

SOUL IN THE CITY

Durban 09



All the facts!

1. What is SOULINTHECITY Durban?

It's a chance to change your life, and maybe somebody else's too! Join with us and spend a few weeks in Durban worshipping God by serving in some of the most disadvantaged communities of South Africa. Give up some of your time to be changed as you meet the God who cares desperately about the poor, the broken and the hurting. You could be doing anything from working in a crèche to rebuilding a playground, whilst your evenings will be opportunities to worship God in song and reflect on all that is going on whilst hanging out with loads of others.

2. When is SOULINTHECITY Durban?

SOULINTHECITY Durban will last for 13 nights from arrival on Wednesday 8th July 09 and until departure on Tuesday 21st July 2009.

3. How old do I have to be to go?

If you are over 16 then you can apply to come as long as you have a designated over 18 that your parents/guardian have consented to be responsible for you. If you are over 18 then you are welcome to apply alone. References will be taken up for everyone who applies, so your application is also dependent on this.

4. How much does it cost?

Soul Survivor will organise all aspects of your stay from 8th- 21st July once you arrive in Durban. This will cost £599 (excluding flights, which you will book yourself). Once your application is accepted you will need to pay:

£125 as a deposit to secure your place

£225 by 28th February 09

All final fees (another **£249**) are due by 30th April 09

If you cancel you will forfeit all the fees you have paid up to that date and claims for refunds must go through the insurance policy you'll be given.

5. What's included in the cost?

Soul Survivor will cover everything you need from when you arrive in Durban on 8th July until when you leave on the 21st July. This includes travel to the hotel from Durban airport, a hotel (with breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner provided), all travel to and from the projects, insurance, entry to evening meetings and travel/admission to several 'day off' activities (such as a game reserve).

6. So what else do I have to organise?

It will be up to you to organise your own flight from the UK to Durban (Key Travel, our partners in organising this trip, might be able to help you find flights at a reduced cost). You will need to ensure that you arrive at Durban airport by 4:00pm on the 8th July. At set times during the arrival day Soul Survivor will arrange several pick up coaches to transport you safely from the airport to the accommodation. You will also need to ensure that you book your return flight home on the 21st (though see below if you are interested in staying longer and/or arriving earlier). Be sure to bring a bit of spending money too (you won't need loads, just for any souvenirs or stuff you'd like to buy).

7. Where will I stay?

You'll be put up in a beachfront hotel in Durban and you'll share a room with up to four other people of the same sex (you'll have single beds and a bathroom too). The hotel will provide all meals including a nice packed lunch!

8. What will I be doing?

As well as staying in a hotel, you will be serving in some amazing projects run by a few of Durban's fantastic churches. You could be doing anything that helps projects serving in some very poor communities, such as; working in crèche's, helping out with food distribution, teaching in schools, working on basic regeneration projects and loads more besides.

This servant hearted stuff is at the core of the two weeks and you'll be getting involved in projects for nine of the 12 full days you are in Durban (excluding travel days). In addition there are three days 'off' which will include a trip to Tala game reserve, some shopping and visits to churches involved in SOULINTHECITY Durban.

9. What will a day look like?

There won't be any typical days during your time in Durban... they'll all be full of pretty different and exciting activities and experiences. However, you can expect to be up by 7:00am for breakfast, leave for your placement by 8:15am and be serving until around 3:30pm (with a stop for lunch of course). You'll have some free time each day once you return to the hotel in the late afternoon, after which you'll grab some dinner and then spend the evening hanging out with God at a Soul Survivor style meeting or with a host church. Then, and only then, can you sleep!

10. How will I get around Durban?

Soul Survivor will organise all your travel and we'll make sure you get to the projects, evening meetings or other areas safely whenever you are scheduled to leave the hotel.

11. What about the evenings?

On 11 of the 13 nights Soul Survivor will be holding an evening celebration where we will gather everyone together for times of worship, teaching and ministry. These times will be an essential part of our trip where we come to refocus on God in the midst of all we're seeing, learning and sharing together.

12. How many other people will be going?

There will be space for up to 350 people to come out to Durban to serve with us.

13. Can I go with a group?

Although this trip will be a great way to meet new people if you are coming on your own, we'd also love to see a few different youth groups come as we reckon SOULINTHECITY Durban will be an amazing way for people to bond together. If you wish to come as a group please be aware that we will have to allocate spaces on a first come first served basis, so get your group to commit early and all apply together. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that big groups will all be able to serve on the same project team (it may be necessary to split big groups up between several projects).

14. Will I be safe?

Durban is a beautiful place, but isn't the safest city on earth either. Crime is an issue, and SOULINTHECITY Durban will mean you will be serving in some of the poorer areas of the city. However, you will also be working with well-established, well-respected projects that are known by the areas, people and communities that they serve. Safety will be of paramount importance and we'll ensure that each small team has two designated leaders who will be responsible for making sure everyone is looked after and cared for appropriately. We will ask each person at SOULINTHECITY Durban to abide by certain simple guidelines to keep safe and in booking to come to SOULINTHECITY Durban you will be agreeing to stick to these rules.

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15. Who will look after me?

Soul Survivor mister man, Mike Pilavachi will fulfil his lifelong ambition to be a tour guide and host the whole trip... but practically he's unlikely to know much about health and safety or risk assessments. So, each project team will have several Small Team Leaders who will be responsible for liaising with the project and church hosts, ensuring the safety of each group whilst in the projects and checking the quality of work that is being done.

16. Who are Key Travel?

Key Travel are an ABTA and ATOL registered travel agent. They are helping Soul Survivor organise SOULINTHECITY Durban by booking accommodation and taking care of things like insurance. When you register and book, you will actually be paying Key Travel money, not Soul Survivor. As they have lots of experience in organising holidays and overseas placements we know you're in safe hands. They are nice, so expect to hear from them as we help plan your placement!

17. Will I be insured?

Part of the cost you pay to Key Travel will include a personal insurance policy that will cover you whilst you are in the care of Soul Survivor (so the 13 nights you will be staying with us). This policy will also cover you for up to 31 days, so if you choose to come early or extend your stay then you will have personal insurance for that period too. Even if you don't choose to book your flight through Key Travel, the insurance package that we take out will cover you if your flights are cancelled. More details of the type of thing the insurance policy covers can be found online at www.soulinthecitydurban.com).

18. How will I prepare?

Soul Survivor will organise an orientation event in Watford to be held in the spring of 09. At this event you will meet everyone else who is going, learn about the projects, find out a bit more about Durban and be given some key practical advice on health and safety and preparing for your placement. Dates for this will be confirmed nearer the time.

19. Can I stay longer in Durban on my own?

As you will be booking your own flights then you have the option of arriving early and staying on longer in Durban. However Soul Survivor will only be responsible for you from when you arrive on the 8th July (either at the hotel or the airport) until 21st July when you leave. Apart from this time you will be covered by the Key Travel insurance policy (it lasts for 31 days, you'll need to take out a separate policy for any time spent travelling in excess of this period) but no further activity will be organized as part of SOULINTHECITY Durban. You will need to arrange and pay for any time you spend in the accommodation before or after these dates direct with the relevant hotels (Key Travel will be able to help out with any additional accommodation outside of the specific SOULINTHECITY Durban dates).

20. How can I find out more?

For more info just visit www.soulinthecitydurban.com. If you have any questions then just email us at: Durban@soulsurvivor.com or give us a call on 0303 3331 333.

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21. How can I apply?

You can apply to be a part of SOULINTHECITY Durban at www.soulinthecitydurban.com. You'll need to fill out the online forms and pay a deposit (of £125 if before 31st December 08, £350 if before 28th February or £599 thereafter). Your application is then dependent on us following up references (if your references suggest you shouldn't come you will get all fees paid back). Please remember spaces are filled on a first come first served basis. Once your application is accepted then you will need to book your own flights (and send us the details)!

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