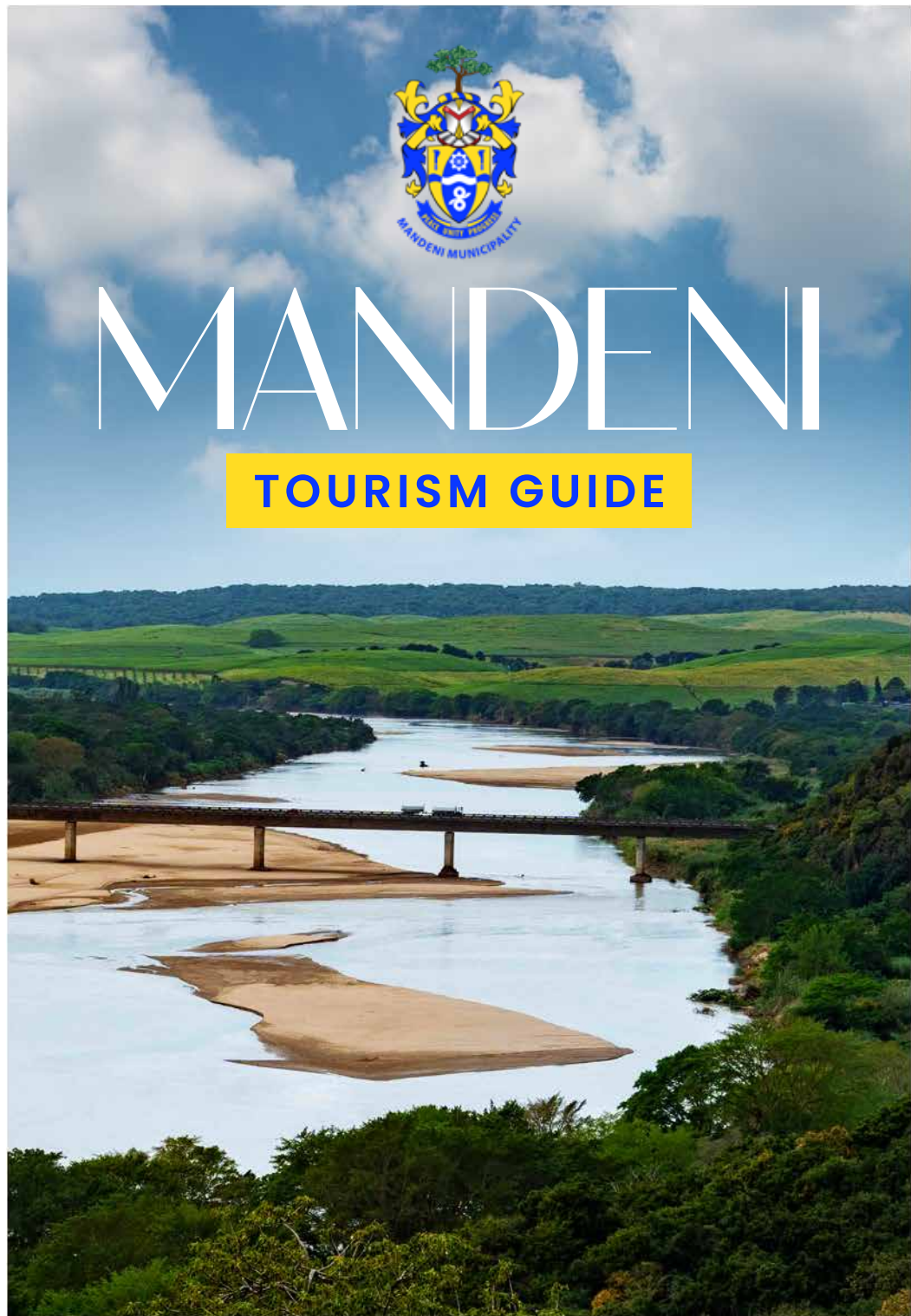




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MANDENI MAP



Message from the Mandeni Local Municipality

The people of Mandeni are some of the kindest and most welcoming in the country. Visiting Mandeni offers a unique opportunity to connect with nature and explore some of the best hidden gems South Africa has to offer.

With a rich history, including significant sites such as the Battle of Ndongakusuka and the Ultimatum Tree, Mandeni is a must-visit area for those interested in reliving the past while enjoying the conveniences of modern life.

Mandeni boasts a variety of travel destinations perfect for families, offering activities such as hiking, swimming, and exploring our rich history. From the beautiful beaches like Dokodweni and Tugela, to the serene nature reserves like Amatigulu and Harold Johnson, there is something for everyone.

Our town hosts vibrant events such as the Mandeni Home Coming Picnic and the Tugela Raft Race, ensuring entertainment and community spirit. Whether you enjoy thrilling adventures or peaceful relaxation, Mandeni has venues that cater to people from all walks of life.

Come and experience the warmth and hospitality of Mandeni. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the beauty and history of our wonderful town.

His Worship the Mayor of Mandeni Local Municipality, Cllr. Thabani Mdlalose

THE MANDENI AREA IS HOME TO SEVERAL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS THAT ARE RICH IN HISTORY.



Thukela River

The Thukela River is the main river running through the KwaZulu-Natal province. It flows from the Drakensberg range, winding through beautiful plains before meeting the Indian Ocean at Tugela Beach.

The Ultimatum Tree

In December 1878, the British government in South Africa issued an ultimatum to King Cetshwayo's senior representatives, demanding the disbandment of the Zulu army and allegiance to Queen Victoria. The Zulus' refusal led to the Anglo-Zulu War a month later. This significant event took place near the Thukela River. While the original tree marking the spot has died, a branch from it was used to plant a new tree, which is now enclosed and fenced.

British Warriors Grave Site

Overlooking the Thukela River and Tugela Beach is Fort Pearson, a former British fortification built before the 1879 Anglo-Zulu War. It served as the headquarters for colonial troops and is now a grave site for British soldiers, including Charles Lucas Lyle and Arthur T. Reynold. Visitors wishing to access the grave site should contact the Harold Johnson Nature Reserve, managed by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

Emkhontweni (Ingwavu Heritage Site)

The Ingwavu area is historically significant as the site where King Cetshwayo's troops spied on Prince Mbuyazi's forces. The area includes the entrance to the cave used for surveillance. An important feature is Isihlahla somkhonto, a tree with a spear embedded

by herbalist Manembe Gcwensa, believed to weaken Prince Mbuyazi's faction. The Amaziko were used by troops as fireplaces.

Ndulinde Hills and Waterfalls

Known as the homestead of the late Queen Nandi Mhlongo, the Ndulinde Hills and Waterfalls offer stunning natural beauty and a connection to Zulu heritage.

The Battle of Indondakusuka

Two significant battles took place on the slopes of Indondakusuka. In 1838, settlers from Port Natal clashed with Dingaan's forces. In 1856, King Mpande's sons, Cetshwayo and Mbuyazwe, fought over the Zulu throne, with Cetshwayo emerging victorious.

Other Sites of Interest

- **Cetshwayo's Stone in eNdulinde**
- **Nandi's Kraal**
- **The Swedish Mission south of Tugela**
- **Mpaphala, home of the first registered Sangoma**

These historical and cultural sites provide a rich overview of Mandeni's heritage, making it a fascinating destination for visitors.



Dokodweni Beach

With its expansive braai area and picnic benches, Dokodweni Beach is the perfect spot to gather with loved ones for a day of relaxation and fun. The clear waters invite you for a refreshing swim, while the towering trees provide much-needed shade during the scorching summer months. Take a stroll along the shoreline and admire the distant sand dunes, adding to the beach's ambiance. For the experienced fisherman, the opportunity for deep-sea fishing awaits, promising an exciting adventure on the open waters. What truly sets Dokodweni Beach apart is its commitment to community development. Thanks to the Mzansi Safe Life Saving Club, youths are offered free swimming lessons, ensuring safety and enjoyment for all. Additionally, residents have the opportunity to host events on the beach's expansive lawn, making it the ideal venue for gatherings and celebrations. From the lively Dokodweni Beach Festival to the heart-warming Homecoming Event, there's always something happening at this seaside destination. So pack your sunscreen and your sense of adventure, and come experience the warmth and hospitality of Dokodweni Beach.

Tugela Beach

Stretching from the Tugela River to its sandy shores is Tugela Beach. As you arrive, you'll find convenient parking connected to a spacious lawn area with picnic benches and tables, ideal for laid-back gatherings and smaller outdoor celebrations. Take a leisurely stroll along the expansive stretch of sand, perfect for relaxing beach walks or energising jogs by the water's edge. Nature lovers will delight in the opportunity for bird watching, with the beach being a popular spot for observing local bird species in their natural habitat. And for those who enjoy the thrill of fishing, Tugela Beach offers ample opportunities to cast your line and reel in the catch of the day. Whether you're seeking serenity or adventure, Tugela Beach welcomes you with open arms.



Mbizimbelwe Beach

Mbizimbelwe Beach is the perfect coming together of nature and seaside. As you approach the main entrance, you'll be greeted by a grassy area, inviting you to spread out a picnic blanket or fire up the braai for a leisurely outdoor feast. This hidden gem represents serenity and peace, offering a blissful escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Stretching for a while along the coastline, the beach is beautified with lush leafy trees and much greenery, creating an amazing backdrop for your seaside adventures. Sink your toes into the golden sands and let your mind wonder as the stress melts away. Surrounded by gentle sand banks and dunes kissed by the golden light of the sun, Mbizimbelwe Beach invites you to unwind and immerse yourself in the beauty of its surroundings.



WHERE TO STAY

Mandeni offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit every budget and preference. From affordable choices to self-catering and luxurious stays, you can find the perfect place to rest and recharge. Some of the top options include:

- Tugela Mouth Resort
- Lobotes Caravan Park
- Driftwood Chalets
- River Mouth Rest
- Eagles Nest Bed and Breakfast

Eagles Nest Mandini

Eagles Nest Mandeni provides accommodation with an outdoor swimming pool, free private parking, a garden, and a terrace. The air-conditioned rooms are 39 km from The Official Luthuli Museum, and the bed and breakfast features family rooms for a comfortable stay.

SanTha Lodge

SanTha Lodge offers an unforgettable accommodation experience for both business travelers and tourists. Located at Lot 2621 Newtown Tugela, the lodge is surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of KwaZulu-Natal, ensuring a serene and tranquil stay. Amenities include Wi-Fi, a pool, and conference facilities.



What's New?

Ntomb'Lele Ocean View

The latest addition to Mandeni's accommodation offerings is Ntomb' Lele Ocean View. These luxury villas boast stunning ocean views and access to a private, well-kept beach. Perfect for a high-end seaside getaway, each self-catering villa sleeps at least two people and features its own braai area for outdoor cooking. With three villas available, guests will enjoy a refined experience with high-end finishes like marble, soft rugs, leather, and glass. Each villa is soundproof, allowing guests to enjoy or block out the soothing sound of the waves as they wish. Additionally, each villa includes a temperature-controlled jacuzzi and an outdoor seating area. To ensure comfort during power outages, each unit is equipped with its own inverter. For a truly luxurious holiday experience, book your stay at Ntom' Lele Ocean View Villas on Booking.com.

The Hatchery

The Hatchery provides comfortable and rustic accommodation and also serves as a wedding venue. Discovered in the 1970s, it is located on the site of an old prawn farm. This unique spot is ideal for team-building retreats, bird excursions, and group getaways for family and friends. The Hatchery is strictly self-catering, but catering can be arranged upon request.





Amatikulu Nature Reserve

Amatikulu Nature Reserve features both the Amatikulu and Nyoni Rivers, surrounded by unspoiled grassland. It's a haven for birdwatchers, attracting a wide variety of birdlife. One of the main attractions is the 4x4 trail, perfect for adventurers looking to explore the reserve's natural beauty.



Harold Johnson Nature Reserve

Open every day from 7 am, including public holidays, Harold Johnson Nature Reserve is ideal for braai and camping. Visitors can bring their own camping gear. The Thukela River, with a dedicated viewing site, is a highlight near the reserve. Birdwatchers will enjoy the diverse bird species, and butterfly enthusiasts can spot numerous butterfly species. The reserve is home to various wildlife, including bucks and zebras. It is also near the British Warriors Grave Site, which visitors can access by requesting the keys from the reserve. The reserve is perfect for school trips and excursions, with tour guides and foot rangers available to lead educational tours.

Ingwenya Nature Reserve

Ingwenya Nature Reserve is renowned for its picturesque guided walks, offering visitors a scenic and tranquil experience amidst nature's beauty.



Conference Venues

Mandeni offers excellent facilities for both community events and professional gatherings, ensuring a successful and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Isibusisiwe Hall

Isibusisiwe Hall is a municipal facility available for hire for weddings, church conferences, and other indoor events. It can accommodate approximately 1,500 seated guests, making it ideal for large gatherings.

The Mandeni Country Club

The Mandeni Country Club offers versatile venues for weddings, functions, and recreational activities. The main hall, seating 150 to 200 people, is perfect for weddings, conferences, and large gatherings. The Bowling Club hall provides a charming setting for garden weddings and social functions. For sports enthusiasts, the club features a squash hall, a gym run by Tollie Enslin, and a 10-hole golf course with carts available for hire. The Golf Club and Auxiliary Hall come with braai facilities and can provide refreshments and catering upon request. The club also boasts a floodlit rugby field, available for local football and rugby teams as well as large events, and a cricket field currently used by golfers and football players.



FUN Things to DO in Mandeni

There are plenty of fun and recreational activities to enjoy in Mandeni, from shopping and beach events to team-building activities and picnics.

Mandeni Home Coming Picnic

The Mandeni Home Coming Picnic is a highlight of the year, taking place every December 24th. Since its inception in 2013, this event has become the most anticipated gathering, offering a platform for local artists and MCs to perform alongside well-known talents. It's a celebration of the best talent and a great way to enjoy the holiday season.

Isithebe Industrial Estate

The Mandeni Isithebe Flea Market, the description to include the following -takes place every Friday at Isithebe Industrial park. All traders from all walks of life sell their offering such as Clothes, craft, detergents, vegetable, furniture etc

Mandeni Mall

Mandeni Mall features a wide variety of stores, including fashion outlets, grocery stores, and a selection of takeaway restaurants, making it a convenient destination for all your shopping needs.

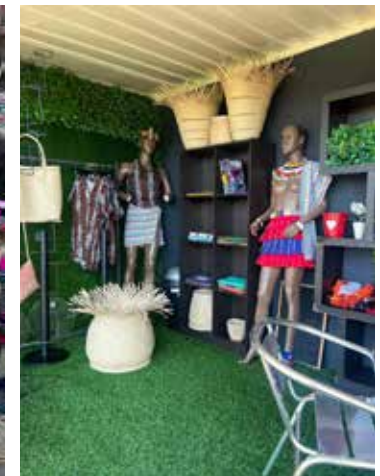
TVG

TVG is a beautiful spot along the Thukela River, surrounded by large, picturesque trees. It's an ideal location for team-building activities, school and youth outings, events, and activations. The natural setting provides a perfect backdrop for both relaxation and adventure.

Tugela Raft Race

The Tugela Raft Race is a thrilling event with a rich history. In 1965, a small group of adventurers known as the "Happy Sappi Chappies" staged their own journey on the Tugela River, from Mandeni to the river mouth. This event quickly gained popularity and is now one of the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Initially a local family affair, it has grown to attract enthusiasts from all over the country. Held annually around April, the Tugela Raft Race offers excitement and camaraderie for participants and spectators alike.

Mandeni offers a range of activities that cater to all interests, ensuring that everyone can find something enjoyable to do.



Buy Local at Mandeni

Mandeni is home to talented and skilled individuals who create beautiful crafts ranging from beadwork to traditional attire and handmade baskets made from ilala palm. Each item is carefully crafted with attention to color, texture, and the meaning each piece represents. The woven baskets are especially popular among young brides and are perfect for anyone planning a picnic at the beach. By purchasing these unique items, tourists can support local crafters and take home a piece of Mandeni's rich cultural heritage.

ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	EMAIL ADDRESS	LOCATION
The Hatchery	0721862758/84,959,882	lena@thehatchery.co.za	Amatikulu
Pitso's Self catering	0825155408/0833731865	sophiepitso@gmail.com	Chappies Township
Ingabisi Bed&Breakfast	0646590839/0824391734		Thokoza Township
The Plover Bed & Breakfast	0833025568/0832718938	Gerhardcoetzer6@gmail.com	Mandeni Suburb
Lalanathi Guest House	0324562210/0837721333	bhekimzimela@gmail.com	Mandeni Suburb
Tugela Mouth Resort	032 458 4241/032 9400001	info@tugelamouth.co.za	Tugela mouth
Labotes Caravan Park	084 515 3488/032 9400001	labotes@lantic.net	Tugela Mouth
Ndlovu Chalets	084 5831 935/082 4940227		Tugela Mouth
Sensayuma Backpackers	082 879 2915	Sensayuma.tugela@gmail.com	Tugela Mouth
Driftwood Chalets	072 540 5005	Info.driftwoodchalets.co.za	Tugela Mouth
Amatikulu Nature Reserve	033 845 1000	Reservations@kznwildlife.com	Amatikulu
Ntomb'lele Ocean View		ntombileleoceanview@gmail.com	Tugela Mouth
Harold Jonson	033 845 1000	Reservations@kznwildlife.com	Tugela River
Santha Lodge			Forth Pearson
Eagle Nest B&B	073 323 9966		Mandeni Suburb

RESTAURANT

NAME OF THE RESTAURANT	CONTACT DETAILS	EMAIL ADDRESS	LOCATION
H.S.M ROYAL ARK	083 440 3331	sikhululiwem@gmail.com	Tugela Mouth
Ehlathini Lifestyle PTY Ltd	071 361 3083	Zamomagagula4@gmail.com	Wangu area (next to Amatikulu nature reserve.)

FAST FOOD & TAKEAWAY

NAME OF THE PLACE	EMAIL ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBERS	LOCATION
Pedro's	Mandini @ pedroschicken.co.za	0318 800 170/084 626 9816	Sundumbili Plaza
Honchos	honchosstanger@gmail.com	082 647 9979	Sundumbili Plaza
Mandeni Shawarma & Cafe	rezinasedeq@gmail.com	073 976 4868/061 773 0427	Sundumbili Plaza
King Shawarma	lal67990@gmail.com	074 656 3167	Sundumbili Plaza
McDonald	Lilian.mahlangu@za.com	0729803069	Sundumbili Plaza
KFC Mall @ KFC Renckens	roshln@moralfoods.co.za	083 7755 523/071 308 1742	Sundumbili Plaza
Pink panthers Cafe	Anandavanniekeyy@yahoo.com	084 888 8248	Sundumbili Plaza
Debonnairs	stevetuna@gmail.com	078 581 5294	Sundumbili Plaza
Nando's	Joostecathy84@gmail.com	071 373 746	Kwa Sithebe

EMERGENCIES NUMBERS

**02 KING FISHER RD
MANDENI 4490**

OFFICE:0324568200

FIRE & RESCUE: 082 828 3541/ 087 285 1153

DISASTER CENTRE: 082 3543 9734

EMERGENCIES NUMBERS

NAMES	CONTACT NUMBERS
Mandeni municipality	032 456 8200
Isithebe clinic	031 459 6500
Hlomendlini clinic	032 454 7074/73
Sundumbili clinic	032 454 7500
Father gerald	032 455 2040
Mandeni welfare	032 456 5000
Sundumbili welfare	032 454 1219
Sassa	032 454 7306
Dpt of social	032 454 1219
Swimming pool	032 456 7715
Sundumbili library	032 454 0111
Saps sundumbili	032 454 7800
Saps mandeni	032 456 7000
Saps new ark	032 457 0320
Saps nyoni	032 455 1055
Protection services	032 456 8273/082 561 1072