

Nongoma Tourism

YOUR CULTURAL HERITAGE DESTINATION



NONGOMA
Local Municipality



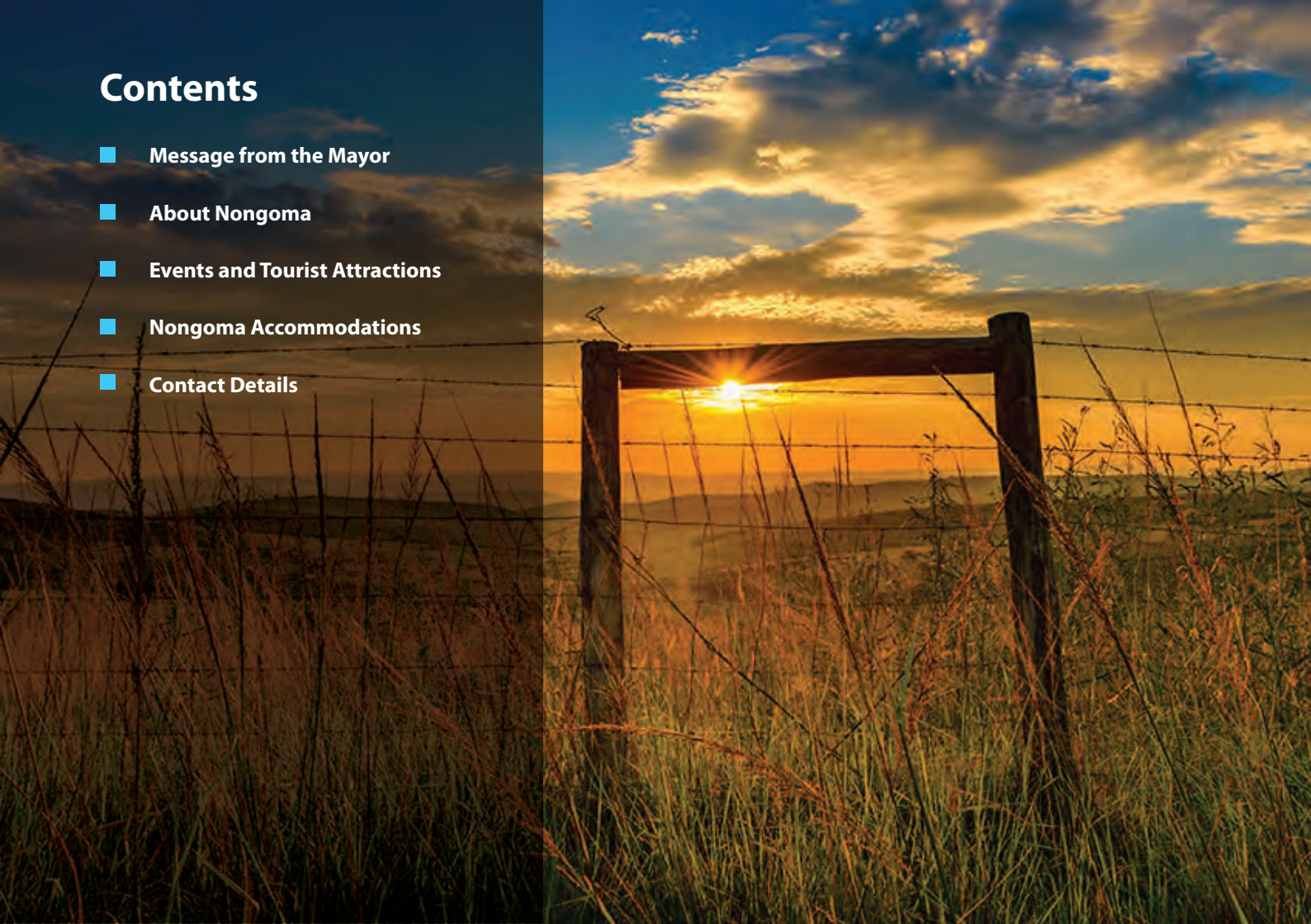
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Zulu Kingdom. Exceptional

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MAYOR ALBERT MNCWANGO

An open invitation to share our common cultural heritage

Tourism is one of the leading and fastest growing economic developing sectors in South Africa. Situated in the northern part of KwaZulu-Natal, Nongoma Municipality offers tourists the opportunity to step back in time and experience royal cultural ceremonies. As the royal city (IHlalankosi) Nongoma has six royal palaces which gives tourists a unique visit to yesteryears.

Using our unique position when it comes to Zulu cultural heritage, we acknowledge that cultural heritage activities not only preserve and enhance our unique, irreplaceable resource, but that such activities have the potential of providing a stimulus to many other areas as well.

Among tourist attractions Nongoma boasts Royal Palace Routes and the Battlefields of Msebe, Otshaneni, Esokosoko, eMajubaneni and KwaNdunu. To complete the Zulu historiography tourists can also visit surrounding areas which include Ulundi's Emakhosini Heritage Park, the Ithala Game Reserve and associated private sector game farms in uPhongolo and the tourism initiatives around the Pongolapoort Dam.

I invite you to come and share our common cultural heritage.

Nongoma Tourism Organisation

Nongoma Tourism Organisation (NTO) is the public face of Nongoma Municipality Tourism Office. The goal: to deliver a single, focused message that Nongoma is a unique, year-round cultural heritage destination with much to offer local and international tourists.

The organisation maintains an events calendar covering the municipality. It offers information and assistance specific to the needs of the tour operators, annual cultural event planners and travel media.



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IHlalankosi - The Royal City

Nongoma Municipality is located in the centre of northern KwaZulu-Natal. It is one of the five local municipalities of the Zululand District Municipality and has three traditional authorities, named Mandlakazi, Usuthu and Matheni. It is the only area in the world which has six Royal Palaces.



It is strategically located on the R66 between Ulundi (55Km) and Pongola, and the R618 between Hlabisa at the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park and Hlobane, near Vryheid. Durban is 300km south. The Black Umfolozi River flows about 15km south of town. The town serves as a marketplace for the surrounding rural areas. Nongoma is surrounded by international tourism attractions such as the iSimangaliso Wetland Park to the east, and by natural tourism attractions such as the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve to the south. In addition to this, the current King of the Zulu nation resides in Nongoma, and therefore the municipality is considered as the Heart of the Zulu kingdom (IHlalankosi).





Events and attractions

Mona Market

Mona Market is a traditional market which is held in the third week of every month. The market attracts thousands of people from all over South Africa. People bring variety of wares like fruits, vegetables, traditional medicine, cattle and crafts for selling.

Nongoma Mayor's 28km Marathon

This race attracts a large number of local athletes and people from nearby Municipalities under Zululand District Municipality. It takes place annually in February from Nokuvela Crèche to kwaGqikazi (Mthashana FET).

Zululand Ultra Marathon 56 km

The race attracts a large number of runners, especially from neighbouring countries. It takes place annually in March between Ulundi and Nongoma.

Nongoma

Nongoma is well known as a Royal City of Zulu Nation - IHLalankosi. This is where the reigning Monarch resides. Six of the King's palaces are among the main tourist attraction in the area.

Events and attractions

UMkhosi woHlanga

UMkhosi woMhlanga (sometimes called the Reed Dance) has become a popular cultural heritage and tourism attraction, which lures thousands of tourists both domestic and international. This spectacular ceremony has not only caught the attention of people all over the world but has brought in a sense of pride to the people of KwaZulu-Natal for their rich culture and heritage.

Exhibitions

SMME/Co-operatives exhibition. This is the exhibition that occurs annually in Nongoma and it attracts lots of people in Nongoma and surrounding areas.

Other Events and Attractions

Nguni Cattle

First Fruit Ceremony (Decemer)

INkosi Zwide Tree

King's Birthday (July)

Tourism Awareness Programme



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Nongoma Inn 035 831 0062

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Thokazi Royal Lodge 035 831 9000

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Other Tourism Events

Nongoma Tourism Friday is one of prestigious event that draws tourists to Nongoma. It is the most entertaining events for domestic and foreign tourists which visits Nongoma at the first Friday of every month of the year. For more information contact the Nongoma Community Tourism Organisation.

Nongoma Flea Market

Nongoma Flea Market exposes cooperatives/SMMES from different sectors into markets by show-casing and selling their variety of products to potential buyers/customers. It is open to cooperatives/SMMES at every first Saturday of every month. For more information contact the Nongoma Community Tourism Organisation.

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