

J-Bay Surf Spots:

As is with all surf spots, be cool, have manners, wait your turn and respect the locals and all should be good, and you will have a jol surfing great waves.

SUPERTUBES

South Africa's premier wave! A stiff paddle out awaits the unsuspecting surfer. Rather wait and watch how the locals do it. Timing here is everything. You can get into the line-up without even getting your hair wet but get it wrong and you will get hammered.

Once in the line-up, pause and check out the situation. Supers is the most localized spot in South Africa. Due to the crowds that flock to the break each year, local surfers have organized themselves to deal with the "invasion". However, if you wait your turn and show respect you will end up getting waves.

The wave is best in the 4 – 8 ft. category. On the better days the wave breaks from the top of the point and winds all the way along the reef, past the car park to an awesome barrel section. Then its kick out time before the wave closes out at Impossibles.

A SW wind is best. Due to the sand dunes, the break is protected no matter how hard the SW blows. NW is cross shore and often blows in the early morning. It creates a bump that can make things unpleasant, especially on critical take off's. East and SE winds destroy everything but are most predominant in the summer months. A South wind can still be fun as it causes "crumbly" sections that can be bashed.

TUBES

Further down the point, one comes across a fun barrelly wave aptly called Tubes. It a short and sometimes intense ride but loads of fun. On the bigger days there is a strong rip and the wave is best in the 4 – 5 ft category. Offshore on a SW wind, it also likes a S or SW swell direction. There is relatively small take off section, which means Tubes cannot hold a large crowd.

POINT

Not as protected as the other waves on strong SW day's, Point does handle a large swell. The bowl offers some heavy take-off's but after that the wave mellows out and becomes a bottom turn, cut back combination wave. On a really good day, barrels can be found here as well. A low tide means waves breaking right on the ledge and you can get fun waves here when it is too small to surf anywhere else. A South wind can also be fun as Point offers sections that can be truly blasted.

This wave is the perfect place to start your J-Bay surf trip. If you want to settle down and get used to the power and vibe of the town paddle out here. There is a gully in front of the car park but again your timing must be right. There is a long "danger zone" that has to be negotiated before you reach the safety of the back line, especially on the big days. Point is best in the 3-8 ft range, depending on what size waves you are comfortable with.

ALBATROSS

One of the uncrowded breaks in J-Bay. Slightly out of town, the wave works best on a NW wind and a low tide. Can get epic but usually better somewhere else. It needs the right combination of wind, tide and swell direction to get it good.

BONEYARDS

The top section of Supers. Breaks both left and right. Works best on a NW – blowing lightly. The wave has earned its name because it really breaks in shallow water

MAGNATUBES

Probably the heaviest wave in J'Bay. It's gnarly, unpredictable and sometimes just plain nasty! Best at 3-5ft and needs a NW. The SW is cross shore and the break is quite exposed. Likes a high tide, otherwise it tends to throw big close out sections.

KITCHEN WINDOW

Situated on Main Beach, Kitchens is a mellow reef break that is an underrated wave. A light SW wind is best on a mid-tide. As soon as the wind picks up, the spray starts feeling like buck shot.