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This balmy city on the east coast of South Africa is blessed with 6km of breathtaking, golden beaches, an array of world-class hotels and modern conference facilities, and the ideal climate, has one of the perfect city profiles.

The warm Mozambique current flows down the east coast of Africa, keeping the Indian Ocean warm enough for swimming every day of the year and providing Durban with temperatures that reach 30°C in summer and rarely dip below 15°C.

Also offering superb golf courses, busy entertainment centres, gleaming shopping malls and excellent sporting facilities, this resort city attracts millions of tourists around the year.

Durban's business sector is also strong and the safe harbour has become one of the continent's busiest ports. Its people represent one of the most vibrant, invigorating cultural melting pots to be found anywhere on the planet.

Sporting Heritage

Durban's sub-tropical climate offers conditions for spectators and participants alike, and the city has traditionally been a popular centre for international soccer, rugby and cricket.

The King's Park Stadium sports precinct also features a large soccer stadium, an athletics stadium, a cricket stadium and a modern swimming venue.

Durban rallies to support three Premier League professional soccer clubs (Manning Rangers, African Wanderers and Golden Arrows), the Sharks rugby team and the Natal Dolphins cricket side.

The city is home to the Comrades, an 89km ultra-marathon, and the Durban July, arguably the continent's most prestigious premier horse racing event, and to the world's largest beach festival.

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