

Kindly be advised should you be coming with a boat, jet skis or canoe/kayak to contact our local ski boat club manager, contact person Charles Rautenbach, to get the necessary clearances or any additional info re water sport facilities on the lagoon. Cell: 083 375 5399

Brian is the local skipper for all things fishing and for booking a cruise on the barge on the lagoon – for more details contact, 084 446 6813 / 074 479 0987. Have fun! (Ocean echo fishing charters) Or simply just paddle, fish or swim in our lagoon. – Double or single canoes for hire at R40/per hour from the Lagoon lodge – contact: 032 – 485 3344

For additional water escapades in Durban and surrounds including Ballito please have a look at <https://adventureescapades.co.za/water-adventures-in-south-africa/>

Sugar Rush fun park for the whole family – [www.sugarrush.co.za](http://www.sugarrush.co.za) - on the coastal farmland of the North Coast, on the outskirts of Ballito – please have a look at the website for more information.

- Putt-putt with paddling pools after the kids have played their holes
- Small winery
- The Jump Park
- Tuwa Beauty Spa
- Petting Zoo – Feathers and Furballs
- Sugar rats – Kids Mountain biking, safe and fun!
- Reptile Park
- Restaurant

### **Holla Trails operates from Sugar rush**

For those who are interested in doing a bike or for the runners!!– Holla trails can be contacted on +27 074 897 8559 (trail master) or 082 899 3114 (desk phone) – Easy to get to situated on the outskirts of Ballito! A fun way to experience the farm life on the North Coast, the trails are for different levels from under 12 to 70 years. The trails runs through working farms, the farmers in the area have generously given of the land to allow runners and cyclists access through the farms. Both farmers and workers are delighted to have visitors, remember to greet, and remember that farm vehicles have right of way!

### **A little bit on our dolphins and Whales**

Whale Migration in South Africa all depends on the whale species but generally the best time to go whale watching is between May and December. The best time of the year to spot Southern Right Whales is between July and December with August and September been the Peak calving season whilst September and October is when Whale spottings is at it's most in KwaZulu Natal's Coastline. The best time of the year to do Humpback Whale

Watching is also similar to that of the Southern Right Whale and that is between June and December whereas the smaller Bryde's whale can be spotted all year round.

Zinkwazi Beach and the North Coast (also known as the Dolphin Coast) is a treat when it comes to Dolphin Watching. Dolphins are spotted all year round and often off our coastline and very close by Umdloti all the way to Zinkwazi Beach, the sundeck is ideal for dolphin and whale watching!

If Dolphin and Whale watching / spotting in the North Coast is something you really want to tick off in your list of things-to-do, then why not take it a step further, go higher and do it in a microlight flight tour. Comefly offers Microlight Coastal Safaris over the Northern Coast of KwaZulu-Natal, offering you a bigger and better chance of spotting Whales, Dolphins, Manta Rays, Turtles and more, nevermind the amazing views of our beautiful coastline.

Contact: [www.comefly.co.za](http://www.comefly.co.za) / 084 266 3359 – Fun activities!

Places to pop in on the North Coast, should you wish to see what our neighbours are up to:

- Visit the Ski Boat Club/Mahogany reef lovely deck for easy meals ie burgers and chips on the beachfront – in Zinkwazi – Owner: Steve he also owns the local Zinkwazi Beach café
- Prouds pizza is a must try for the kids. Fresh pizza served on the beach. Humble but delicious. Situated at the ski Boat club entrance – Zinkwazi Beach – to order – 073 169 2367
- Raffia restaurant -032 485 3344 and Ocean Reef Hotel – 032 485 3065 as eating options in the town. (Zinkwazi Beach)
- Cool eating place is The Shed situated in Umhlali or visit the farmers market on a Saturday (please check for times) all conveniently situated at the Litchi orchard. [www.litchiorchard.co.za](http://www.litchiorchard.co.za) - the stores at the litchiorchard trading times Monday –Sunday 8am -4pm worth a visit whilst staying on the North Coast.
- Sage café and deli lovely local hangouts – [www.sagecafe.co.za](http://www.sagecafe.co.za)
- Burndale – Easy lunches you can even have massage during lunch whilst the kids are entertained, small petting zoo and painting of ceramics– [www.burndale.co.za](http://www.burndale.co.za)
- Flag Farm, petting farm with remptilse shows for the kids – [www.flaganimalfarm.co.za](http://www.flaganimalfarm.co.za) - Kids can go for a pony ride.
- The market in the Ballito Lifestyle Centre – A must visit – Live music and easy lunches when taking a stroll in Ballito. Traders such as an organic produce merchant, an artisanal baker and an old-style butcher, together with a carefully selected array of complementary food offerings - Contact Ballito Lifestyle Centre on (032)946 8540
- Bel punto in Umdloti overlooks the ocean –Fantastic ambience and food! Contact 031 568 2407, [www.belpunto.co.za](http://www.belpunto.co.za), S Beach Rd, Umdloti

For something a little further north (a must try) 20 minutes - close to nature on our beautiful North Coast

- Tapanga rum distillery offers tours through the distillery on a weekday. Come and try our local south African rum made in the heart of Amatikulu, KZN – you can contact the distillery on 035 – 004 0007 – The farm manager is Grant and he can be contacted on 083 294 9195 - After Tapanga try and stop off at...
- Rafia Prawn Shack in Mtunzini - Delicious prawns at reasonable prices – follow them on Facebook or contact 083 303 4746 – Try their delicious toasted marshmallows dipped in tequila! Yummm!! <https://www.facebook.com/PrawnShackKZN>

If you are going to buy your groceries in the area prior to check-in, which is preferable, these are the options of a few stores that is conveniently situated on the way;

- **Tiffany's Spar and Tops in Salt Rock** (open 7 am – 7pm) in Salt Rock exit 214 from the N2 (032) 525 5766
- **Ballito lifestyle centre**, Fresh Fruit and Veg, Woolworths, Spar, Pick a Pay – Spar is open 7am – 8pm
- **New Ballito Mall – Ballito Junction situated in Ballito** – Nu Metro Cinema with 22 Jump street for the kids
- **Ballito Lifestyle Centre** – Superspar and the market all in Ballito Lifestyle Centre

### Don't forget to pack

- Bottled water - can be purchased at the store in Zinkwazi
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunscreen
- Hats
- Binoculars
- Briquettes
- Capsules for the Nespresso machine
- Washing powder should you be doing washing.
- Water – We ate a water conscious village, and the whole town follows a prepaid water system, we try and use water sparingly and your assistance is appreciated with saving water.
- In keeping with the above, all guests are required to purchase a water voucher R200. The staff member on duty will gladly assist with this.
- Groceries, wine– a few basic spices
- Fishing nets
- Boogie boards
- Beach umbrellas - Also on sale at the local store
- Beach chairs (should you need them)
- Electrical plugs. Including 2 point plugs