

Featured Port

PORT ELIZABETH / GQEBERHA - A Port of Passage, Heritage, and Heart



Cruising South Africa's Eastern Cape offers many rewards — and Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), set along Algoa Bay, remains a rewarding stopover for yachts transiting between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, or just to catch a breath after enduring the Agulhas current "slay" ride.

Though the harbour is primarily commercial, the surrounding city, waters, the local sailing community extend a genuine welcome to visiting cruisers.

Gqeberha Yacht Club (GQYC) a "virtual" run sailing club, in conjunction with Algoa Bay Sailing Marina (ABSM) are always on hand to welcome & assist inbound visiting Yachtsman & woman.

Marina facilities are limited, & mooring availability is on a "First come first serve" basis. Regrettably Very large yachts cannot be accommodated, but not to deter them from visiting PE, the locals will "make-a-plan" for which they are famous for.

Great restaurants are on the shoreline of the Marina, with ablution facilities. Whilst the City outside has many wonderful venues & facilities worthy of a visit.

Mooring & Marina Information:

There is a Travel Lift managed & operated by the PE Port Authorities; this allows for nearly all size yachts to be hauled out for minor maintenance work. (Forward/advance arrangements must be made).

ABSM have a Hard Stand area which is great for smaller yachts <12m to be hauled out using a mobile crane.

- Call Port Control on VHF 12 before entering.
- Be cautious of large commercial vessel traffic at all times.
- Should no available mooring space, Berthing may be available alongside working quays or fishing wharves/boats.
- Please always use the ONLINE Passage Plan. This allows the Clubs/Marinas to assist visiting boats better.
- Whilst the walkon moorings are limited, they do have water & electricity points. Fuel is by arrangement.
- Chandler services/retail is available, but limited for yacht supplies.

Things To Do Ashore

Gqeberha remains a rewarding stop over often overlooked. With world class Game Reserves less than an hour away from the City. Addo Elephant National Park, Shamware, Schoita, game reserves to name a few. All offering the big 5/7

Donkin Heritage Trail _Explore the city's colonial past and transformation through this self-guided trail, featuring historic architecture and monuments.

Fantastic local beaches & surf spots, with the World famous JBay & Bruce's Beauty an hour away.

Cruising Essentials

- Coordinates: 33°57'S 25°38'E
- Port Elizabeth is an official Port of Entry. Please ensure all pre-arrival documents have been submitted well in advance.

Final Thoughts

Gqeberha's/Port Elizabeth maritime heart beats on. With vibrant culture, wildlife adventures, and an enduring spirit of hospitality, it remains a memorable port of call for sailors.

Fair winds — and here's to the next landfall.