

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), Eastern Cape, South Africa

South Africa's 'Friendly City' sits where the Indian Ocean meets wide sandy beaches and the wild Eastern Cape — the closest cruise port to the world's densest elephant population.

Docked (Port Elizabeth Harbour) Typical call: 8–10 hrs South African Rand (ZAR) English · Xhosa · Afrikaans

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Commercial berth, working harbour

Walk to center: 15–20 min or short taxi

Best For: Wildlife · Beaches · History

Don't Miss: Addo Elephant National Park

Getting around: **Taxi** \$4–7 USD · **Rideshare** Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Addo Elephant National Park** — Home to over 600 African elephants plus buffalo, lion, rhino, and hippo, Addo is 72 km from port and absolutely worth the drive.
- **Kragga Kamma Game Park** — A compact private reserve just 20 minutes from port with rhino, giraffe, zebra, cheetah, and more.
- **Bayworld Museum Complex** — A beachfront complex in Humewood combining the Port Elizabeth Museum (natural and cultural history) and the historic Snake Park, established in 1919.
- **Beachfront Boardwalk & Hobie Beach** — PE's kilometre-long beachfront boardwalk runs from Humewood to Hobie Beach — one of the best swimming beaches on the Indian Ocean coast.
- **Donkin Reserve & Victorian Heritage Walk** — The hilltop Donkin Reserve overlooks the city and harbour with a distinctive stone pyramid built in 1820.

BEST WALKS

- **Donkin Reserve to Market Square** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — Start at the Donkin Reserve on the hill for panoramic harbour views, then walk down through the Victorian terrace rows to Market Square and the ornate City Hall — PE's...
- **Kings Beach to Hobie Beach Boardwalk** 2 km · 40 min · Flat — A classic beachfront stroll along the Indian Ocean.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:40AM–5:54PM · Jun 7:21AM–5:14PM · Aug 6:56AM–5:47PM · Sep 6:16AM–6:09PM · Oct 5:36AM–6:30PM	
Apr	71°	61°	6d		
Jun	68°	55°	5d		
Aug	66°	54°	7d		
Sep	67°	56°	7d		
Oct	68°	59°	8d		

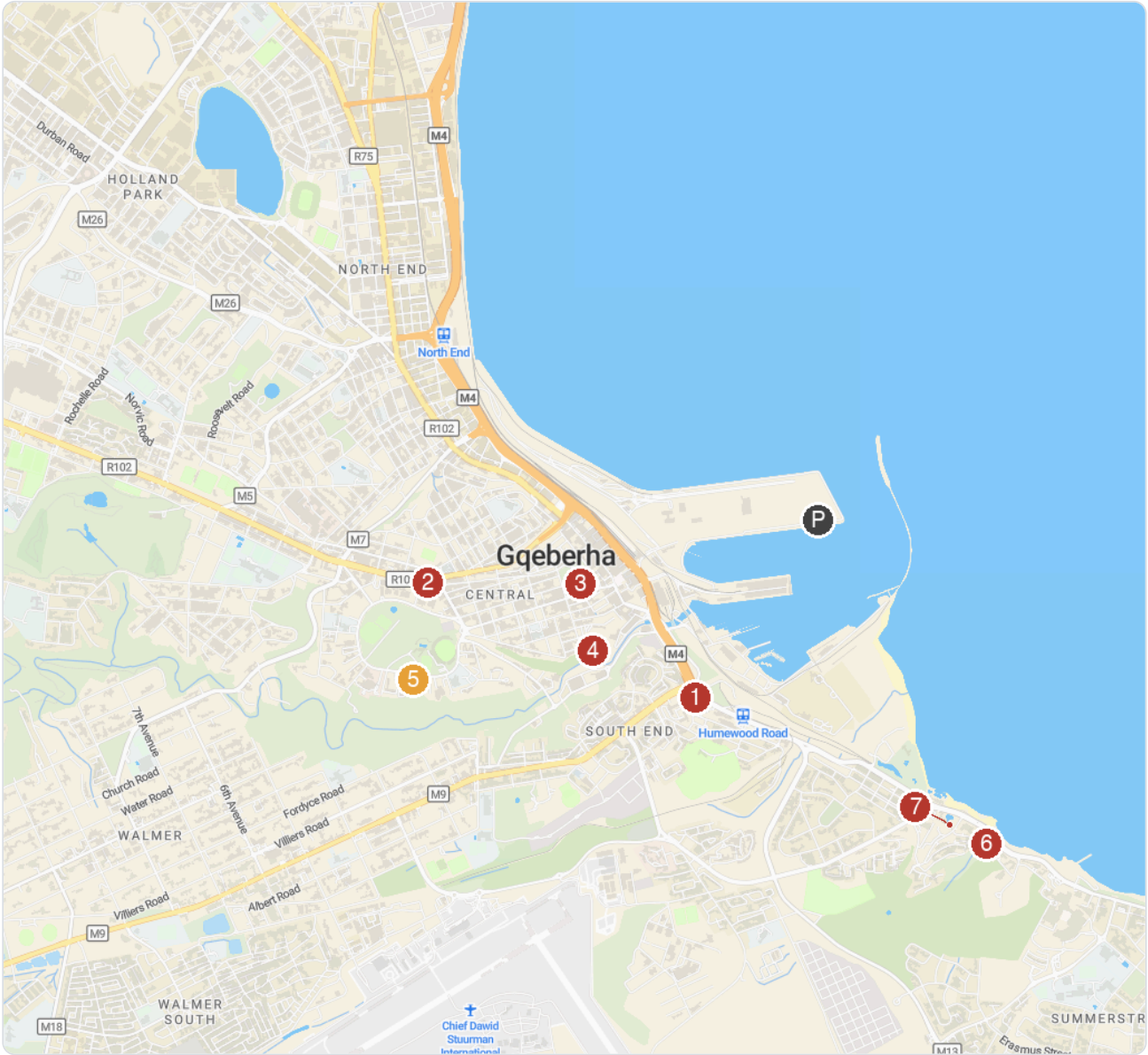
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Rand, not USD. South Africa is excellent value when you exchange to ZAR. Airport-style bureaux near the terminal are fine; avoid unofficial street exchangers.
- Addo is a full day — book in advance. It fills up fast on ship days. Only go with a ship-organised tour or pre-confirmed private operator with guaranteed port return.
- Use Bolt, not street taxis. The Bolt rideshare app works well in PE and pricing is transparent. Download it before you arrive and top up data or use a local SIM.
- Weather swings fast. The Eastern Cape coast can shift from sunny to blustery in an hour. A light windproof layer and sunscreen both earn their keep.
- Kragga Kamma for last-minute wildlife. If Addo is sold out or too long, Kragga Kamma Game Park is 20 min from port, no booking required, and often has rhino, cheetah, and giraffe in view.
- Bayworld is underrated. The beachfront museum and snake park are cheap, air-conditioned, and cover a lot — good fallback if weather turns or you want shade. (The oceanarium is closed for redevelopment.).

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), Eastern Cape, South Africa — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 South End Museum | Museum preserving history of forced removals in South End. | 2 Horse Memorial | Memorial honoring horses killed in the Anglo-Boer War. |
| 3 The Donkin Lighthouse (Est. 1861) | Historic lighthouse offering panoramic views from Donkin Reserve. | 4 Fort Frederick, Eastern Cape | Historic British fort built in 1799, overlooking the city. |
| 5 GFI Art Gallery | Contemporary art gallery showcasing diverse South African artworks. | 6 Happy Valley | Scenic park with gardens, ponds, and miniature railway. |
| 7 Bayworld | Marine park and museum complex with oceanarium and snake park. | P Cruise port / terminal | |