

Caribbean Estates

In the lush tropical setting of South Africa's KwaZulu Natal South Coast is a unique private Estate called Caribbean Estates, bordered by the Indian Ocean on the East and the Umtamvuna River on the South.

Caribbean Estates is an established development with magnificent three, four or six bedroom villas available for purchase or to rent for the holiday of a lifetime. The villas are exquisitely furnished and equipped.

Facilities on the Estate include a beautiful swimming pool complex with 2 additional pools on the estate, tennis courts and a small playground for children. Bring your own boat or take advantage of the boats, jet skis and other equipment at Water World operating from the Old Pont nearby.

Direct access to the unspoilt beach and the grand Umtamvuna River is via scenic walkways through the beautiful conservation area, where a huge variety of birdlife can be seen. The patient observer may even come across small buck species and Samango monkeys.



UNITS AT CARIBBEAN ESTATES: TORTUGA

2/3 BEDROOM APARTMENTS

- Tortuga has undercover carport parking, as well as open air parking that guests can make use of. All of the Tortuga apartments have their own patio/balconies and they overlook the Tortuga pool area.
- These apartments all have gas braais, but there are communal wood/charcoal braais around the pool area that guests may use at any time.
- The Tortuga apartments are also adjacent to the Estates' tennis courts, guests may bring their own racquets and balls, but can also obtain the equipment from the main security office for a nominal refundable deposit.



ANTIGUA

1 & 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS

- Antigua – consists of 2 types of apartments (upstairs and downstairs)
 - 6 sleeper - 2 bed/2 bath with a sleeper couch
 - 4 sleeper - 1 bed/1 bath with a sleeper couch
- Antigua has only 8 apartments and they are **strictly for Timeshare use only**. The 6 sleepers are on ground level, while the 4 sleepers are upstairs.
- Antigua has its own pool area for adults and children and is close to the main reception area, with a lovely view of the pond and wildlife.



MONTEGO BAY

6 - 8 - 10 SLEEPER APARTMENTS

- Montego Bay – consists of 3 types of apartments (upstairs and downstairs)
 - 6 sleepers - 3 bed/2bath
 - 8 sleepers - 3 bed/loft/2 bath
 - 10 sleepers - 3 bed/loft/2 bath
- Montego Bay is closer to the river, with lovely walkways going to the beach and river.
- The pool area in Montego Bay is equipped with both an adult and kiddies' pool as well as a playground, but please note, the pools are not heated.



Activities in the Estate

THERE IS MUCH TO DO AT CARIBBEAN ESTATES

Caribbean Estates is fortunate that we are located on the South Coast with tons of stuff to do in the area. However you do not have to leave the Estate to have a great time.

We have plenty to do on the Estate, from nature walks, wildlife, fishing, to birding etc.

If you tire of nature, you can play tennis, swim in one of 3 pools, do some shopping at our convenience store and while the kids are playing on the jungle gym and swings, the grown-ups can treat themselves to a luxurious spa treatment at La Vita Spa.

La Vita Spa

At La Vita you can relax and have a luxurious massage, facial and a pedicure. Treat yourself to a waxing and many other specialised treatments.

Swimming Pools

Sea a bit rough for you? We have three dazzling swimming pools for you to relax or play in, our pools are clean and exceptionally well maintained all year round

Store

Having a shop on the premises means that you don't need to worry about leaving the resort when you need something.

Tennis Courts

As a haven for tennis enthusiasts, Caribbean Estates offer two superb courts. Our wonderful climate let you play matches all year around, including at night

Kids Play Area

We know that sometimes you want to relax but your kids still want to have a great time, we have a kiddies area at the Main Pool for their use

Activities in the area

THE SOUTH COAST HAS MANY ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The South Coast is a true gem, we are blessed with mild winters making swimming possible throughout the year, and although our summers can get pretty hot it is not the hottest in the country. There is always something to do on the coast, just ask us and will recommend excellent and unforgettable activities.

Adrenaline Junkies

The only place is Oribi Gorge and try out one or all of The Wild 5 activities. It is located some 12kms inland from Port Shepstone. It is guaranteed to have your heart racing and your pulse pounding.



Lake Eland

Lake Eland Game Reserve is the perfect venue for a family holiday, romantic getaway or simply a day's outing. Spectacular views of the Oribi Gorge and abundant wild life make this a unique experience.



Mac Banana

The following activities are held at Mac Banana's: Quad bike rides, Paint Ball, Giant trampoline, Banana Tour and Mac Venture Golf and a pancake restaurant.



Clear Water Trails

The Umtamvuna Mountain Bike trail will provide all the thrills (hopefully not the spills) for the avid mountain biker, we have trails for the beginner to the expert.

Wild Coast Sun

The Wild Coast Sun is a casino and resort that has a lot to offer - apart from the gambling! There is a fabulous area for children (and for adults too) called Aloha Village.



Horse and pony rides

Horse riding is available at Wild Coast Sun for your enjoyment. Everyone's dream! An opportunity to ride along the unspoiled beach for beginners to experienced riders.



The Pont

Scenic River cruises aboard 60 seater double deck "Spellbound Gambler" or more intimate 11 seater pontoon "Sundance" on the Umtamvuna River. Speedboat rides and fun-filled tube rides are also available.

Golf

The nearest is the Wild Coast Sun on the opposite river bank. Port Edward has a 9 hole course, Southbroom a scenic 18 hole course, San Lameer is challenging with a lovely setting. Book in advance.

Fishing

This has to be the ideal holiday occupation-relaxing, peaceful, soothing, and on the occasion very unproductive! Rough oceans or easygoing rivers - choose what suits you.



Crocodile Farm

Riverbend Crocodile Farm has enormous crocodiles (very exciting at feeding times) Also available is a Snake house, superb Art Gallery & Curio Shop, and a delightful, fully licensed café.

Pure Venom

Pure Venom will give you the fright of your life! This farm has the largest private collection of Rattlesnakes, Pythons and Cobras in the country. Slither your way to Izotsha to find them.



Dolphin viewing

The only registered whale watcher in this area is Spike of Ocean Safaris. This is a once in a life time experience, and is not to be missed.

Shopping malls

There are two brilliant shopping centres in Shelly Beach-South Coast mall and Shelly Centre. These have a variety stores to cater to all your shopping needs.

Deep Sea Fishing

Available charters include Aqua Vida Charters, Sensational charters, Tyde charters, Sosume charters, Riptide, Awesome charters and Baywatch charters - all at your disposal.



Vulture Viewing

Oribi Vulture Viewing Hide has a breeding colony of 150 plus Cape Vultures on their doorstep, allowing very close up and personal encounters with these magnificent birds.

Wild Waves

Featuring some of the world's best and latest rides, the Wild Waves Water Park has an incredible and exciting assortment of water activities to appeal to all ages.

Places to eat & drink

LOCAL RESTAURANT

The Estuary at Port Edward is a magical romantic spot with gorgeous views over the lagoon to the sea - wonderful on a moonlit night.

The Country Lodge in Southbroom is a delightfully romantic cosy bar, with the choice of two restaurants.

Pistols Saloon at Ramsgate is a great place to go for a drink and have some Pizza. You may find your feet resting on a large pig, or your beer slurped by a donkey. Live music often on the weekends.

Local restaurants

We have collated a list of restaurants which have been tried and tested by our guests (and sometimes by ourselves!). However, as everyone has different tastes and requirements and standards can change, please check with Reception for the latest information.

Nature

THE UMTAMVUMA RIVER & NATURE

The Umtamvuna River carves its way through steep scenic gorges from its source in the Ngele Mountains down to the Indian Ocean. From Caribbean Estates, it is navigable to the Old Pont Resort, approximately 4 kilometers inland.

High rocky outcrops, verdant hills, small sandy beaches and secret little coves provide the most peaceful and lovely scenery. Look out for the Samango monkeys, baboons (generally on the highest point), Monitor lizards, Vervet monkeys, Sandpipers and the regal Fish Eagles.



If you decide to proceed on foot from the Pont into the Umtamvuna Nature Reserve, even more spectacular views await you. There is a simple walk alongside the river up to Leopards Beach (no-one's seen a leopard there, but you could believe that they might be around!). This is a short easy trail of about half an hour through riverine bush. It is well worth packing a picnic lunch to enjoy on the white sands of the beach - you can even cool off in the deep rock pools.

The Umtamvuna Reserve stretches some 25kms alongside the river and is 3,300 hectares in length. There are some rare plant species that can be seen; a total of 1,300 indigenous flowering plants. There are a number of walks and hikes to choose from. There is a second access with delightful covered braai areas about 8kms up the Izingolweni Road (turn inland at the Port Edward traffic lights).

In the reserve, look out for Bushbuck, Serval, blue and grey Duiker, Reedbuck and lots of other small mammals, including the Scrub hare and some mongoose. Also, keep a look out for the charming little woodland Dormouse, who may not be terribly visible, as they are 17cms long and live in trees! On the riverbanks themselves you may well see Dassies on the rocks, clawless Otter spoor (look out for the crunched up crab shells), and certainly lots of water and bush birds.

Jan and Natalie Abbot offer guided walks, bird watching and Bass fishing, Landrover day trips, tree and flower spotting, as well as mountain bike trails through the reserve and farmlands (there are bikes for hire). Contact Jan or Natalie on (039) 311 1130 / 083 549 6710 for more details.

The Caribbean Estates hosts a vast diversity of bird life, in and around the estate. Our favourite residents are the beautiful peacocks, yellow bishops and white whistlers, all content with living on the estate. Bird enthusiast will be in awe, so bring your binoculars.

Located only a few kilometres from Caribbean Estates, the Umtamvuna Nature Reserve is an absolute must. Run by the KwaZulu Conservation Services, it covers some 3250 hectares and lies along 25 kilometres of the river. There are several trails for walkers of varying degrees of ease and severity.

To quote Tony Abbott from the Reserve's publication: "The magic of hidden waterfalls, of staggeringly beautiful cliffs of curious colours and fantastic formations, the views over grassland to gorge and sea beyond, the blaze of colour as the grasslands burst into spring flowers ... a complete peace: all this and more is here to tempt you".



Beaches

DIRECT ACCESS TO AN UNSPOILED BEACH

Caribbean Estates has direct access to a beautiful, unspoiled beach. But please note that there are NO shark nets in place. There are NO lifesavers on duty on this beach, and due care should be



taken with regard to currents and sidewashes. If you see anyone in danger, please alert the security guards on (039) 311 2045.

The beach is very isolated, and we suggest that you do not take valuables with you, and try not to leave towels, bags, etc. unattended. It is also not advisable to sit in isolated spots alone.

Across the river, to the south, you can see the remnants of the Petrified Forest on the Wild Coast Sun beach at low tide - this is a 2 hour walk to see the fossilised trees, it is an organised event which normally leaves everyday at 9:00am. Contact The Wild Coast Sun on (039) 305 9111 for details.

To the north is Silver Beach (Port Edward), T.O Strand, Drakes Bay, Peter Pan Bay and Kidds Beach (Leisure Bay), Glenmore, Palm Beach, Trafalgar, Southbroom - and so on up to Durban! All are worth visiting, and all have a different appeal. Palm Beach and Trafalgar are known for their many different types of shells (depending on the tides, of course). Peter Pan Bay is a small, sheltered beach. Kidds Beach has some lovely rock pools. Southbroom has a lagoon for windsurfing. Port Edward's Silver Beach is great for kids, as there is the Supa Chube (water slide), the Oasis ice-cream shop, good surfing and general all-round entertainment.

Blue Flag Beaches

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A Blue Flag Beach is a beach that has met a very strict criteria, including safety and cleanliness. The South Coast is privileged to have Four Blue Flag Beaches - Marina Beach (15 km), Ramsgate Beach (25km), Trafalgar (20km) and Lucien Beach (30km). (Blue Flag status may be withdrawn without notice)

