD) for Team events

All payments must be processed through the online payment platform. Onsite payments will not be accepted.

In case of any unavailable circumstances, payments can be made through following bank account:

BANK DETAILS

PAYMENT TO BE MADE INTO :

ACCOUNT NAME : WKF KARATE SOUTH AFRICA

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 101 369 68498

BANK NAME – STANDARD BANK OF SA

BRANCH NAME – KINGSMEAD

BRANCH CODE - 26

SWIFT CODE – SBZAJJ

ADDRESS: 117 KENNETH KAUNDA, NORTHWAY, DURBAN NORTH, 4051, SOUTH AFRICA

Tel: +27832890987 Email: treasurer@karate-sa.org CONTACT PERSON: Shani Lakaram

All payments through bank should be notified immediately along with entry reference to the following e-mail: treasurer@karate-sa.org

Payment for Elite and Club Championships must be done separately.

Official Accreditation

Commonwealth Karate Championship(Elite) & Commonwealth Karate Club Championship:

The official accreditation will take place on 27th November 2024 from 09am to 4pm at Comp Venue

If changes are required during the official registration session, because of incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of 40\$(usd) is charged for each change. At registration, accreditation cards will be issued with the participant's main data, a photograph, and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must always be worn during the event. Only members of national federations recognised by CKF are permitted to participate, as per the CKF Organising Rules 2024. All participants must submit an official document (passport or other valid ID card) for the CKF identification and validation at the accreditation session. Any competitor who has not collected, either personally or through his/her coach their accreditation during the official registration, will not be included in the draw. The weighing will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation, those athletes who will not attend the weighing will not be included in the draw.



TOURNAMENT RULES & SCHEDULE

Referee's Briefing

27 November 2024 from 10.00 am at the HQ Hotel. The briefing will cover both Elite & Club Championship.

Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials. Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration on Sportdata.

Spectator Tickets – WebTickets

The event will be open to the public. Further details regarding the purchasing of tickets will be announced in due course via <https://webtickets.co.za/>

- 4 day pass R550 (25\$)usd
- 3 day pass R400 (20\$)usd
- 2 day pass R275 (15\$)usd
- Daily rate R150 (8\$)usd

Merchandising

Merchandise will be available to purchase at the tournament venue throughout the CKF Championships

Omissions

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin, reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in CKF Championship Regulations.

Age cut off – 27th November 2024



NOVEMBER 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
41	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
45	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
46	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
47	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
48	25	26	27	28	29	30	1



CHAMPIONSHIPS CATEGORIES

Commonwealth Karate Championship(Elite)

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

SENIORS				UNDER 21 YEARS			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-60 KG	-50 KG			-60 KG	-50 KG
		-67 KG	-55 KG			-67 KG	-55 KG
		-75 KG	-61 KG			-75 KG	-61 KG
		-84 KG	-68 KG			-84 KG	-68 KG
		+84 KG	+68 KG			+84 KG	+68 KG
JUNIORS (16-17 YEARS)				CADETS (14-15 YEARS)			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-55 KG	-48 KG			-52 KG	-47 KG
		-61 KG	-53 KG			-57 KG	-54 KG
		-68 KG	-59 KG			-63 KG	-61 KG
		-76 KG	-66 KG			-70 KG	+61 KG
		+76 KG	+66 KG			+70 KG	



CHAMPIONSHIPS CATEGORIES

Commonwealth Karate Championship(Elite)

TEAM CATEGORIES

MALE TEAM			FEMALE TEAM		
	AGE	NUMBER IN TEAM		AGE	NUMBER IN TEAM
SENIOR KATA	+16	3	SENIOR KATA	+16	3
JUNIOR KATA	14-17	3	JUNIOR KATA	14-17	3
SENIOR KUMITE	18+	5	SENIOR KUMITE	18+	3

PARA CATEGORIES

MALE	FEMALE
WHEELCHAIR	WHEELCHAIR
VISUALLY IMPAIRED	VISUALLY IMPAIRED
INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED	INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED



CHAMPIONSHIPS CATEGORIES

Commonwealth Karate Club Championship

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

MALE UNDER 14 YEARS		FEMALE UNDER 14 YEARS	
KATA	KUMITE	KATA	KUMITE
MALE	MALE	FEMALE	FEMALE
	-40KG		-42KG
	-45KG		-47KG
	-50KG		-52KG
	-55KG		+52KG
	+55KG		

MALE UNDER 12 YEARS		FEMALE UNDER 12 YEARS	
KATA	KUMITE	KATA	KUMITE
MALE	MALE	FEMALE	FEMALE
	-30KG		-30KG
	-35KG		-35KG
	-40KG		-40KG
	-45KG		-45KG
	+45KG		+45KG



COMMONWEALTH KARATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS CATEGORIES

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

SENIORS				UNDER 21 YEARS			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-60 KG	-50 KG			-60 KG	-50 KG
		-67 KG	-55 KG			-67 KG	-55 KG
		-75 KG	-61 KG			-75 KG	-61 KG
		-84 KG	-68 KG			-84 KG	-68 KG
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JUNIORS (16-17 YEARS)				CADETS (14-15 YEARS)			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-55 KG	-48 KG			-52 KG	-47 KG
		-61 KG	-53 KG			-57 KG	-54 KG
		-68 KG	-59 KG			-63 KG	-61 KG
		-76 KG	-66 KG			-70 KG	+61 KG
		+76 KG	+66 KG			+70 KG	



COMMONWEALTH KARATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS CATEGORIES

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

CHILDRENS 7-9 YRS				VETERANS & MASTERS +40YRS			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-30KG	-30KG				
		+30KG	+30KG				

TEAM CATEGORIES

MALE TEAM			FEMALE TEAM		
	AGE	NUMBER IN TEAM		AGE	NUMBER IN TEAM
SENIOR KATA	+16	3	SENIOR KATA	+16	3
CADET KATA	14-15	3	CADET KATA	14-15	3
SENIOR KUMITE	18+	5	SENIOR KUMITE	18+	3
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CADET KUMITE	14-15	3	CADET KUMITE	14-15	3

PARA CATEGORIES

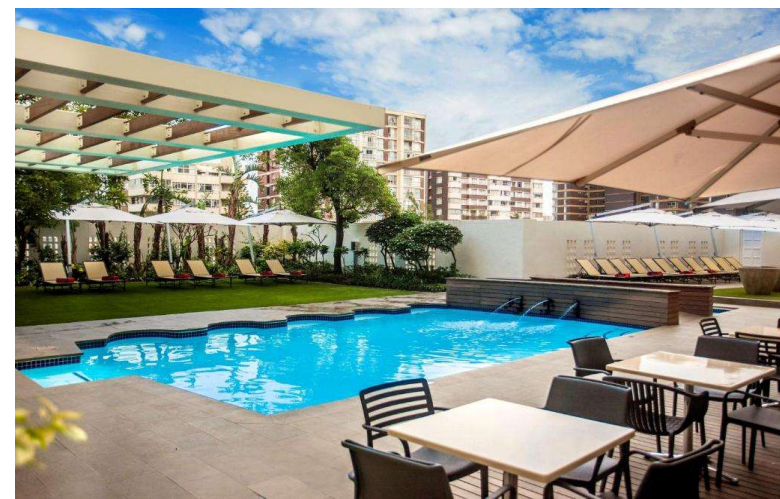
MALE	FEMALE
WHEELCHAIR	WHEELCHAIR
VISUALLY IMPAIRED	VISUALLY IMPAIRED
INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED	INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED



IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL

Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani ★★★★★

HQ HOTEL



The Elangeni Hotel - HQ HOTEL

Sweeping Indian Ocean views along the 7km promenade have set the scene for memorable holidays and exceptional events for nearly five decades. Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani promises an unforgettable stay in a contemporary classic. Uniquely able to accommodate and facilitate business and special events in a vibrant North Beach location. Large scale events, group accommodation, exceptional venues and seamless service. A location metres from Durban's North Beach, inviting and fully equipped accommodation with sea views, a choice of three outdoor pools and a different dining venue for every night of your stay. Experience personalised service from one of South Africa's largest and most-revered hotels. We have built our reputation by setting the standard for service and personal attention.

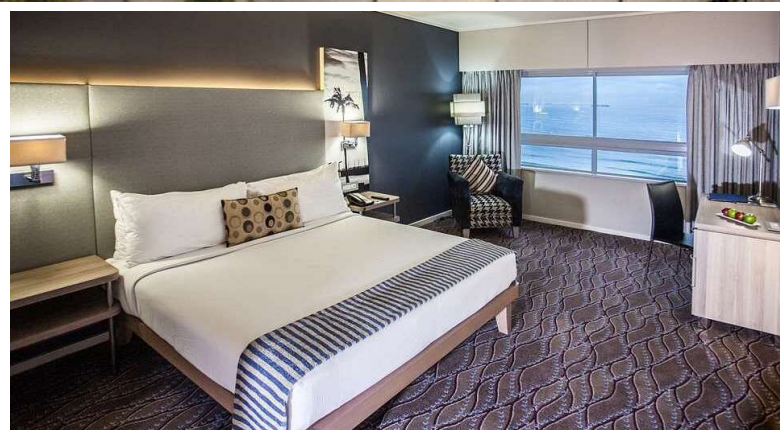
Single Room : 90usd per person, per night

Twin Room : 60usd per person, per night - sharing

Above rates are inclusive of bed & breakfast.



Garden Court Marine Parade ★★★



Garden Court Marine Parade

From its rooftop pool to its beachfront location, the Garden Court Marine Parade hotel offers great value, Tripadvisor award-winning service, and everything you need for work or play on Durban’s famous Golden Mile. The hotel’s 352 sea-facing rooms feature an en-suite with bath and shower, uncapped WiFi, air-conditioning, flat screen with DSTv, and either two doubles or a comfy king bed - making them perfect for solo, family and group travel. Breakfast is included in room rates, and two kids under 18 can stay for free when sharing with adults. Soak in the Golden Mile views from our rooftop pool, head to Peppa Restaurant for breakfast or dinner, keep your fitness routine in our gym, and host meetings for up to 350 delegates in five adaptable venues. Please be advised that our hotel undercover parking is currently under construction, resulting in limited onsite parking. Alternative parking is available across the road from the hotel.

Single Room : 85usd per person, per night	Twin Room : 55usd per person, per night - sharing
Triple Room : 45usd per person, per night - sharing	Quad room : 40usd per person, per night - sharing

Above rates are inclusive of bed & breakfast.



The Edward Hotel ★★★★★



The Edward Hotel Durban

Moments from uShaka Marine World and Durban ICC, experience the best of Durban during your stay at The Edward. A choice of 131 well-appointed and comfortably furnished. The Brasserie Restaurant serves a daily breakfast buffet of full English and Continental favourites, an a la carte lunch and dinner menu, and a delicious buffet on select nights. For business travellers, there are 11 adaptable and well-equipped meeting and event venues which can accommodate up to 250 delegates and host all types of events. For a unique meeting experience a select number of conference rooms and bedrooms are on the same floor for absolute guest privacy and group convenience. All hotel guests enjoy free uncapped WiFi for the duration of their stay.

Single Room : 90usd per person, per night	Twin Room : 60usd per person, per night - sharing
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Garden Court South Beach ★★★



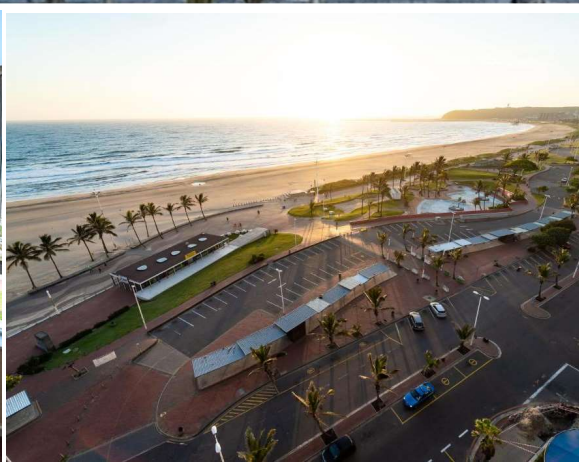
Garden Court South Beach

A two-minute walk from the beach, a short drive to the Durban ICC, and perfectly positioned near family-favourites like Suncoast and uShaka Marine World, Garden Court South Beach is one of the most popular hotels on the Durban beachfront. Our Durban beach hotel’s 414 en-suite rooms are equipped with uncapped WiFi, space to work, air-conditioning, DStv, sea or city views, and double, queen or twin-double options – making them perfect for all types of traveller. Spend the day in the hotel’s pool or on the beach, head to Spur for great all-day dining, and stay productive at our self-service workstations. A 12-seater boardroom is perfect for small meetings, while the Malibu Room can host events for up to 250 delegates. Breakfast is included in room rates, and two kids under 18 can stay for free when sharing with adults.

Single Room : 85usd per person, per night	Twin Room : 55usd per person, per night - sharing
Triple Room : 45usd per person, per night - sharing	Quad Room : 40usd per person, per night - sharing

Above rates are inclusive of bed & breakfast.





TROPICANA HOTEL

Durban is known for its wonderful weather and the Tropicana, one of the Durban beachfront's most stylish hotels ideally situated on Durban's Golden Mile overlooking the ocean. Large windows open to fresh ocean breezes while air conditioners beat the Durban heat. Tea and coffee making facilities, DSTV, an en-suite bathroom with shower, a personal electronic wall-safe for guests' valuables & full Wireless Internet Access (WIFI). Diverse accommodation options mean this is the ideal venue for a family break. The Tropicana is also a diner's delight. Guests can relax on the terrace of the friendly sidewalk Clippers Café Bar and enjoy a variety of coffees and a slice of cake, a light meal or simply a sundowner. The terrace is the ideal place to while away those lazy afternoons or watch an adrenaline pumping sporting event. Dinner is served in the Seven Palms Restaurant (which also serves our renowned buffet breakfasts).

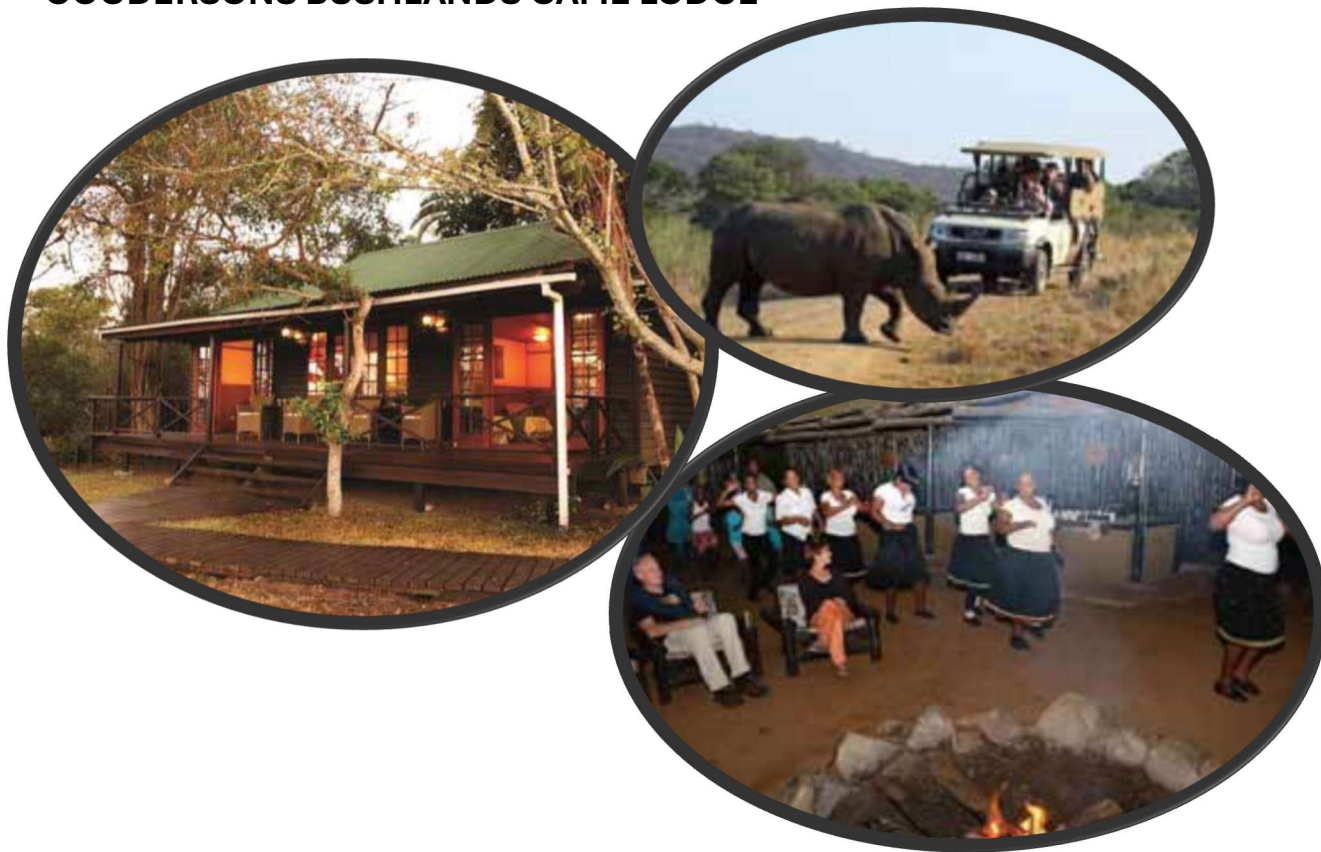
Single Room : 75usd per person, per night	Twin Room : 50usd per person, per night - sharing
Triple : 45usd per person, per night - sharing	Quad : 40usd per person, per night - sharing
Executive Sea Facing	
Single : 80usd per person, per night	Sharing : 55usd per person, per night - sharing
Triple : 50usd per person, per night - sharing	Quad : 40usd per person, per night - sharing

Above rates are inclusive of bed & breakfast.



SAFARI TOURS

GOODERSONS BUSHLANDS GAME LODGE



Shuttle rates :

1 – 3 persons – 45 usd per vehicle ,
4 - 7 persons – 55 usd per vehicle,
8 – 13 persons - 70 usd per vehicle
14 - 22 persons – 135 usd per vehicle,
23 - 60 persons – 350 usd per vehicle

Booking details and Queries

tel: +27311090099

Email : karate@xlfbdbn.co.za

Banking details:

Nedbank Musgrave,
Account number **1205393676**
Account name : Serendipity Corporate Division
Reference number : Invoice Number

All bank charges and commissions must be paid by the payer.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

General information about South African visas

Visitor's visas are for International travellers who have permanent residence outside South Africa and who wish to visit the country on a temporary basis for tourism, sport or business purposes for 90 days or less.

Requirements for visitor's visas differ from country to country. Countries that are exempt from needing a South African visa can be found on the following web-link

www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/countries-exempt-from-sa-visas

As each application is treated individually you should make enquiries with your nearest South African Embassy or Consulate.

Documents required for a visa:

- A valid passport
- The passport must have at least one unused page A completed BI-84 (application for visa form)
- Payment of the prescribed fee
- A yellow fever vaccination certificate (if required)
- Statement and/or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of your visit
- Two colour passport photographs
- A return or onward ticket

If you have children (minors) travelling with you or joining you in South Africa, you will need to provide the following additional documents: Proof of guardianship or consent from the guardian in the case of an unaccompanied minor.

Proof of financial means in the form of:

- Salary advices
- Undertaking by the South African Host Bursary
- Medical cover Cash available.



DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA DETAILS

Welcome to Durban South Africa

Durban (Zulu: eThekweni, from itheku meaning 'bay / lagoon') is the largest city in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal. It is also the second most important manufacturing hub in South Africa after Johannesburg.

Durban is famous for being the busiest port in South Africa and Africa. It is also seen as one of the major centres of tourism because of the city's warm subtropical climate and extensive beaches. The municipality, which includes neighbouring towns, has a population of almost

3.5 million, making the combined municipality the biggest city on the east coast of the African continent. The metropolitan land area of 2,292 square km (885 sq mi) is comparatively larger than other South African cities.

Durban has a humid subtropical climate with hot and humid summers and pleasantly warm and dry winters, which are frost-free. Durban has an annual rainfall of 1,009 mm (39.7 in) The average temperature in summer ranges around 28 °C (82 °F) while in winter the average temperature is 20 °C (68 °F). Sunrise in Durban on summer solstice occurs at 04h45 and sunset at 19h00; on winter solstice sunrise is at 06h30 and sunset at 17h20. The rainy season is in summer which begins sometime in November, ending in mid-April. Summers are sunny, hot and humid during the day, but are relieved by afternoon or evening thunderstorms.

The city is also occasionally affected by tropical storms and cyclones during the cyclone season which is from 15 November to 30 April. Winters, which are from June to August, are generally warm and sunny. Durban and its suburbs are hilly, except for locations in and around the central business district and the harbour.

Currency : ZAR

Time Zone : SAST (UTC+2)

Drive on the : L eft

Calling code : +27 ISO 3166 Code : ZA



South Africa is a multi-ethnic society encompassing a wide variety of cultures, languages, and religions. Its pluralistic makeup is reflected in the constitution's recognition of 11 official languages, which is among the highest number of any country in the world. Two of these languages are of European origin: English and Afrikaans, the latter originating from Dutch and serving as the main language of most white and coloured South Africans. Though English is commonly used in public and commercial life, it is only the fifth most-spoken home language.

About 80% of South Africans are of black African ancestry, divided among a variety of ethnic groups speaking different Bantu languages, nine of which have official status. The remaining population consists of Africa's largest communities of European, Asian, and multiracial ancestry. All ethnic and linguistic groups have political representation in the country's constitutional democracy, which comprises a parliamentary republic and nine provinces. Since the end of apartheid, South Africa's unique multicultural character has become integral to its national identity, as expounded upon by the Rainbow Nation concept.

South Africa is ranked as an upper-middle income economy by the World Bank, and is considered to be a newly industrialised country. Its economy is the largest and most developed in Africa and the 28th-largest in the world. In terms of purchasing power parity, South Africa has the fifth-highest per capita income in Africa, although poverty and inequality remain widespread, with about a quarter of the population unemployed and living on less than US\$1.25 a day) Nevertheless, South Africa has been identified as a middle power in international affairs, and maintains significant regional influence.

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