Due to its rural, undeveloped nature, Port St Johns is a fisherman’s paradise, offering a wide range of surf, rock, estuary and river angling. These gentle giants make their way north to give birth in warm waters, and pass by Port St Johns again on their way back to the Antarctic.

The annual Sardine Run is a spectacular sight both above water, with thousands of seabirds dive-bombing the shoals, and below, where dolphins, sharks and gamefish feed on the baitballs.

The Sao Joao (“Saint John”), a Portuguese merchant vessel, passing the route between India and Europe, was wrecked up the coast after reportedly passing this location on St John’s Day in June, 1552. Some claim that the town is named after the ship.

Port St Johns is surrounded by one of the last (and largest) surviving expanses of a very dense type of jungle known as Pondoland Scarp Forest. It is one of the last refuges of the Cape Parrot and the Samango Monkey.
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