

World Waveski Tour South Africa 2006 17 June - 9 July



SA Sports Tours have been appointed by SA Waveski to market this series worldwide. South Africa has become a popular sports tourism destination over the last ten years and with the temperate climate, warm Indian ocean waters and the prevailing weather systems that provide excellent surf, it is undoubtedly one of the top water sport destinations in the world.



Durban, South Africa has been chosen by the World Waveski association as the venue for the 2006 World titles. SA Waveski has approved a world waveski tour as a pre Worlds warm up which will comprise of three pre tournament events:

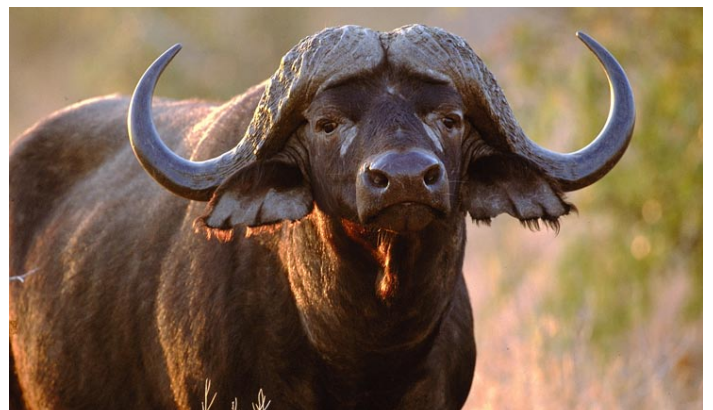
- **Cape Town**, Big Bay Bloubergstrand - Western Province open - **17-19 June**
- **J Bay**, Supertubes - Eastern Province Open, **22-24 June**
- **East London**, Nahoon Reef - Border open, **26-28 June**

Each event will be run autonomously while at the same time forming part of the 2006 World waveski Series. Competitors who decide to participate in all three pre tour events (World waveski Series) will accumulate points from each event which will count towards final places. These pre tournament events are intended to attract as many top local and international competitors as possible.

SA Sports Tours

SA Sports Tours are specialized in bound and outbound SATSA registered sports tour operators. We organize and market in bound tours for international clubs, schools and associations wanting to enjoy an exciting sports tour of our diverse country. We consider the *British Police cricket club* as one of our more prestigious clients. **SA Sports Tours** have been commissioned by SA Waveski to put packages together for all international competitors wanting to participate in the World Waveski Series and the world Titles to be held in Durban.

SA Sports Tours have the necessary expertise and experience to provide international and local competitors with a top-class service with booking of accommodation, transport and excursions. We are always available to you at any time to offer advice on tourist activities throughout your stay. We have the necessary STO contracts with many of the hotel chains in order to source the best accommodation and prices. **SA Sports Tours** has tirelessly researched the best accommodation options for the World Waveski Tour taking into account comfort, price and service accessibility. Our experience and services are available to all competitors for a nominal commission.





Transport

SA Waveski has requested that we provide a luxury coach and trailer to transport competitors from Cape Town through the Garden Route to J Bay for the second leg, then onto East London for the third leg, before finishing in Durban for the World Titles. This service can only be provided if there is enough interest from competitors to make it viable. Alternatively we are able to book 17 or 22 seater Mercedes Sprinters with driver for teams wanting to travel as a smaller group.

We have secured a deal with *Europe Car* to service the transport needs of competitors wanting to book cars as individuals or as smaller groups.

Booking procedure

Follow these 5 easy steps:

1. Contact Dale or Donelle at **SA Sports Tours**.
2. We send you a tour profile form to be completed and returned.
3. We personalise a package accordingly.
4. Once you are satisfied, complete the booking form and return to **SA Sports Tours**.
5. We secure your bookings.

Once booked with **SA Sports Tours**, we issue you with a reference number and you can then contact us for any info regarding travel and excursions in SA prior to or during your stay. We provide clear maps and directions from airport to accommodations and from accommodation to the event venue. We will also provide up to date info on restaurants, places to see, entertainment and shopping. **SA Sports Tours** provides you with a package that suites your individual requirements, at a price that suites your pocket and ensures no unforeseen surprises, all in one comprehensive service.

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Cape Town

Cape Town, in the shadow of Table Mountain, is the oldest city in South Africa, filled with diverse traditions and cultures originated from the Dutch, French Huguenots and Malay communities. If you enjoy night life, Cape Town is filled with activity at the many restaurants, pubs and night clubs. The V&A Waterfront has become one of the most popular tourist attractions in South Africa with an abundance of entertainment on offer.

The Stellenbosch / Franschoek region is well known for its excellent wines. Wine routes can be undertaken via self drive or organised tours.

Other sights include Robben Island where Nelson Mandela's was imprisoned for 27 years, Table Mountain's revolving cable car with a stunning view of Cape Town and the peninsula. The City is situated in the Western Cape at the most Southern tip of Africa. Cape Town is a must see and has become one of the most visited cities in the world.

The World Series will kick off in Cape Town. The contest will be surfed in the *Blouberg* area, with dominant break at a spot called *Big Bay*, situated about 30 km north west from the city centre. This is a beach break (sandy bottom) with swell generated from the cold Atlantic

ocean. Water temperature can drop to around 10 degrees Celsius, so a full wetsuit is recommended. Being situated on the west coast, off shore conditions are associated with south easterly wind directions. Various alternative surf spots for social sessions during the event lie between *Blouberg Strand* and *Melkbos Strand*. This is home territory for waveski legend, *Nikki Carstens*.

Why include Cape town?

- The mountain back drop makes it one of the most spectacular cities in the world.
- SA's premier tourist destination.
- The entertainment capital of SA

When visiting the city, a 250km trip north towards a place called *Elands Bay*, may be worthwhile for the serious waveskiers, as this is regarded as one of the

best left breaking point breaks in the world. This will take you up the *West Coast*, well known for its traditional fishing villages. *West Coast* crayfish and mussels are a must for seafood lovers.

From Cape Town toward *Jeffrey's Bay*, a half-way stop and sleep-over at *Stil Bay / Jongenfontein* (about 40m from the N2, just after

Riversdale) is a must, as some of the best waves in the *Boland* region are found here.



Various spots exist, from a perfect right hand point break at Stil Bay, to beach break and reef conditions at Jongsfontein, all within a 10km area. A brief stop at *Gouritz River Bridge*, on the N2 just before you reach Mossel Bay, offers the highest bridge jump in the world, this will get the adrenaline flowing if it isn't already. *Victoria Bay*, produces the best waves in this region. It is a point break, with right hand waves. This can also be considered for a sleep over, offering various holiday resorts and hotels.

Travelling eastward, you pass through the beautiful Garden Route between the town of George and Jeffrey's Bay.

On your way, stop for lunch in Swellendam and enjoy a *Springbuck pie* washed down with home-made Belgian ice cream at the *Old Mill restaurant*.

At the heart of the Garden Route is the town of Knysna - voted SA's best tourist town with some breathtaking scenery along the way. Knysna offers lots to see and do and has a pretty good night life. There are plenty of restaurants to choose from at the waterfront

Places to visit on route from Cape Town to J Bay are:

- Victoria Bay in George: Excellent waves in this picture perfect setting.
- Buffels Bay, quiet holiday villages just before Knysna, for surf stop.
- *The Heads* in Knysna has one of the most stunning views that the Garden Route offers.
- *Robberg Point* at Plettenberg Bay, a nature reserve with day hikes and stunning ocean views.
- If enough swell, the "Wedge" in Plettenberg Bay is the best wave for aerials and flip-aerials (home

break for *Neal Stephenson*)

- Blouberg Pass Bridge offers the highest bridge bungee jump in the world.
- Storms River in Tsitsikamma Forest offers a forest boardwalk at the river mouth, as well as tree canopy tours.

Jeffreys Bay

J Bay as it is affectionately known, is a small coastal town of retired residents, surfers and guesthouse operators. Business revolves around the hospitality, surf and clothing industries.



Competition venue

Jeffrey's Bay is situated in the heart of the Sunshine Coast. Well known for its perfect right point breaks, which works in south westerly condition associated with cold fronts. The best time for swell is in winter months, so June will be prime time for J Bay surf, as the 2000 world title proved. J Bay is home to waveski legend *Mike Fourie*, and is one of *Neal Stephenson* favourite spots (Both finalists in the 2000 world titles). Waves





vary between 3 and 8 feet, and water temperature in winter is between 16 and 18 degree Celsius, which makes spring suits more than adequate.

The town has a holiday atmosphere with a wide choice of restaurants, pubs and factory surf shops. Most accommodation establishments are within easy walking distance from shops and beach. Other surf spots are “Seals” at St Francis Bay, with others in Port Elizabeth.

The national airport at Port Elizabeth is linked via domestic flights to all South African international airports. Car hire and bus shuttle services are readily available from the airport to J Bay only 80 km away. Jeffrey’s is within day trip distance from private game parks in the region (e.g. Kragga Kamma Game Park and The Sea view Lion Park) and only 120 km from the world famous Addo National Elephant Park. The Casino complex in PE is within easy walking distance of most hotels and houses a large number of restaurants.

Look for the *Kenton on Sea* turn off as this little town is worth a visit. *Port Alfred* is the halfway mark and is also worth exploring or perhaps stopping over for the night. It is an ideal surf-stop as the East pier in the Kowie River mouth produces excellent fast right hand beach breaks waves.

Why include J-Bay?

- Rated as the best surf spot in SA and one of the best in the world
- Accommodation is plentiful and well priced

- An abundance of restaurants and pubs provide good food and cold beer at reasonable prices.

East London

The laid-back city with a temperate climate and the many rivers running through it make for breathtaking views.

Nahoon Reef

Centrally located in the city, is one of the world’s most famous reefs. It has played host to many world class water sporting events, including the Waveski World Titles in 1993. When the locals tell you it’s “firing” expect to see a 6-8 ft and round enough to park a double decker bus inside... sideways!, enough to take your breath away at first sight.

More to the truth, it breaks well with solid ground swell on the run with light Westerly / South Westerly winds brushing a clean face. It will produce a big wave that breaks slowly in sections, allowing the rider to maintain a long ride with big curves top to bottom, with the opportunity of





tucking under or going for lip and taking the drop - something I'm sure you'll experience in your time here.

Length of ride can vary from 50 meters when the gustily South Easter (onshore) blows and up to 400 m when conditions are as right. Although very powerful and not to be underestimated, the Reef can be one of the safest waves around. Allowing you to paddle to the infamous "bowl" at backline without getting your hair wet, and being able to take off where you please. Also note that the rock shelf below is normally in deep water so you can let your hair down when executing an "on the Cross" over the falls.

Nahoon Reef will be at its best during the Tour when it will peak, as there is an almost continuous westward moving of cold fronts producing correct swell and wind combination.

Equipment you might consider bringing: a spare paddle/booties and a hood can be useful - not a necessity/spring suit (short arms - short legs)/other accessories are easily available at waveski surf shops

at minimal costs, including ding repairs.

Three respected beach breaks are within paddling distance from the Reef - so going for a wave before or after your heat is no problem.

From East London its 780km onto Durban. Umtata is a good place to stop for a bite to eat. Unfortunately this route the only one through does not run along the coast line so one does not see spectacular Wild Coast scenery unless you decide to take a long detour.

Why include East London?

- Excursions - for a wonderful game viewing experience, visit Inkwenkwezi Game Reserve
- Restaurants - wide variety and well priced.
- Accommodation - Ample to choose from and very well priced.
- Night life - home to Numbers night club, rated one of the best clubs in SA. Buccaneers, overlooking Eastern Beach, regularly plays host to some of SA's top live bands and the Highlander pub at the Blue Lagoon Hotel situated at the mouth of the Nahoon River cooks at Sundowner time.

Durban

Durban, an industrial hub, has a rich history evident in the old colonial buildings dotted throughout this bustling city. The cultures are diverse and include large Zulu and Indian populations. The climate is sub-tropical with high average temperatures. The golden beaches and warm Indian ocean waters make it a year long beach holiday attraction, this is a non stop action and entertainment playground.

The World Titles take place at New Pier Beach





during the 2006 Vodacom Beach Africa festival. The festival attracts over one million visitors annually and includes live bands, fashion shows, watersport, beach sports, beauty shows and much more.

The festival is officially linked to the Virginia Beach Neptune festival, USA and the Bondi Beach Festival, Australia. 2006 promises to be the biggest yet.

New Pier, flanked by Dairy Beach and Wedge - one of Durban's most famous beaches to surf, is accessible from the marine parade which runs along the Golden Mile.

It is a predominantly right breaking wave where one would usually take off from the pier but when the swell pushes, the lefts have been known to work too. A classic world class beach break (sandy bottom) the length of ride has been known to be as long as 100m

from the pier right to the sand. Water temperature is a glorious 24 degrees.

Swell size obviously varies but at this time of year (June/ July) swell between 4 and 7 ft has provided some superb conditions. The rip against the pier often comes in handy when big swell is around. West wind are ideal wind conditions, straight Westerly is first prize, followed by South West then North West.

The beach is protected by a series of shark nets and patrolled by life-savers. There are a number of restaurants in its immediate vicinity, the most significant of which is Joe Kools consisting of a restaurant, bar and niteclub overlooking the beach. Web-shots of New Pier are taken daily and can be viewed on the web: www.surfconditions.co.za

Why include Durban?

- Venue for the 2006 World Titles
- The Vodacom Africa Beach festival
- It has all Cape Town has to offer other than the mountain and the water and climate is certainly warmer.

Domestic flights

There are a number of discount operators providing special offers on internal routes. This increased competition has led to better deals for all internal travellers. Please contact **SA Sports Tours** if you require any help in booking domestic flights.

