



KZN South Coast Meeting Planner Your Ultimate Guide to Successful Business Events







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FOREWORD

Ugu South Coast Tourism, in partnership with local businesses, has made some significant strides in attracting business events and in establishing relationships with key industry players.

We have made a conscious decision to promote and support the business events sector in the KZN South Coast. This is due to its capacity and potential to spawn entrepreneurial ventures, and accelerate job creation and infrastructure development, a game changer for any destination.

The year 2020 marked a catastrophic inflection point in the history of the tourism industry, which has undoubtedly necessitated the urgent need for market reprioritisation and new strategies to manage the crisis and mitigate its impact.

It is within this new milieu that we are now exploring other avenues that will bring business to the KZN South Coast, building on the existing foundation of the destination's success in leisure tourism.

For business events, our strategic focus will be on attracting small to medium national and regional conferences in our key sectors, along with corporate events and incentives. In order for us to be successful, it is crucial to work with venues, conference and event organisers, local associations and NGOs.



The KZN South Coast possesses all the attributes of being a successful business events destination and filming location.

We therefore believe that through coordinated and strategic partnership with the SA National Convention Bureau, KwaZulu- Natal Convention Bureau and industry stakeholders, KZN South Coast is poised to be one of the formidable competitors for business events.

Phelisa Mangcu
Chief Executive Officer

WELCOME TO THE SOUTH COAST - PARADISE OF THE ZULU KINGDOM!

"Picturesque" is the most appropriate word to describe the KZN South Coast.

Endowed with lush forests, pristine beaches, and incredibly diverse flora and fauna, it is one of the most beautiful destinations in the world.

It is remarkable for its many golden beaches (some with blue flag status), tidal pools, world-class golf courses, scenic trails, Oribi and Umtamvuna River Gorges and other countless incredible leisure experiences.

Stretching 120 kilometres from Scottburgh to Port Edward, the KZN South Coast is a collection of charming towns and villages which include Scottburgh, Pennington, Hibberdene, Port Shepstone, Margate and Port Edward.

While coastal resorts and unspoiled beaches are the main drawcard for the KZN South Coast, the magnificent hinterland encompassing the famous Oribi Gorge, historic KwaXolo Caves, rural villages, nature reserves and wilderness areas are also a major attraction.

One of the KZN South Coast's best-kept secrets is the internationally-protected heritage site, the Red Desert. It is the smallest desert in the world at only 200m in diameter, resembling a miniature version of the Arizona Desert in the US. The desert consists of red soil

with archaeological artefacts dating back millions of years.

A visit to the KZN South Coast in winter will expose you to a fascinating marine spectacle, the sardine run. Known as the greatest shoal on earth, the event is likened to the East African wildebeest migration. It is the annual mass migration of billions of sardines from the temperate west coast that are pursued by a large number of predators such as game fish, sharks, whales, and dolphins. It also attracts birds such as Cape gannets, cormorants, terns and gulls.



ENCHANTING CULTURAL HERITAGE

KZN South Coast Tourism prioritises responsible development of rural areas and has recently launched a few tourism initiatives which include the Umzumbe River Trail and the KwaNzimakwe Multi-Trails, which provide hikers, trail-runners and 4×4 enthusiasts with the opportunity to explore the Mpenjati River Valley. The KwaXolo Caves Adventure is a 300-metre cableway that takes visitors on a guided walk along a mountain path, with spectacular views into the KwaXolo Caves.

The KZN South Coast is made up of diverse cultures, with Zulu being the dominant one, particularly in the hinterland where a traditional way of life still exists. Other nations and cultures that have shaped the KZN South Coast are the Xhosas, Afrikaners, Indians and British. Explorers from different parts of the world, who settled and established small communities that still follow their traditions and speak their own languages have also influenced the local culture. Today the most common language spoken in KZN South Coast is isiZulu, with other dominant local languages being English, Afrikaans, and isiXhosa.

The best way to learn about a destination's culture is to spend time with the locals. A visit to Nyandezulu and KwaNzimakwe villages is a must. Here you will experience first-hand hospitality and a truly authentic and fulfilling encounter. Your experience will be incomplete if you do not try a traditional meal of chicken, Zulu steamed bread and spicy beans or spinach. Create your own unique screen-print at the Wowzulu Market or learn the skill of wrapping a doek /headscarf on your head.

Ntelezi Msani is another significant site worth visiting. it is a community-driven initiative, dedicated to preserving the local history, cultural, and creative activities of the KZN South Coast. Visitors will be taken on an informative journey, uncovering the origins and traditions of the Zulu Kingdom.

Here you will also learn about the Zulu Nation's health and physical strength.

The Centre has a wide range of beautiful arts on display, and offers visitors an opportunity to take part in ancient stone throwing ritual or stick fighting.

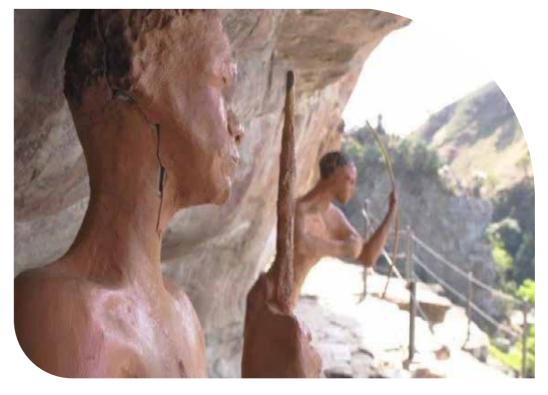
This unassuming destination has produced some of the area's best and most successful artists.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

A visit to kwaXolo Caves will expose you to San inspired art dating back some 100 000 years. These caves were once open-rock shelters for indigenous San communities. The caves house the ancient San Rock art that depicts the area's rich cultural heritage. The sites are believed to have had particular natural, cultural and spiritual significance to the San people.

The paintings are said to represent journeys of shamans (medicine men) into the spiritual world in an effort to induce rain, heal sicknesses and ease societal tensions. Learn about the KZN South Coast's fascinating history, which includes many shipwrecks, the Port Shepstone light house, Isivivane(a traveller's cairn created by King Shaka) and the tragic story of the São João – the great Portuguese galleon. There are also archaeological artefacts scattered throughout the Red Desert.





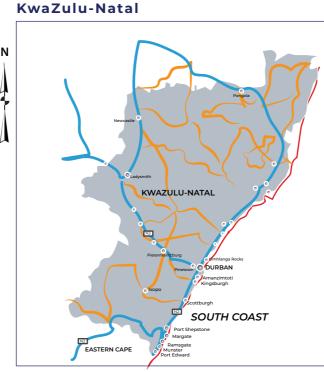
KNZ SOUTH COAST MAP

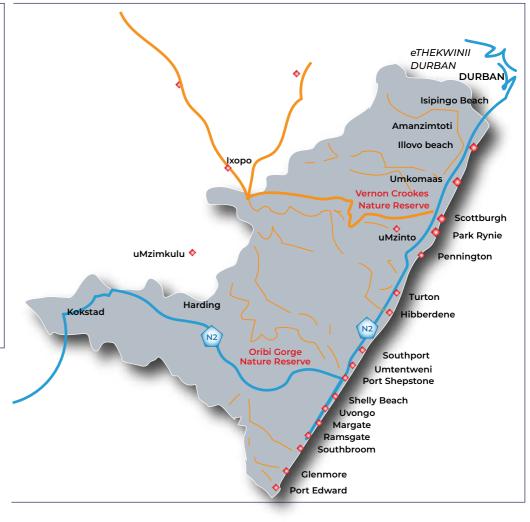
SOUTH AFRICA MAP



SOUTH COAST TOWNS

- Scottburgh
- Pennington
- Hibberdene
- Margate
- Southbroom
- Harding
- Port Edward
- Port Shepstone







ACCESSIBILITY

Air

For domestic and international flights, the KZN South Coast is serviced by King Shaka International Airport, which is approximately 92km away, and Margate Airport, an alternative to those wanting to fly directly to South Coast. There is only one scheduled domestic flight between Margate and OR Tambo International Airport.

Road

KZN South Coast is 45 minutes' drive from Durban and is linked to other major South African cities through the N2, N3, R61 and R102.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle services from King Shaka International Airport (KSIA) service Durban station and all the major towns along the KZN South Coast. Some hotels offer their own shuttle services between their hotels and both airports.

Public Transport

There are scheduled long distance buses that stop in the KZN South Coast.



WHY THE KZN SOUTH COAST FOR YOUR BUSINESS EVENTS

There are many good reasons to host your business events along the KZN South Coast. It boasts a number of affordable venues that can easily accommodate a variety of different types and sizes of conferences and events. It also brings a host of other benefits, ranging from accessibility, affordability, and excellent support services.

Added advantages are the destination's location with its breathtaking

views and an assortment of activities to choose from.

With its outstanding range of venues, accommodation and alluring spots, the KZN South Coast is also ideal as a setting for romantic and memorable weddings.







CONFERENCE VENUES

Premier Resort Cutty Sark Hotel

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The New Premier Resort Cutty Sark offers conference delegates sea facing rooms, and provides a safe and relaxing beach resort setting for conferences and events. The new conference facilities with a maximum capacity of 250 delegates, also adds offer direct access to the main swimming beach for team building, exercise or some fun in the sun. The resort also offers safe off street parking and a welcome alternative to a city conference experience.

	U-shaped	School Room	Cinema/ Theatre	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom	m2
Master Richard	18	18	30	30	45	20	52
The Cutty Sark	10	12	18	10	15	8	21
Chart Room	44/UU 80	120	190	110	150	46	240

Umthunzi Hotel & Conferences

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Why do business in a boring office building when you can host your next conference in a tropical paradise on the South Coast? Umthunzi Hotel & Conference, situated in Umtentweni near the bustling town of Port Shepstone, offers amazing packages to suit your every need. With different meeting venues, from an intimate 12-seater boardroom to a large 100-seater venue, as well as breakaway rooms and the most delicious menu options, it makes sense to do business in style and comfort. Choose from any of the 49 air-conditioned, spacious guest rooms to allow your staff and business associates to relax after a productive day.





This award winning, upmarket venue is just over an hour south of Durban and 20 minutes from Margate airport. So next time you need to look for an accredited SAACI conference or function venue near Durban, look no further than Umthunzi Hotel and Conference.

	Banquet	Banquet with dance Floor	Boardroom	Cinema /Theatre	Conference	Fishbone	Hearing Panel	School Room	U-Shape
Bell Palm	50	40	20	60	30	40	30	50	26
Milkwood	50	40	N/A	120	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	N/A
Little Fig	N/A	N/A	12	16	8	N/A	10	N/A	N/A
Terrace Deck	100	80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wild Fig	100	80	40	120	80	72	50	100	42
Restaurant	100	80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restaurant & Terrace	220	220	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Pumula Beach Hotel

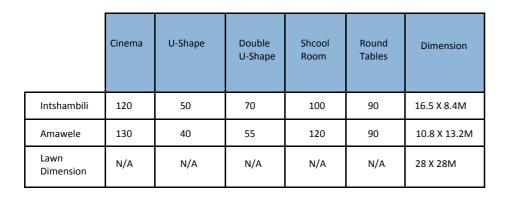
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Pumula Beach Hotel, with its stunning views of the Indian Ocean, has the best seaside location on the Kwa-Zulu Natal South Coast. Situated 100kms South of Durban and surrounded by indigenous coastal

vegetation, it makes an ideal venue for stress free conferences and relaxing.

Charming and intimate, the highest levels of personal service and excellent cuisine are provided. In addition to this, a selection of comfortable accommodation is available, which includes both family and double/twin rooms with sea or garden views.

This is an ideal venue for unforgettable incentives experiences.





ANew Resort Ingeli Forest

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ANEW Resort Ingeli Forest offers four fully equipped conference venues with the largest venue seating up to 200 people. A variety of conference and wedding packages are available to suit your requirements. Our Banqueting Team is here to assist you to ensure that your event is a successful one.







	Banquet	Cinema	Schoolroom	U-Shape	M2
Nkulundaba	180	200	180	100	200
Pelindaba	90	150	120	60	150
Boardroom	10	20	70	40	35
Chapel	60	100	N/A	N/A	250





TO Strand Beach Resort

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TO Strand Beach Resort is located on the sunny South Coast, in Port Edward KZN, on the doorstep of a beautiful semi-private beach.

Our facilities boast 64 self-catering units, a restaurant, kiosk, 3 venues as well as a variety adventure team building activities.

Our Imbizo conference centre can host up to 100 guests and our two larger venues up to 320 guests.

We offer fully catered packages as well as sound, visual and lighting set ups for your conference/presentation.

	U-shape	School Room	Cinema/ Theatre	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Conference centre	40	60	100	40	40	60
Main hall	150	200	300	150	150	170
Stokkiesdraai	150	200	300	150	150	170

Wild Coast Sun

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Imagine a conference with an 18-hole championship golf course on its doorstep and the Indian Ocean as the backdrop. At the Wild Coast Sun, conferencing is not just about brainstorms and tea breaks, it's an entire experience that will leave your guests feeling inspired and motivated.

With five adaptable conference rooms to choose from, a dedicated events team and flexible conference packages, welcome to the most sought-after function venue in Port Edward.





	Banquet Buffet	Banquet Served	Boardroom	Cinema/Theatre	Cocktail	Dance Buffet	School Room	U-Shape
Amadiba Boardroom (A&B)	500	600	N/A	900	800	460	500	N/A
Msikaba (1-4) Venues	220	300	30	300	500	180	250	N/A
Mtamvuna	160	200	N/A	250	300	180	150	80
Mzamba	60	80	N/A	80	100	N/A	50	40
Tropicall Nights Audotorium	N/A	N/A	N/A	670	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

List of Conference Venues Capacity Location Contact Name Banquet Cinema Schoolroom U-Shape Scottburgh info@bluemarlin.co.za; gm@bluemarlin.co.za Blue Marlin Hotel 80 100 90 60 Premier Resort hotel@cuttysark.co.za 110 190 120 44 Scottburgh Cutty Sark Hotel Selborne Park 120 140 90 30 Pennington proshop@selborneparkgolfestate.com Golf Estate, Hotel & Spa **Happy Wanderers** N/A 40 30 25 Kelso happywanderersza@gmail.com Holiday Resort Pumula Beach Hotel 90 120 100 70 Umzumbe marketing@pumulabeachhotel.co.za Banana Beach 90 150 100 70 Banana Beach niels@bananabeach.co.za Holiday Resort Umthunzi Hotel reservations @umthunzi.co.za 80 125 80 80 Umtentweni and Conference Lake Eland Game 30 30 Oribi Gorge reservations@lakeeland.co.za 30 30 Reserve **ANEW Resor** charmaine@anewhotels.co.za 180 200 180 100 Harding Ingeli Forest St Michaels Sands Hotel N/A St Michaels reservations@stmikes.co.za 50 30 50 Margate Hotel 200 300 120 Margate suzette@margatehotel.co.za 200 Margatesandsgm@firstgroup-sa.co.za Margate Sands 50 70 40 40 Margate San Lameer Resort 120 140 120 60 San Lameer Operations@sanlameerhotel.com Hotel & Spa N/A TO Strand Resort bookings@tostrand.net 250 80 80 Leisure Bay The Estuary Country Hotel coo@estuaryhotel.co.za; rdm@estuaryhotel.co.za N/A 100 90 60 Port Edward Port Edward wcs.banqueting@suninternational.com; 16 Wild Coast Sun 900 670 500 80 cynthia.nene@suninternational.com



INCENTIVES & TEAM BUILDING PARADISE

There's nowhere better to reward and inspire high performing employees than in the KZN South Coast. Its natural settings make it a haven for outdoor activities, while its multicultural population creates the perfect melting pot for cultural and culinary discovery. There is something to offer groups of all sizes and tastes – from the epic Oribi Gorge bungee jump and journeying through beautiful landscapes on a diesel locomotive, to golf courses that are on par with the best in the world.





INCENTIVES & TEAM BUILDING IDEAS

- Movies Under the stars
- Dive with the sharks
- Abseiling
- Gorge Swing
- Power Boating
- Zipline
- River Rafting
- Wakeboard
- Mingle with locals and make a difference visit KwaNzimakwe, Nyandezulu, and Ntelezi Msani Heritage Centre
- Visit the Beaver Creek Coffee Farm take a Barista Course
- Indulge your palate
- Rope Course





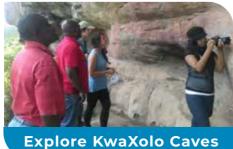




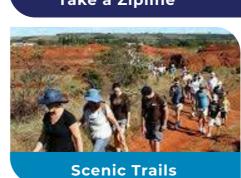


Awe Inspiring Experiences















Mountain Biking







Beach Horse Riding



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Blue Marlin Hotel







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The House of Rising Sun







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Ironwood







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Dieu-Donneé River Lodge







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St Michaels Sands Hotel







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Kridzil Holiday Flats







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Bottlenose Guest House







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The Estuary Country Hotel







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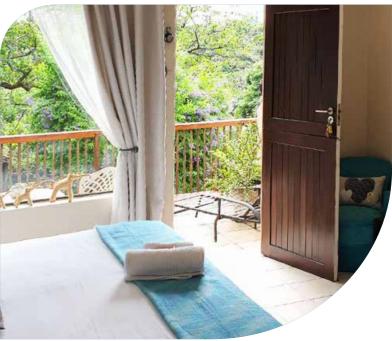


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The Albatros Guest House



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SERVICES

Ugu South Coast Tourism Marketing Team will provide you with the necessary support to make sure that your business event is a success.

The following services are provided at no cost.

- Advice on suitable conference venues
- Advice on hotel accommodation
- Advice on Social Programs
- Advice on service providers
- Facilitation of support

- Site Inspection (excluding flights)
- Use of our image library
- Promotional material
- Web links
- Facilitate visitor information booths

Marketing Contact Details

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency

The rand (Code ZAR) is the currency of South Africa.

It has a symbol "R" and is subdivided into 100 cents.

Taxes

VAT is currently at 15% and is included in the retail price displayed on most goods and services.

Visitors to South Africa may claim refunds on VAT paid on goods to be taken out of the country.

VAT refunds administration offices are found at all major international departure points.

To claim VAT, the original VAT invoice document is required.

Time

South Africa's time is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). It is therefore an hour ahead of central European Winter Time, seven hours ahead of Eastern Standard Winter Time and seven hours behind Australian Central Time.

Smoking

Smoking in public areas is prohibited, and is only allowed in designated areas. Most restaurants, hotels and other facilities have designated smoking areas/rooms

Driving

KZN South Coast has good road infrastructure with beautiful scenery that makes road trips pleasurable.

Car Hire

There are many car rental brands to choose from at all major airports and cities. Cars can be picked up and dropped off at different locations. It is mandatory that all car rentals rates include fire and third party liability insurance. All major credit cards are accepted as a payment method.

Driver's licence

Any valid driver's licence is accepted in South Africa, provided it bears the photograph and signature of the holder and is printed in English. Drivers must carry a valid driver's license at all times of driving.

Keep Left

South Africa drives on the left hand side of the road, and vehicles are passed on the right.

Speed limit

The general speed limit on South Africa's national highways, urban freeways and other major routes is 120km/h. On secondary roads it is 100km/hour. In residential areas it is usually 60km/h and 80km/h unless otherwise indicated. Speeding is strictly enforced with cameras, and fines are high.

Seatbelt

Wearing of seatbelt is compulsory. Using handheld phones while driving is against the law.

Day 1

Arrival & Check In Afternoon at Leisure Dinner Overnight Stay

Day 2

Breakfast
Morning at Leisure
18 Holes Golf at Umdoni Golf Club
Dinner
Overnight Stay

Day 3

Breakfast
18 Holes at Selborne Country Club
Lunch.
Depart for Southbroom
Exclusive Dinner & Wine Experience
Overnight Stay



TOURS Golf Experience



Day 4

Breakfast 18 Holes at Southbroom Club includes Halfway Picnic Lunch & Massage on the Beach Traditional South African Braai Overnight Stay

Day 5

Brunch on the Clearwaters Viewing
Deck
18 Holes at Wild Coast Sun Country Club
includes Halfway
Pizza & Wine Evening
Overnight Stay

Breakfast Snack at Coral Tree Colony

Day 6

Breakfast
18 Holes at San Lameer Country Club
Lunch.
Massage or Spa Treatment at Camelot
Spa
Dinner
Overnight Stay

Day 7

Breakfast Morning at Leisure Tour Ends & Transfers



Agri Tourism and South Coast Hinterland Experience

Day 1

Vernon Crookes Nature Reserve

Experience beautiful combination of grasslands, coastal forests, rivers, wetlands and mountains.

There are some 56 mammal species and over 300 recorded bird species.

BBS Farm

BBS Farm produces a variety of tomatoes including exotic tomatoes, green peppers, bananas and macadamia nuts.

It exports macadamia nuts to the United States, Europe and the Far East and also to major retail stores.

Lunch

Port Shepstone Museum

View various displays, including the ethnographic and maritime collections and to learn about the history of the South Coast.

Dinner

Overnight Stay

Day 2

Breakfast

Beaver Creek Coffee Farm

Offers visitors a daily crop to cup tour that outlines the distinctive flavours of the world's coffee regions and the processes involved in creating the perfect cup. Visitors get bottomless coffee after tour.

Mac Banana

Viewing of activities & Lunch

Banana Farm Tour

Embark on interesting guided tour that will take you closer to a banana tree - learn how banana trees are planted.

The facility is home to a wine cellar boasting the best wines in the region with regular wine tasting events.

Dinner

Overnight Stay

Day 3

Check out and depart for **Oribi Vulture Viewing Hide**

The guided 2 hr 'vulture viewing experience' allows visitors the unique opportunity to observe and photograph this resident breeding colony of over 200 wild Cape Vultures up close in their natural habitat.

Tea Tree Oil Information at Lake Eland Game Reserve

Information regarding Oribi Tea tree oil.

Viewing of plants and how the distillery process looks like.

Tour Ends & Transfers

KZN South Coast's Beach & Bush Experience

Day 1

Shark Cage Diving at Aliwal Shoal,
Umkomaas
Breakfast at Blue Marlin Hotel
Depart for Oribi Gorge, Lake Eland
Game Reserve
Viewing and suspension bridge
Lunch
Depart for Anew Resort, Ingeli Forest
Weza Forest - Viewing & Bird Watching
Check In

Dinner

Overnight Stay





Day 2

Morning Mountain Biking, or Hiking Breakfast followed by Check out Depart for Margate Site Seeing –(Uvongo ,Margate and surrounds) Lunch at Zuri Beach Club in Margate Banana Farm Tour at Mac Banana Afternoon at Leisure

Dinner

Overnight Stay



Breakfast followed by Check out Horse Riding in Trafalgar Blue Flag Beach Lunch at the Waffle House

Tour Ends





