

SUMMER SEASON WELCOME MESSAGE FOR EDTEA MEC SIBONISO DUMA

As the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs I extend a hearty welcome all the thousands holiday makers who have come to spend their well-earned getaway in the Zulu Kingdom.

KZN is always thrilled to receive and host multitudes of people from across South Africa and the world, who choose to spend their holiday here and indulge on our warm, unsurpassed hospitality.

Our magnificent province is indeed a safe destination in which to enjoy a well-needed getaway, wherever you are heading be it to the north and south coasts, a game reserve surrounded by magnificent wildlife and an abundance of nature, or the Drakensberg mountains.

We commend the support of our stakeholders, KZN Sharks Board, local municipalities, security cluster partners, SAPS, lifeguards, and tour guides who continue to demonstrate their great concern and care for our tourists.

However, I also appeal to the people of KwaZulu-Natal to extend their hospitality to our visitors and offer a helping hand to tourists who may need assistance. We also urge our tourists to comply with all safety measures that are meant to protect them and eliminate any incidents that might jeopardise their safety.

While you are here, I encourage you to take a day drive and explore beyond the boundaries of your planned holiday; enjoy the rich history and culture of the province, enjoy the variety of restaurants, taste the wide range of African cuisine, indulge in a true KZN curry, and revel in the nightlife.

I want to emphasise that KwaZulu-Natal has 600km of beach that can be explored from Sodwana Bay in the north to Port Edward in the south. Except for the problems along some parts of the Durban city coastline, these other beaches are clear, and safe for bathers and all other beach activities.

We wish you a pleasant and memorable stay in our province and hope that when you return home you share the fun and memories with friends and family and encourage them to experience the exceptional Zulu-Kingdom for themselves.

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