



Experience

The Kenya Coast

SHORT GUIDE FOR THE ACTIVE TRAVELLER

Beach, marine, eating out and more



Kenya Coast
more than a destination

MAGICAL KENYA IS SAFE AND READY TO RECEIVE VISITORS

As part of the Kenya's response to the COVID-19 pandemic which has devastated Tourism in Kenya and globally, the ministry of Tourism and Wildlife with the partnership of key stakeholders developed the Magical Kenya Tourism and Hospitality protocols. The protocols have played a key role in the safe reopening of tourism establishments in the country. They spell comprehensive measures to be followed by workers in the tourism sector as well as by tourists to guarantee the safety of visitors in the destination.

These protocols cover all aspects of the tourism industry and establishments that one is required to adhere to. So far, hospitality establishments and tourism attractions around the country including hotels, bars, restaurants, museums, game parks and attractions have adhered to the guidelines and installed all the required measures. Visitors and sector workers are required to also adhere to these protocols in order to protect themselves.

In recognition of the destination's adoption of the global health and hygiene standardised protocols dubbed "safe Travels", Kenya was awarded the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), Safe Travel Stamp in July.





The transport sector is crucial for the revival and thriving of tourism and the economy. Therefore, apart from the hospitality protocols, the Ministry of Transport released protocols to guide the reopening of the transport and aviation sub-sectors. This has guided the resumption of international and domestic flights. Air travel remains a key component in the revival of tourism in the country and globally.

These protocols have so far been instrumental in enabling the safe resumption of passenger travel. Adequate measures have already been put in place at all airports in the country and airport authorities work round the clock to ensure they are adhered to.

For travellers to remain safe from Covid-19 in the destination, it is important that they adhere to the protocols, this will allow tourism activities to go on.

All sectors related to the tourism industry are well equipped and prepared to receive tourists, guided by the guidelines developed.

**Frequently Asked Questions:
Covid 19**



“A Multi-Experiential Destination”

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Where you squint through the afternoon sunlight to watch traditional lantern rigged dhows sailing out beyond the coral reefs.

A place steeped in history, great diversity and life. A veritable paradise of sugar white, crystal clear waters and dramatic scenery.

It has something for any taste & budget with hundreds of hotels and resorts to choose from, a wide choice of dining and partying options. The Kenyan coast guarantees you once-in-a-lifetime experiences, rich with cultural heritage, natural attractions, tied together with warm and friendly locals. Discover the ultimate destination that matches your soul.





Some of these memorable top experiences include-

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The scenic seafront along Mama Ngina Waterfront is 3km long and one of the most breathtaking parks found in the high humid Mombasa Island. As a popular picnic site, enjoy the manicured gardens, local refreshments and snacks ranging from madafu to

cassava crisps with chili and lemon, to roast corn. The waterfront has an amazing view of the sea and one can enjoy watching huge ships sail in and out of the port.

The location is of great historical and cultural importance to the people of the Coast from the towering Baobab trees to the historic bunkers. Pass by the Haunted Pillar at Mbaraki, found West of Likoni Roundabout, with its controversial origin story and why it was built.

Dhow Sailing along Lamu Archipelago

Did you know that there are villages only accessible by boat in Kenya? Discover these and more when you jump on a dhow and take a cupful of the calmness of the archipelago as you relax in the shade of the deck and enjoy a sip of a traditional Kenyan

coffee and local Samosa. Later on surrender yourself to the majestically arresting Lamu sun set.

Cheer on the Donkey Race in Lamu

Donkey racing is a unique and memorable highlight of any visit to Lamu. Yup, you read right! What's more is Donkeys are a daily mode of transportation on the island. The talented local jockeys skillfully ride their donkeys for the entire length of the town, a sight to behold as you cheer for the fastest rider! And when the race is over, why not try to ride a donkey too?

Ancient Gede Ruins, take a Trip to the Past

Picture the bustle of the local trade in its glory days and discover pottery, beads, and coins providing evidence of the city's rising prosperity in ancient times. Pictured it yet? That's Gede, utterly breathtaking.

Get to know the Stars in Vasco Da Gama Pillar

Probably the strongest pillar in Kenya, erected to give the Portuguese sailing directions to India. Dance with the stars as the night twinkles away and the experts sprinkle knowledge about the Indian Ocean night sky, star, galaxies, star clusters and planets.

Kite surfing in Watamu wonders

Regarded as one of the best in the world, Kite surfing in Watamu is an unbeatable experience.





Whether you want to start lessons, are a beginner or a pro, you can find strong and consistent winds all - year round. But fear not, even when the wind is low, you can always partake in some unforgettable Paddle Boarding or Snorkeling!

Discover Fort Jesus and Mombasa History

Watch as history comes alive with techniques from some of the finest architects and engineers. Relive the story of resistance to the invaders and dive back into how the early settlers lived as you get enchanted by the charm of the past.

Mombasa Old Town Multi-Culture Essence

Take a walk in Mombasa Old town and feel the freshness of how past locals, Arabs, Asians, Portuguese and British have co-existed for hundreds of years.

Delight yourself with the old buildings with ornately carved doors and balconies, and stop by one of the many shops that sell antiques, souvenirs, spices, and fragrance oils to take a piece of Mombasa with you wherever you go.

Fort Jesus Light Show and Candlelit Dinner

Welcomed by guards in flowing robes brandishing flaming torches to a majestic and spectacular sound and light show at sunset. A specially designed and choreographed show using lights, sound effects, water features, fireworks and costumed actors will bring to life key historical events ending with a candlelit dinner in the open courtyard of the Fort, under the stars. Beautiful? You got that right.

Shimba Hills Discovery of the Antelopes

The home of the coveted Sable Antelope, with enchanting flora and scenically refreshing Sheldrick falls, Shimba Hills is just a few minutes away from the pristine beaches of Diani, overseeing the Indian Ocean.

Encounter the Ancient Swahili Culture in Charming Villages

Visit the pure coastal settlements, a collection of fascinating villages steeped in timeless tradition, embodying the life of a Kenyan, in all its simplicity. Become a local for the day and fall in love with genuine traditions, arts and crafts, habits, and local homemade meals.

One Coastline, Five (5) Distinct Experiences



A place where time slows down, Lamu is 341 kilometers by road northeast of Mombasa. Peaceful, tropical, laid-back, bohemian – and is still unspoiled by mass tourism: it is a place like no other. Life here revolves around long beach strolls, dhow sailing and exploration of the old Swahili settlements with their unique coral stone town houses. Enjoy a sailing day trip with a wooden





dhow to Pate Island to explore Faza Town, Pate Town, Siyu Fort & archeological site of Shanga. The archipelago contains several archeological/ historical sites of great significance, such as Takwa & Manda Town (both on Mnada Island) and Shanga (on Pate Island).

If you want to adopt the laid back peace of life; enjoy a blend of the African and Middle Eastern cuisines, then Lamu is the perfect gateway to getaway.



Malindi is a multi-generational and multi-cultural town located

105km from Mombasa. It is one of the beautiful coastal towns in Kenya steeped in rich heritage with several cultural and historical places to discover. It boasts of rich history and culture dating back to 1498 when it was first visited by Vasco Da Gama.

With a wide variety of exciting activities due to its diverse landscapes, it is truly a paradise with serene beauty and unspoiled surrounds.

You can wander through the alleys of the atmospheric old town, dine on terrific Italian/ Swahili food beside the Indian Ocean or take a plunge into the crystal clear waters of the marine park.

It a perfect fully integrated multi-generational beach getaway. The park is endowed with magnificent resources such as fringing reefs and coral gardens in the lagoons, sea grass beds,

well-protected national marine parks. The coast in the Watamu area is recognized as having some of the world-class dive sites. The reef here is close to the shore meaning that the coral reefs are easily accessible to novice divers and snorkelers.

For the more experienced divers the outer reef has some excellent drop offs and large brain corals attracting abundant sea life. Whether it's a family holiday, a romantic getaway or a wild coastal adventure, you'll never forget the wonders of Watamu, the land of the sweet people.



Located on the Eastern coastline of Kenya bordering the Indian Ocean, Mombasa is the country's oldest and second largest city (after Nairobi).

A popular beach destination, Mombasa's culture today still exhibits that of its past. Historical ruins like Fort Jesus de Mombaça (AKA Fort Jesus), an historic Portuguese fort, and the Old Town are attractions influenced by Mombasa's trade culture, with many examples of Portuguese and Islamic architecture.

With a diverse marine life, world-class hotels and a friendly atmosphere. There is a tropical climate all year; and it is a great destination filled with activities for all ages.





Easily accessible by sea, air, road and rail, it's the dream destination that can easily become your reality.



Surrounded by the breathtaking Indian Ocean, soft white sands encircled by lush greenery and the striking shade of emerald blue that emerges from its clear warm waters, Diani is Kenya's most relaxing retreat.

It is the perfect place to get away from the stress of everyday life or to relax before and after an exciting safari.

With its 17 kilometers of beautiful, flawless, soft white sand, Diani Beach has been awarded the best beach destination in Africa for 7 years running and is popular with families, honeymooners, backpackers and water-sports enthusiasts alike.

From visiting its marine national park, diving with dolphins and sea turtles, spotting whale sharks, kite surfing, skydiving and nightlife, Diani offers a range of activities for all ages.

Diani is blessed with a wide range of resorts, hotels, B&Bs and budget stays. From the backpacker to the luxury traveler, everyone can find a fantastic place to relax.

A foodie's heaven, Diani serves a platter of al fresco at various local small places and the best of local fresh Swahili dishes as you enjoy luxurious seafood platters in one of the romantic, highly rated international restaurants.



What's more, digest your meals with a day trip out on an original Dhow boat to Wasini Island to look for dolphins and sea turtles.

For a small adventure take a glass bottom boat or small fishermen's dhow to the sandbank and marvel at the fantastic underwater world. Go a bit deeper into the ocean and dive with one of the PADI certified diving companies in Diani.

The constant trade winds make Diani a top spot for kite surfers and windsurfers. Take it to the sky for the thrill seeking; skydiving down onto the pristine beach is a fantastic adventure. On land, guided walks through sacred forests, a monkey sanctuary, a turtle information centre and a trip to Shimba Hills, the only coastal national park that is home to the endangered Sable Antelope, isn't this just the perfect place to let go?

Iconic Wildlife Safari Experiences

Tsavo West National Park

Location: South Eastern Kenya, Inland from Mombasa

Distance: 250km from Mombasa (Mtito Andei Gate)

Duration of visit: Half day

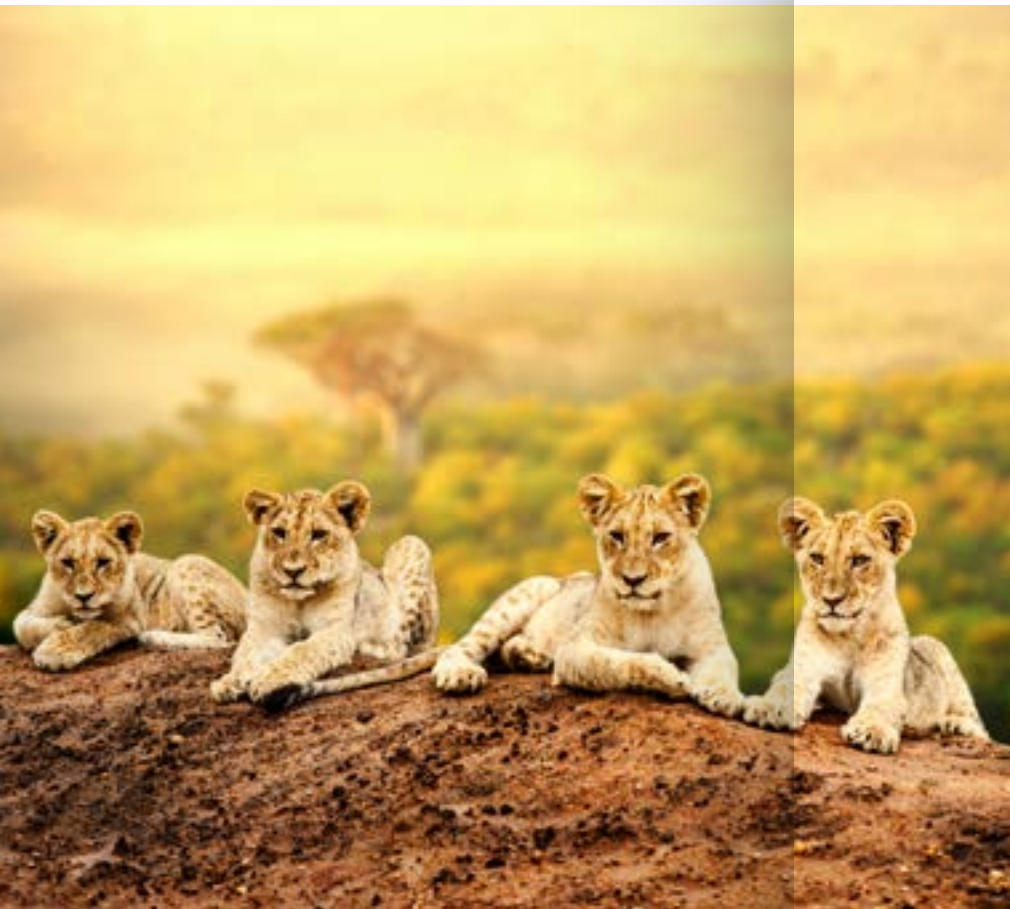
Park Entrance Fees:

Resident: Adult - Ksh 1,000 Child - Ksh 500

Non-resident: Adult: Ksh 6,604 Child: Ksh 3,408

www.kws.go.ke

Known as the land of lava, springs and man-eating lions, the park is also home to the iconic Mzima Springs with its crystal clear waters.



Take in the majestic sight of the jungle wild of elephants, leopards, cheetahs, wild dogs, buffalos, rhinos, elephants and giraffes. Yes, now you can get wild in the wild.

Tsavo East National Park

Location: South Eastern Kenya, Inland from Mombasa

Distance: 250km from Mombasa (Mito Andei Gate)

Duration of visit: Half day

Park Entrance Fees:

Resident: Adult: Ksh 1,000 Child: Ksh 500

Non-resident: Adult: Ksh 6,604 Child: Ksh 3,408

www.kws.go.ke

Among Kenya's oldest parks, Tsavo East is flat with dry plains, cut across by the Galana River, Yatta Plateau and Lugard Falls. You'll never miss to catch any of the elephants, buffalos, lions, leopards, and plenty of rare birdlife.

Shimba Hills National Reserve

Location: Kwale

Distance: 33km south of Mombasa town

Duration of visit: Half day

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult: Ksh 350 Child: Ksh 200

Resident: Adult: Ksh 600 Child: Ksh 350

Non-resident: Adult: Ksh 2,540 Child: Ksh 1,524

www.kws.go.ke

A short drive away from Diani, Shimba Hills with its dense forests straddles the turquoise

waters of the Indian Ocean or simply bask in the atmospheric presence of the elephants, leopards and sable antelopes.

Amu Ranch

Location: South Lamu

Duration: Half day and Full day

www.lamuconservationtrust.org

This ranch is abundant in buffaloes, giraffes, elands, hippos, crocodiles, waterbucks and bushbucks. The only caveat? The safaris need to be booked in advance.

Boni-Dodori Reserve

Location: Inland from Pate to Kiunga

To access the reserve, one has to use a boat, up the Dodori Creek. Catch the vibrancy of wildlife that graze beyond the white beaches and indigenous plants – an original experience.

Manda Bay Conservancy

Location: Manda Island/Manda Bay

www.mandabay.com

The conservancy is home to buffaloes, leopards, bushbucks and many other species. It reaches down to the beach on Manda Island with Safaris being booked in advance for those who are not guests at the lodge.





Marine Tours

Mombasa Marine National Park

Location: Mombasa town

Distance: 10.1km from Mombasa city Centre

Duration of visit: 1 hour

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 130 Child – Ksh 125

Resident: Adult – Ksh 300 Child – Ksh 170

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 1,727 Child – Ksh 1,321

www.kws.go.ke

Home to a variety of marine life including crab, sea urchin, sea cucumber and starfish, the park has sandy beaches, and beautiful coral gardens, and is a popular location for snorkeling and diving.

Watamu Marine Park & Reserve

Location: Watamu

Distance: 28km from Malindi; 120km from Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 130 Child – Ksh 125

Resident: Adult – Ksh 300 Child – Ksh 170

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 1,727 Child – Ksh 1,321

www.kws.go.ke

As a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the park is renowned worldwide for its pristine white sandy beaches and reef-protected lagoons, making it one of the best-kept secrets in the world. Well, until now. Get to enjoy the coveted wind surfing, snorkeling, sport fishing, diving, glass bottom boat rides, stand-up paddle boarding, dolphin and whale watching.

Kisite Mpunguti Marine Park

Location: Kwale

Distance: 50km south of Diani

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 215 Child – Ksh 125

Resident: Adult – Ksh 300 Child – Ksh 170

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 1,727 Child – Ksh 1,321
www.kws.go.ke

Known as the 'Home of the Dolphins', the marine park has about 250 recorded fish species, 70 resident dolphins, many sea turtles, whales and different unique corals, sea grass and gastropods that give it its characteristic alluring appeal.

Malindi Marine Park

Location: Malindi

Distance: 110km north of Mombasa

Duration: 1-2 hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 130 Child – Ksh 125

Resident: Adult – Ksh 300 Child – Ksh 170

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 1,727 Child – Ksh 1,321
www.kws.go.ke

The marine park is known as 'The Coral Garden' because of its enviable coral gardens in the lagoons, fringing reefs, sea grass beds, marine mammals and turtles.

Kiunga Marine National Reserve

Location: Kiunga Marine Park

Distance: 150km east of Lamu

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 130 Child – Ksh 125

Resident: Adult – Ksh 300 Child – Ksh 170

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 1,727 Child – Ksh 1,321

www.kws.go.ke

Further north along Kenya's spectacular Indian ocean Coast is the Kiunga Marine National Reserve. A pristine ecosystem incorporating a chain of about 50 calcareous offshore islands and coral reefs in the Lamu Archipelago, visitors can view the teeming sea life in coral reefs, sea grass and extensive mangrove forests which are a refuge for sea turtles and dugongs. The reserve provides ideal opportunities for wind surfing, diving and snorkeling, water skiing and sun bathing.

Manda Toto Conservancy

Location: Manda Toto Island and Reef

Distance: 5.3km from Lamu

A popular spot for a day of snorkeling, swimming and picnicking on the island, the conservancy goes the extra mile to protect the reef in the area.

www.lamcort.org

Colobus Conservation trust

Location: Diani, South Coast

Distance: 30km South of Likoni ferry, Mombasa

Duration: 1 hour

This is a non-profit organization that focuses on the protection, conservation and preservation of primates especially the colobus monkeys of which only

4,500 are remaining in Kenya.

Get an exclusive eco-tour for an hour duration, or support the organization by donation, volunteering or adopting a monkey – now that's good monkey business.



Excursions

Watamu Marine Excursion

Cruise the Watamu waters and enjoy a stopover for a picnic or lunch at Mida Creek, known for the abundance of wildlife and Birds.

Eco-World Recycling Watamu

Eco-world Watamu's is Kenya's answer to recycling waste, promoting health and community health. With the threat of non-biodegradable waste in the form of marine debris polluting our marine park beaches and threatening vulnerable marine life, and plastic bags and materials getting ingested by endangered sea turtles who mistake them for jelly fish which are part of the natural diet.

Thus, recycling machinery was purchased for crushing waste and the Blue team waste collectors and recyclers were formed, made up of members of local youth and women's groups.

The 25 Blue team members carry out weekly beach cleanups and work to keep the village roadsides free of rubbish.

Whale Watching- Kenya's Marine Big Five

Each year, whales are first sighted along the coast of the East Africa in early June as they make their annual migration north from Antarctica.





It is believed that they travel to warm tropical inner reefs for protection to enable them breed and give birth to their calves, which remain with the mothers for about two years, until weaned.

They then make the return journey in October, swimming over 4,000km to the cold food-rich seas of Antarctica, their main feeding area. These magnificent marine mammals can reach a length of 15 meters and weigh around 30 tonnes or about six times the weight of an elephant.

Watching them in their natural environment leaping out of the water, sometimes in pairs, or larger family groups, is an unforgettable sight. But you have to experience it for yourself.

Crab Shack Dabaso Restaurant- Watamu

Located atop the Mida Creek, Crab Shack is a low impact wooden restaurant, nestled among the mangroves and overlooking the water. Specializing in fish, prawns, and oysters, it is a magical place to sit and watch the sun go down as you sip on your favorite drink and order from our bespoke menu.

Wasini Island & Kisite Mpunguti

Location: 3km off the coast of Indian Ocean,

75km south of Mombasa

www.naturaltoursandsafaris.com

If you are in the mood to do something else than just relax on Wasini Island, there is a variety of activities & tours on land & at sea.

Enjoy a sun-drenched day of snorkeling, dolphin viewing, bird watching and sailing in the Kisite Mpunguti Marine Park including Dolphin encounters & seafood lunch.

Haller Park

Location: Bamburi

Distance: 10km from Mombasa CBD

Duration of visit: 1-2hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Resident: Adult – Ksh 250 Child – Ksh 100

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 800 Child – Ksh 200

www.lafarge.co.ke

An abandoned quarry, Haller Park located was reclaimed and turned into an ecological paradise with a variety of wildlife and plant life. Its' beautiful nature trails are ideal for long strolls or cycling, as you see how trash can really transform into treasure.

Nguuni Nature Sanctuary

Location: Kiembeni, Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Resident: Ksh 350

Non-resident: Ksh 600

www.thebaobabtrust.com

Tucked away in the bush, with giraffe, ostrich and waterbuck, is Nguuni Reserve, 4km away from Haller Park. Enjoy a bespoke picnic experience, light

a campfire, bring your own food, drinks and enjoy a BBQ under the sunset as you quench your thirst with a cold drink.

Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Reserve

Location: Between Kilifi and Malindi

Distance: 110km north of Mombasa

Duration of visit: 1-2hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 200

Child – Ksh 50 School p/p – Ksh 20

Resident: Adult – Ksh 400 Child – Ksh 100

School p/p – Ksh 50

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 600

Child – Ksh 150 School p/p – Ksh 150

www.kws.go.ke

Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Reserve is the largest stretch of coastal forest left in Eastern Africa. The ecosystem comprises of three forest types each containing different rare species of birds, mammals, butterflies, and plants, making it a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and among the top leaders in birdlife conservation in Africa.

Mamba Village Centre

Location: Mombasa

Distance: 5km from CBD

Duration of visit: 1-2hrs

info@mambavillage.com

'Mamba' meaning crocodile in Kiswahili, is the best place to see crocodiles in

East Africa. The crocodile farm consists of scenic walkways, fishponds, botanical gardens, Snake Park, aquarium and horse riding area. Careful though. It is, after all, a village full of crocodiles.

Bio Ken Snake Farm

Location: Watamu

Distance: 86.1km from Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

www.bio-ken.com

Bio-Ken Snake Farm is a research center housing the largest collection of snakes in East Africa. As well as touring the facilities, visitors can go on day safaris with trained guides to look for snakes in their natural habitat.

Local Ocean Trust Marine Conservation Centre

Location: Watamu

Distance: 86.3km from Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

www.watamuturtles.com

The first of its kind on the Kenyan coast, the center celebrates the marine habitat of Watamu. Their beautiful murals and illustrated displays provide fascinating information on underwater life including intertidal zones, mangroves, coral reefs, sea turtles and the Mida Creek.





Mombasa Butterfly House

Location: Grounds of Fort Jesus World Heritage

Site - Mombasa

Distance: 4km from CBD

Duration of visit: 1hr

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 100 Child – Ksh 50

Resident: Adult – Ksh 200

Child – Ksh 100

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 500

Child – Ksh 250

www.mombasabutterflyhouse.org

A paradise of tropical butterflies, Mombasa Butterfly House is a natural beauty. Learn about their connection to local communities as well as their biodiversity in all its glory at the Mombasa Butterfly House

The Shimoni Slave caves

Location: South Coast, 80km from Mombasa.

A short drive from the Likoni Ferry, get enthralled as you watch the landscape change to coconut, cashew nut and sugarcane plantations, all amidst the Digo villages. A visit to Shimoni village offers a glimpse into the fishing traditions of the coastal communities with their Swahili shipping boats, as well as the opportunity to snorkel with dolphins and go scuba diving.

Take a tour of the Shimoni slave caves and discover the stark reality of the slave

trade on the east coast of Africa.

Shimoni is the gateway to Wasini Island and the Kisite Marine National Park, and probably your heart.

Tamarind Dhow Dinner Cruise MKSE

Location: Mombasa

www.tamarind.co.ke

Known for their steak and seafood, Tamarand's floating restaurant offers an exotic ambiance. Gasp in the breathtaking views of the sunset as you sail down Tudor Creek.

Mida Creek Lagoon

Location: Watamu

Distance: 80km from Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

Website:<http://www.wondersofwatamu.com/what-to-do/entry/mida-creek>

Jump right into the magical world of this lagoon with its internationally renowned birdlife of local flamingos and European migratory birds that travel to Watamu during the winter.

Explore the hidden channels of the lagoon and mangrove forests on canoe or kayak. A visit to the crab shark restaurant and the community boardwalk are a must.

The Broadwater tidal creek is surrounded by extreme mangroves and palms. Attractions include the multicolored

fish, sea turtles, sea grass and corals. Key activities in Mida Creek include waterskiing, crab farming, sundowner cruises, kayaking and paddle-boarding.

Mtwapa Creek

Location: Mtwapa

Distance: 16km from Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

An Indian Ocean inlet with small marinas and beautiful tropical vegetation, the creek is famous for bird watching, mountain bike tours and deep-sea fishing as well as its clubs and active nightlife.

Wild Waters

Location: Nyali

Duration: 2-3hrs

www.wildwaterskenya.com

Transformed to its present magnificent beauty from seven and half acres of wasteland, Wild Waters is the biggest of its kind in East Africa providing a complete family experience of fun in the water, land and air. Wild Waters have never been so calm.

Mama Ngina Waterfront

Location: Mombasa

Distance: 5.7km from CBD

The scenic seafont along Mama Ngina Drive is 3km long and one of the most



breathtaking parks found in the high humid Mombasa Island. As a popular picnic site, enjoy the manicured gardens, local refreshments and snacks ranging from madafu to cassava crisps with chili and lemon, to roast corn.

The waterfront has an amazing view of the sea as you enjoy watching huge ships sail in and out of the port.

Go- Karting at the Coast

Location: Mombasa, Bamburi Beach

www.mombasa-gokart.com

The floodlit Mombasa Go-Kart is a hit with speedsters and kids of all ages. Zoom around the smooth concrete track in go-karts, bounce around on the off-road buggies, or learn to dig in a Bobcat excavator. When you want to tone down the energy, enjoy a snack at the family-friendly restaurant with its computer games, large playground and a big screen showing sporting events.

Village Bike Tours

Location: Beach Road, Diani

www.dianibikes.com

Choose between a village tour, forest tour and beach ride and get the feel of what happens in the rural villages in Diani, then go through the forest and learn the history of the villagers and see the sacred trees and plants. Lastly, you can ride along the white sandy beaches and take it all in.



Bamburi forest trails

Location: Opposite Bamburi Beach Hotel, along Mombasa/Malindi highway

Distance: 12km after from Mombasa CBD.

Entrance fees:

Residents: Adult – Kshs. 250 Child - Kshs 100

Non-resident :Adult – Kshs. 800

Child – Kshs. 400

Formerly known as the Butterfly Pavilion, it is a trail ideal for taking walks, running, cycling and also catching beautiful sunsets from the terrace.

Marafa Hell's Kitchen

Location: Malindi

Distance: 33km Northwest of Malindi

Also known as 'Nyari', meaning 'the place broken by itself', Marafa Hell's kitchen features an array of jagged gorges and tall chimneys, some of them rising up to 30meters high.

The sandstone escarpment reveals a unique set of vibrantly colored rock layers from whites and pinks, oranges and deep crimson caused by erosion.

We recommend you visit early in the morning or evening to catch a glimpse of the sun setting in the horizon.

Cultural Heritage Tours

Fort Jesus

Location: Mombasa

Distance: 4km from CBD

Duration: 1hr

www.museums.or.ke

Built in 1593 by the Portuguese, and later used by the Arabs as torture rooms and prison cells, Fort Jesus museum is now recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Nowa highlights the interchange of cultural values and influence between the people of Africa, the Arab world and Europe and is open daily for a small fee.

Lamu

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Tourists visit Pate Island to see the ruins of the Old Town, and women making the traditional makuti for their beautiful thatched roofs and kofias for the Muslim men – or maybe throw you hat in the ring and buy one.

Lamu Fort

Location: Lamu Town

Duration: 1-2hrs

www.museums.or.ke

Built on the world heritage site Lamu archipelago islands, the fort was built between 1813 and 1821, and showcases exquisite Swahili style architecture, housing a library and an environmental museum.

Maulidi Festival

Location: Lamu Old Town

Duration: Half day

The mosque is the centre for the Maulidi Festival, which is held to celebrate the birth of Prophet Mohammed. The festival, which takes place in June every year, attracts pilgrims from other cities and towns in East Africa with a range of month-long fun activities including dhow racing, donkey racing, local exhibitions and performances.

A rare opportunity to experience the culture and history of Lamu and Swahili culture, this is certainly a bucket-list festival.

Old Town Mombasa

Location: Mombasa

Kiswahili has a lot of phrases derived from various Arabic dialects and Mombasa is no different.

“Old Town” is the part of Mombasa that’s reminiscent of life under Arab rule, with its influence on the town, architecture and language.

It is well known for its ancient buildings, extravagant art designs and curio shops that sell antique and popular Kenyan souvenirs. Old Town is best seen when explored on foot and with an experienced guide.

Old Town Lamu

Location: Lamu

Located on Lamu Island, this town has a long, unique and colorful history, and is considered the oldest and best-preserved example of Swahili culture and settlement.

The town, which was historically on the main Arab trading routes, has been continuously inhabited for over 7000 years, and is world renowned for its annual Maulidi cultural festival, which showcases the town’s conservative and close-knit society and its status as a

significant center for education in Islamic and Swahili culture.

Inscribed into the UNESCO list in 2001 as being a unique testimony to a cultural tradition.

Gedi Ruins

Location: Mombasa- Malindi Road

Distance: 115.7km via Kengeleni Road

Duration: 1-2hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 100 Child – Ksh 50

Resident: Adult – Ksh 400 Child – Ksh 200

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 500

Child – Ksh 250

www.museums.or.ke

An infamous Swahili site on the East African coast, Gede was once a large and prosperous town founded in the 12th century, and later abandoned in the 17th century. Excavations unearthed the ruins of the Big Mosque, the Royal House and the Royal Tombs.

A walk through this ancient town reveals fascinating glimpses into an period in history.

Mnarani Ruins

Location: Kilifi creek. Kilifi

Distance: 60km from Mombasa

Duration: 1-2hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 100 Child – Ksh 50

Resident: Adult – Ksh 400



Child – Ksh 200

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 500

Child – Ksh 250

www.museums.or.ke

The partly excavated ruins of the Swahili city of Mnarani are high on a bluff near the old ferry landing stage on Kilifi Creek. The site was occupied from the end of the 14th century to the first half of the 17th century, when it was abandoned following sieges by the Galla tribe from Somalia.

The best-preserved ruin is the Great Mosque with its finely carved inscription around the Mihrab a prayer niche showing the direction of Mecca. Under the mihrab lies the skeleton of the supposed founder of the town.

Jumba la Mtwana

Location: Kilifi

Distance: 15km north of Mombasa

Duration: 2-3hrs

Park Entrance Fees:

Citizen: Adult – Ksh 100 Child – Ksh 50

Resident: Adult – Ksh 400 Child – Ksh 200

Non-resident: Adult – Ksh 500

Child – Ksh 250

www.museums.or.ke

Jumba la Mtwana in Kiswahili means “the large house of the slave”. The inhabitants of this town were mainly Muslims as evidenced by a number of ruined mosques.

The four houses of Jumba la Mtwana include the House of the Cylinder, The House of the Kitchen, The House of

the Many Pools and the Great Mosque. A visit here brings to give you a unique insight into life in the yester years of the small coastal settlement town with breathtaking views of the ocean and beautiful Swahili architecture.

Rabai Museums

Location: Mazaras, Mombasa

Distance: 25km North West of Mombasa

Duration: 1hr

www.museums.or.ke

Built in 1846 as the first church edifice in Kenya, Rabai is well known in the annals of history as the place where Christianity and modern learning in Kenya started. In 1994 the Krapf Memorial Museum was founded to provide a formal and perpetual reminder of monumental events during the advent of early missionaries.

Vasco Da Gama and Portuguese church The little-known Portuguese Chapel, also known as St. Francis Xavier Chapel, is located on the seafront about 100 meters from the waterline at Sheila area on Mama Ngina Road in Old Town, Malindi.

Vasco Da Gama built a nearby pillar on his way to Goa, India.

Sacred Mijikenda Kaya Forests

The Sacred Mijikenda Kaya Forests comprise eleven separate sites located along the low range of hills above the coastal plains spread over 200km along the Coast.

They were once the fortified villages of the Mijikenda people, who migrated to the area from Somalia during the 16th century, and found sanctuary in these coastal forests.

Subsequently, the villages were abandoned and the forests became revered as the abode of ancestors, repositories of spiritual beliefs and places of ritual. They are now protected by traditional laws and maintained by councils of elders.

Akamba Handicraft Cooperative

Location: Changamwe, Mombasa

Distance: 3.4km from CBD

Duration: 1-2hrs

www.akambahandicraftcoop.com

This nonprofit organization manufactures and exports woodcarvings, animal sculptures, decorative accessories and customized crafts.

You can meet the artists, witness the creative process and buy high quality woodcarvings on site.

Mombasa Elephant Tusks

Location: Mombasa, Moi Avenue

Probably Mombasa's most out-there out there feature, the tusks were built in 1956 to celebrate Princess Margaret's visit to Mombasa.

A landmark of the city, contrary to popular opinion, they are not made of ivory rather aluminum. The tusks form dual archways over each side of the road creating the shape of an 'M' for Mombasa or Margaret. Clever, no?



The Beach Experience

North Coast Beaches

Mombasa is to beaches what oxygen is to air. Yes, really. With palm-lined beaches, crystal clear waters, coral reefs and entertainment sports, there's something for everyone. (Explore Mombasa National Marine Park with multi-hued coral gardens and experience the freedom of escape.)

Mombasa

1. Nyali Beach:

Located north of Mombasa and surrounded by jealous-inducing magnificent beach resorts; the Nyali Beach offers a calm and relaxing ambience. But the best part? The beach is never overcrowded and offers a lot of space and privacy. Yay!

2. Bamburi Beach:

The ultimate souvenir beach, you will find lots of merchandise for sale. Enjoy trips in glass-bottom boats that give you a safe glance of the ocean underneath. But with the souvenir for sale, if you decide to leave you will always carry a part of us with you.





3.Kikambala:

Kikambala is synonymous with high and low tide. Get some air with leisurely strolls during the low tide or get your blood pumping with adrenalin-inducing high tide, which is great for swimming.

4.Shanzu Beach:

What happens when a rock and paradise stand off? Yes, that's right. Shanzu beach. Located between rocks, Shanzu Beach offers the exclusivity of a private beach with the added flair of deep sea fishing and trips on a dhow. Now that rocks.

5.Kenyatta Beach:

Ever dreamt of world-class entertainment on a backpacker's budget? That's Kenyatta Beach. All the feels of a huge amusement park with all the entertainment that gets you grooving. Don't believe me? See you there.

6.Copacabana Beach:

All the entertainment of a great club without the club. In fact, that's a big part of the appeal. This is the Las Vegas of nightlife. Visit the ruins of Jumba La Mtwana and reconnect with the slave trade. But don't take my word for it. Go there today.

Malindi

1.Malindi Beach:

While it may be known for its beaches, Malindi is more than a golden sandy stream of alluring sand. The all-are-welcome weather is aptitude for long walks as you stare into the horizon and fade off with the setting sun.

2.Silversands Beach:

There are only two things constant in the world. Change and...Silversands beach. Well at least the temperature is at 27 degrees Celsius all year round, you can do anything from long walks, explore sea creatures like crabs or simply visit the Vasco Da Gama Cross where Vasco da Gama started his journey to India in 1498.

3.Bofa Beach:

Located in a plush and serene neighborhood of Kilifi, Bofa Beach is a stone's throw away from the town center. But what's more alluring is the ecosystem with the free-to-listen accompanying orchestra. Oh wait, that's just the different species of birds.

4.Jacaranda Bay Beach:

Located in Watamu, which is the Swahili word for 'Sweet', jacaranda Beach bar

is tropical charm mixed with serenity and shaken with white sands and pools for an irresistible allure. Or if that's too much, why not just relax in the luxurious resort by the ocean?

5.Garoda Beach:

If you like a quiet place to meditate and escape from the crazy world, Garoda beach ticks all the boxes. Ideal for long walks and utter relaxation, you can decide to visit the many little pools that give you a front-row seat for observing sea creatures.

6.Turtle Bay Beach:

Don't let the name fool you, Turtle Bay Beach is an adrenalin-inducing beach. What, with it being part of the Marine Park as well as paying homage to its shallow waters? It is the ideal place to learn kite surfing, and feel on top of the world. Because you will be.

7.Che Shale:

The ultimate getaway, Che Sale is located almost 21km away from Malindi Town. It is great for kite surfing, kayaking and big game fishing.

8.Vipingo:

Let's take a walk into the forest that is Vipingo. Providing an important



sanctuary for many coastal forest species of flora and fauna, you can find old tombs and mosques that pique your interest. And not to further raise your spirits, but local tales of spirits and superstitions are oft told arousing an eerie sense of an age gone by.

Lamu

1.Manda Beach:

If you are looking for the Instagrammable paradise, then Manda Beach is the picturesque escape that beckons. At low tides, you can even walk through the mangrove forests and observe numerous sea creatures close up.

2.Shela Beach:

Is a day on the sandy dreamy beach with dunes in the

background your idea of paradise? The call of the Shela Beach is strong enough to attract scores of adventurous vacationers. It's also 12km-wide enough to accommodate various activities without feeling overcrowded.

Watamu

Located approximately 105km north of Mombasa & about 15km south of Malindi on the Indian Ocean coast of Kenya, this hidden gem - set away from the hassle and hustle of the city - is a gorgeous grotto of a place.

1.Watamu Beach

Perched on a small headland between the blue lagoon and Watamu bay, it stocks pristine beaches and lush tropical rain forest and two protected areas: Watamu Marine National Park & Arabuko Sokoke National Park.



South Coast Beaches

When you think natural beauty, think the coastline of Mombasa.

Packed with the turquoise seas lap, the sun-bleached beaches with rustling palms – ah! Talk about heaven on earth. Lose yourself to the lineup of water sports, from windsurfing, sailing, snorkeling, and diving to water-skiing and parasailing.

1. Diani Beach:

There's a reason this is the most popular and beautiful beach in Kenya. Located 30km south of Mombasa and renowned for its coral reefs, underwater sandbars and widespread palm vegetation, Diani beach puts the 'awe' in awesome.

2. Tiwi Beach:

Resting south coast of Mombasa, Tiwi beach serves good snorkeling opportunities at high tide. In the dry season, you can even walk to the south end of Tiwi beach and wade across the Mwachema River to Diani Beach.

3. Gazi Beach:

Talk about getaways and you have Gazi beach. What's more, it is hardly ever crowded and serene for a couple with its luxurious lodges and sumptuous palm vegetation.

4. Galu Beach:

Another haven in the wild, Galu beach is optimum for water sports at low tide with its few rocks the closer you get to the beach.

5. Shelly Beach:

Just south of the Likoni Ferry, is the closest beach to Mombasa along the south coast.

6. Wasini Island

Known by many as 'paradise on earth', it serves as a great escape & gateway located in the heart of "real" Africa on the very edge of Kenya's exciting Swahili coastal strip. With tailor made experiences for families, coupled with humpback whales and dolphins, it is little wonder why.



Shopping

Whether you are seeking authentic cultural artefacts, modern coastal chic or simply a shopping mall experience, the Kenya Coast has a vast array to meet any expectation. Pique your shopping interest at any of the towns that dot the coastline.

City Mall

Location: Nyali, Mombasa

www.citymall.co.ke

Lining the main Monbasa-Nyali road at the end of the Nyali suburb, City Mall is the one stop shop for flavor with a food court that servers a variety of international cuisines.

Diani Beach shopping center

Location: Diani

With everything from a supermarket, pharmacy, tour operator, restaurants, sport bar, greengrocer, boutiques, African art gallery, internet café, Italian bakery, bank and a computer store, the Diani Beach Shopping Centre is, well, to put loosely, where you shop till you drop.

Art Coco

Location: Nyali

www.artcoco.net

Color your world with Art Coco's product line that includes a range of spectacular lamps, shades and other products crafted from natural coconut fiber. Feel the vibrant colors of Africa to any interior.

Maasai Market

Location: varies throughout the week

Duration: 1hr

Get to know the locals with Kenya's pop-culture market that offers a rare collection of arts and crafts, wooden carvings and beadwork.



Wednesday and Thursday - City Mall, Nyalí

Fort Jesus

Ever visited a place and just wanted to own a part of it? Well, pass by Fort Jesus and pick up beautiful handmade crafts from one of the souvenir vendors that will leave you feeling a little bit homesick.

Nyalí Centre

Location: Links Road, Nyalí

The go-to for matters products, goods, merchandise, services and activities related to malls and retail, the Nyalí Centre is the hub of the shopping economy.

Watamu Marine Association

Location: Watamu

www.watamumarine.co.ke/eco-shop/

The Watamu Marine Association is a non-profit organization bringing together diverse groups to benefit the community, protect the environment and promote equality tourism.

The Association has a shop where one can purchase products made from recycled materials and all the proceeds go towards the community's development. Shopping for good, no?

Bombolulu Cultural Centre

Location: Bombolulu, Mombasa

www.apdkbombolulu.wordpress.com

Started in 1969 as a non-profit, the Bombolulu Cultural Centre is renowned for producing high quality goods by differently abled men and women artisans (Disabled). From jewelry, carvings to leather products, the items are then sold from which the proceeds are used to empower them economically and socially.

Biashara Street

Location: Mombasa

The name says it all. Biashara meaning Business – this street is all business. Along this beautiful street one can find all types of kikois, khangas, textiles and clothes. You can interact with the locals as you shop. The street has a number of tailor shops where you can have your kanga tailored personally for you.

Old Town Mombasa

Location: Mombasa

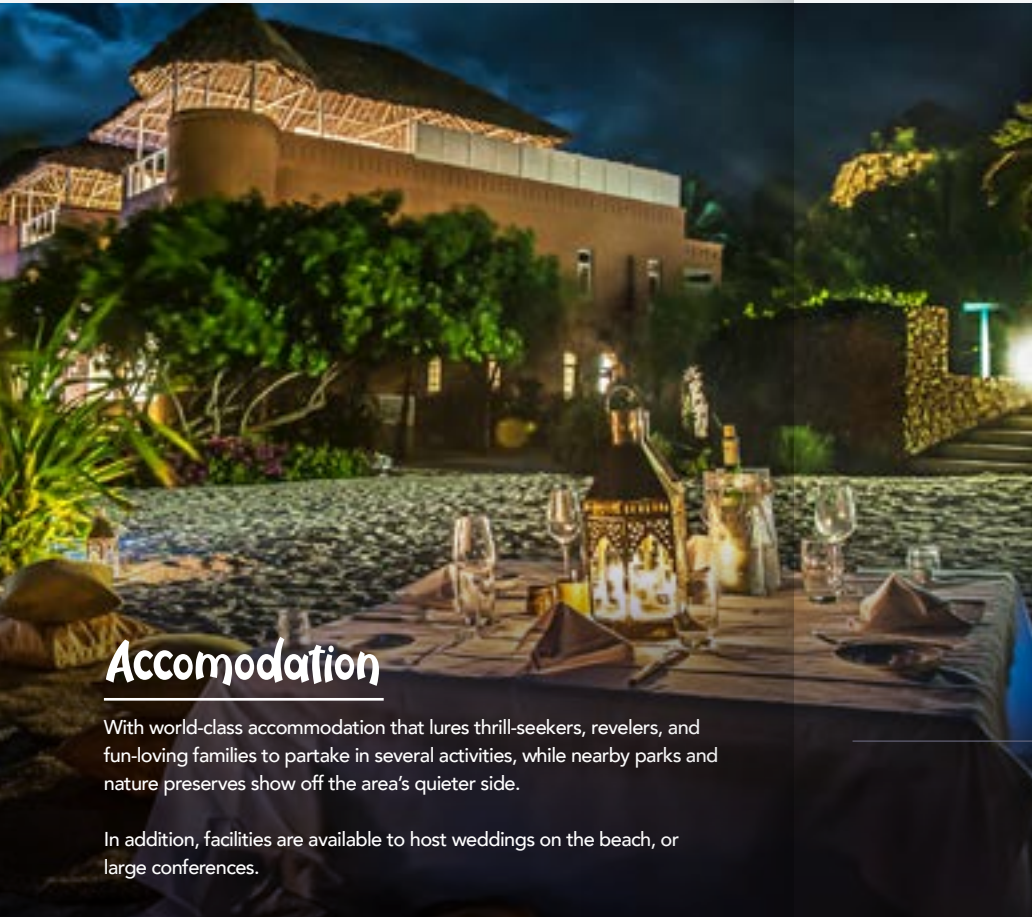
Every time you are in Old Town, the feeling is all-new. With a vast collection of shops and souvenir stands, many of the shops have a certain Arabian, Asian, Portuguese and Swahili shops tinge. Shop for clothes, artwork, home décor pieces, jewelry, spices, oils and fragrances in the town that never grows old.

Spice Market

Location: Nehru and Langoni Roads, Old Town

Mombasa

Adding the flavor to your shopping, the Spice Market is an enclosed market with stands of spices and fruits. Spice your world and food with different aromas that will leave you with the true taste of Kenya.



Accommodation

With world-class accommodation that lures thrill-seekers, revelers, and fun-loving families to partake in several activities, while nearby parks and nature preserves show off the area's quieter side.

In addition, facilities are available to host weddings on the beach, or large conferences.

Choose from five star resorts, villas, budget hotels, boutique hotels and serviced apartments.

- ACK Guest House - Mombasa
- Azul Margarita Beach Resort
- Amani Tiwi Beach Resort
- Bahari Beach Hotel
- Bamburi Beach Hotel
- Baobab Beach Resort & Spa
- Bahari Beach Hotel
- Best Western Plus Creekside
- Castle Royal Hotel
- Crystal Bay Beach Resort
- Diani Reef Beach Resort & Spa
- Diani Sea Lodge
- Diani Sea Resort
- Driftwood Beach Club
- Diamond Dream of Africa
- Eden Village Resort
- Elewana Afro Chic Diani Beach Hotel
- Flamingo Villas
- Gasaro Hotel
- Hemingways Watamu
- Hotel English Point
- Indian Ocean Beach Resort
- Isinya Resorts Limited
- Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Resort
- Jacy Joka Apartments
- Jambo Travellers
- Kilili Baharini Resort & Spa
- Lantana Galu Beach
- Mtwapa Country club



- Leisure Lodge Beach and Golf Resort
- Leopard Point Beach Resort
- Leopard Beach Resort & Spa
- Medina Palms Malindi
- Midview Hotel
- Mnarani Club
- Moffat Court Apartments
- Mombasa Beach Hotel
- Mombasa Continental Resort
- Morning Star Apartments
- Msambweni Beach House & Private Villas
- Neptune Beach Resort
- Neptune Paradise Beach Resort & Spa
- Neptune Village Beach Resort & Spa
- Neptune Palm Beach Resort
- North Coast Beach Hotel
- Ocean Beach Resort
- Papillon Lagoon Reef Hotel
- Pinewood Beach Resort & Spa

- Plaza Beach Hotel
- PridelInn Mombasa
- PridelInn Paradise Beach Resort Conference Centre & Spa
- Reef Hotel Mombasa
- Royal Court Hotel
- Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort
- Sandies Tropical Village
- Serena Beach Hotel & Spa
- Seven Islands Resort
- Severin Sea Lodge
- Silver Palm Spa & Resort
- Southern Palms Beach Resort
- Sun Africa Beach Resort
- Surfside Villas
- Swahili Beach Resort
- The Maji Beach Boutique Hotel
- The One Watamu Bay
- Travellers Beach Hotel
- Turtle Bay Beach Club



Culinary Exploration

Appetite For Swahili Cuisine

Replenish your body and soul with Swahili food, considered as one of the world's first fusion foods. With its fragrant aromas and exotic flavors, Swahili cuisine has emerged as a colorful blend of the best of African, Arabian and Asian flavors.

Meals incorporate locally available vegetables and spices including cloves, cardamom, and hot pepper. Fish is central to the diet and chicken and goat meats are popular for holiday meals. Sweet tea with milk is served several times a day. Visitors to the coast cannot leave without having a taste of the famous biriani, kuku wa kupaka (chicken in coconut milk), samaki wa kupaka (fish in coconut milk), pilau, mishkaki, mkate wa sinia (rice bread), mahamri (donuts with cardamom), coconut rice and haluwa, flavors that are the true taste of Kenya.

Pavilions Restaurant

Location: Sarova Whitesands Resort, Bamburi, Mombasa

Cuisine: International

+254 41 212 8000

Tingle your senses with a delicious array of different foods served to your liking. Enjoy our Tuesday and Saturday specials, with our Chef's Choice – the desired 'Bubbly Breakfast' featuring a glass of bubbly, alcoholic or non-alcoholic at the entrance of the restaurant followed by the aroma of freshly baked breads, sizzling bacon and hot dishes. What your appetite yet?

Avanti Restaurant

Location: Likoni, CBD Mombasa

Cuisine: Café

+254 770 677 406

The alluring aroma and irresistible flavors beckon for your attention in a sensational ambience that leaves you drooling for more.



Cocos Beach Bar

Location: The Sarova Whitesands Resort, Bamburi,

Mombasa

Cuisine: Bar

+254 41 548 592 7

With breathtaking ocean views and outstanding entertainment, Cocos is the perfect place to unwind after a hectic day. You can almost say, it sets the bar for all beach bars.

Golden Chopsticks Chinese Restaurant

Location: Baobab Holiday Resort, Bamburi,

Mombasa

Cuisine: Chinese

+254 20 8005498

The tastefully decorated, fully air-conditioned restaurant offers an assortment of Chinese delicacies. With top-notch service and a state-of-the-art ambience, it's all you can eat at your disposal, and then some more.

Creamy Inn Mombasa

Location: City Mall, Malindi Road, Nyali, Mombasa

Cuisine: Ice Cream and Deserts

+254 722 803 927

The selection of delectable ice cream cones, ice cream cups, sundaes, milkshakes and waffles will simply make your tongue melt and take you to that youthful magical place that touches all your senses. Step in to the The Creamy Inn offering a range of gourmet coffees,

confectionery, cakes and delicious fresh pastries. Or simply put, the crème de la crème of pastries.

Fisherman's Cave Restaurant

Location: Bamburi Beach Hotel, Bamburi, Mombasa

Cuisine: Sea Food

+254 722 203600

When it comes to seafood, we know what we're talking about. With a wide range of mouthwatering seafood and tables set in alcoves of the 'cave' walls, and décor boasting of coral imitations, we ensure the only thing that will be feeling like a fish out of water, is the fish themselves.

Afrochic Diani Beach

Location: Ukunda, Golden Beach Road, Diani

Cuisine: Continental

+254 733 645564

Afro Chic is certainly the jewel in the Elewana Collection crown. Marrying African style and all that is best in the East African hospitality, (Wethinks is a perfect match) no other jewel dares shine brighter. Well, other than you, of course.

Mikaye Fort Jesus

Location: Opposite Fort Jesus, CBD, Mombasa

Cuisine: African

+254 719 331880

Mikaye, a "honorable woman" in Dholuo - sets the standard for the

restaurant-entailing good food, admirable service, great ambience and a formidable culinary experience. The food, essentially a fusion of African food with touches of international cuisine, adds a layer of expertise with that distinctive honorable touch, from where Mikaye takes pride in deriving its name.

Porini Boko Boko

Location: Mtwapa, Past Umoja Rubber factory,

Mombasa

Cuisine: African, Swahili

+254 789 808003

A traditional mix of wholesome Seychellois and local coastal food teamed with a warm friendly atmosphere and charming rapport will make your dining experience at this restaurant memorable not just for its flavor, but service.

Bobs Bar

Location: Birgis complex, links road-Mombasa, Nyali, Mombasa

Cuisine: African, Continental, Seafood

+254 20 202 177

Bob's bar is a 24-hour entertainment venue housing a sports bar fully stocked with wide range of beers, spirits and soft drinks.

Forty Thieves Beach Bar

Location: Kwale

Cuisine: Continental

+254 403 202 223

Don't let the name fool away – the only thing we'll be stealing is your heart. Relax and savor the sensation of waves lapping your toes while having a refreshing cocktail and bopping your head to invigorating live music. Or simply have some delightful lunch with your friends as you while the night away and dance under the stars.

Arturo's

Location: Links Road, Mombasa

Cuisine: Italian

+254 727 841 131

Arturo's menu offers a slice of Europe in the heart of Africa with its dedicated Italian cuisine. No wonder it's been described by Italian expats as not only the best Italian restaurant in the whole of Kenya, but the best Italian restaurant outside of Italy.

La Marina

Location: Mtwapa Creek, Mombasa

Cuisine: Seafood

+254 723 223 737

Enjoy perfectly prepared seafood right on the beach and later on take a ride in the restaurants dhow.

Crab Shack Restaurant

Location: Mida Creek, Watamu

Cuisine: Seafood

Located on the top of Mida Creek,

Crab Shack is a low impact wooden restaurant, nestled among the mangroves and overlooking the water. The restaurant specializes in bespoke seafood including fish, prawns, and oysters. Simply defined as a magical place to sit and watch the sun go down, and your evening light up.

Misono Japanese Restaurant

Location: Off Links Road, Mombasa

Cuisine: Japanese, seafood, vegetarian

+254 722 530 204

Offers familiar flavors perfectly styled in accordance with authentic Japanese cuisine. The seafood is fresh and the sushi is expertly rolled, while the chili prawns are one of the best dishes in the city, a slice of Japanese for a piece of East Africa. We call that fair trade.

Forodhani restaurant

Location: Sir Mbarak, Hinawi road, Mombasa Old

Town

Cuisine: Swahili, Pakistani, Indian, Arabic

+254 724 401 551

A breathtakingly beautiful seafood restaurant with gasping views of the Mombasa harbor and a diverse menu, specializing in traditional Swahili dishes, it's all you ever wanted in a restaurant and then some more.

Vipingo Nyama choma

Location: Vipingo, Kilifi

Cuisine: Swahili

Vipingo Nyama Choma specializes in Mshikaki (pieces of marinated beef, goat or chicken put on skewers for grilling on an open fire) to be eaten with accompaniments of your choice. That alone, rouses my appetite. And you?

Tarboush Café

Location: Makadara road, Mombasa

Cuisine: Swahili

+254 787 442 533

Discover why it has been regarded as one of the most popular restaurants for locals and tourists, with a variety of Swahili foods to choose from including masala chips, shawarma, bhajia, chicken and beef mshikaki. Whatever your heart desires, it's probably there.

Shehnaï restaurant

Location: Mungano Street, Mombasa

Cuisine: Indian

+254 722871111

Shehnaï restaurant is a reputable Indian restaurant popular amongst locals and visitors where the art of Mughlai cuisine still exists. Dotted with friendly staff and an exquisite air of gentility, it is no wonder both locals and expats can't seem to have enough of it.





Nomad Beach Bar & Restaurant

Location: Diani Beach Road, Diani

Cuisine: International

+254 738 333 888

www.nomadbeachbar.com

A delicious choice of fine dining of international cuisine, fresh seafood & Italian pizza, washed down with a bespoke wine selection and a range of spirits, liquors and cocktails.

The Sands Mandharini Beach Bar & Restaurant

Location: Mnarani Majajani Road, Kilifi Creek, Off Malindi Highway

Cuisine: Multi Cuisine

+254 717 444 128

www.mandharini.com

It is set on a white sandy beach with spectacular sceneries of the tranquil Kilifi Creek. Its cuisine is drawn from a rich collection of seafood, African, Asian, vegetarian & conventional meals option. But we'll let you choose what's more breathtaking – the cuisine or the scenery. Our advice? Both.

New Overseas Chinese- Korean Restaurant & Bar

Location: Moi Avenue, Opposite Jubilee, Mombasa

Cuisine: Korean & Chinese

+254 722 417 944, +254 722 411 112

Enjoy freshly made Korean and Chinese food.

Tamarind Mombasa:

Location: Cement Silo road, Nyalí Mombasa

Cuisine: Seafood

+254 725 959 552

www.tamarind.co.ke

Tamarind Restaurant is a renowned restaurant strategically situated at the oceanfront with a wide array of fresh seafood on the menu as well as French, African and Asian meals that keep you coming back over and over and over...

Blue Room

Location: Haile Selassie Avenue, Mombasa.

+254 721 786 868



Jomo Kenyatta Avenue, Mombasa.

+254 703 304 644

www.blueroomonline.com

Cuisine: Swahili

It is famous for its bhajias, tea and of course the peculiarly named Blue Room (BR) ice cream. It is Mombasa's most famous landmark restaurant & ice cream parlor for over 60 years, and we know why. But you'd have to visit to find out.

Grill House

Location: Ratna Square, Nyali Road, Mombasa

Cuisine: Multi Cuisine

+254 796 960 001

Enjoy an extensive varied range of cocktails, wines, spirits and whiskeys coupled with fingerlicking good food served in a contemporary ambience.

DD's Café Bar Deli

Location: Shree Supermarket complex, Beach Road,

Diani Beach, Ukunda

Cuisine: Seafood

+254 702 303 024

A small, rustic & welcoming establishment distinguished for its home inspired and cooked fresh dishes, steaks & seafood using locally sourced products. A taste of home, away from home.

Jolly Bar Pizzeria

Location: Diani Beach Road, Diani

Cuisine: Italian

+254782736663

If you want a different taste & meaning to Italian pizza and sandwiches, then look no further than jolly bar, where culinary is done good you'd think it's all we live to do. It is.

Mi Lola Tapas & Wine

Location: Baharini Shopping Center, Diani Beach Road

Cuisine: Spanish

+254 746 626 161

Unwinding? Relaxing? Recharging? Looking for a live band? Throw in some good food? Mi Lola Tapas & Wine Bar. That's what you're looking for.

Fort Restaurant & Pizzeria

Location: Nkrumah Road, Opposite Fort Jesus

Cuisine: Mediterranean

+254723 770 774, +254 722 776 399

reservations@thefort.co.ke

www.thefort.co.ke

Packing ingredients from Kenya's bountiful coast, oceans and bays and combining them with native herbs, spices and berries to produce the true taste of seafood with world-class dining and Mediterranean cuisine. Come find out.

Seafood at Kilifi Maghreb

Location: Sea Horse Road, Kilifi

Cuisine: Swahili

+254 774 266 444, +254 738 824 824

www.killifimaghreb.com

Located right at the heart of Kilifi, and serving international and Swahili cuisine, it is no wonder we are at the pulse of satisfaction.

Barka Restaurant

Location: Kibokoni Road, Mombasa Old Town

Cuisine: Swahili

+254 722 991 128

With its fragrant aromas and exotic flavors, Swahili cuisine has emerged as a colorful blend of the best of African, Arabian and Asian flavors. And Barka (Swahili word for blessings) Restaurant, famously known for its authentic local dishes like biryani, shawarma and mshikaki is the ultimate blessing to the tongues of those who dare visit.

New Palm Tree Hotel

Location: Nkrumah Road (Old Fort Jesus Road), Mombasa

Cuisine: African

020 8025682, +254 715 442 017

info@newpalmtreehotel.com

www.newpalmtreehotel.com

An oasis of serenity in Mombasa located near the Fort Jesus, giving you the ambience that you need to appreciate your meal. And the best part? Their prices are easier to swallow.



Entertainment & Night Life

As the sun sets across the water, our coastal strip comes alive in the nighttime. There's an experience for every palette ranging from vibrant night clubs to romantic candle lit dinners on the beach.

Mombasa

Gasaro Club Lounge

Location: Mtwapa
+254 710 531 995

Showbiz has a new face with Gasaro Club Lounge being the embodiment. With a swimming pool, a VIP lounge, a restaurant and a separate party point ideal for a spontaneous night out, are you really surprised?

Tapas Cielo Bar & Restaurant

Location: Nyali Centre, Mombasa
+254 739 888 888

When you think exclusivity and a touch of class, Tapas Cielo Bar and Restaurant doesn't fail to crop up. Serving tots of privacy in chic booths, and a terrace that doubles as a smoking zone, there is little wonder why.

Skyluxx Sports Pub & Grill

Location: Off Malindi Road, Mtwapa
+254 715 202 985

With a modern ambience and a cool interior, the club is famed for hosting the crème de la crème of international and popular DJs, and A-list celebrities for theme nights while still staying in touch with the local touch.

The Lounge

Location: City Mall, Mombasa
+254 20 260 9338

Among Mombasa must-go-to sites, with

a penchant for good music and a welcoming ambience, The Lounge has added another feather to its hat with a roof top section for those who would like to enjoy the breeze and feel on top of the world.

La Follia

Location: Mtwapa along Mombasa- Malindi

Highway

+254 708 495 003

Located in the Mtwapa-Tuskys Mall, La Follia is a chic Italian themed restaurant that gives you a taste of Italy away from Italy. Parking a spacious bar and restaurant, there is room for everyone's fantasy to come true.

Sheba Lounge

Location: City Mall, Mombasa

+254 707 624 600

The Ethiopian-themed club gives off the feel of an enclosed penthouse. But the cherry on top? Shisha served the Ethiopian way.

Prime Comfort

Location: Mtwapa

+254 714 998 727

It does not only offer a good party atmosphere, but also privacy, which many celebrities would appreciate. You can say, it was always in the name.

Z Lounge

Location: Nyali, Mombasa

+254 791 743 239

Z Lounge is the beginning of paradise. With a fully stocked varied and closed off VIP area, the lounge has been known for its exclusivity and sense of escapade.

Club Signature

Location: Mombasa

0704619473

When it comes to design and atmosphere, Signature Lounge takes the cake. Known for attracting revelers and partygoers, a party isn't a party in this town of champions without leaving your, well, signature at this club.

The Mint

Location: Bamburi Petrocity, Mombasa

+254701821250

It is popularly known for its ambiance, excellent food and service. Or maybe we should let the name speak for itself?

KlubZero 4 Lounge

Location: Moi Avenue, Mombasa

+254705106559

Known for its signature #CorporateMondays, Klub Zero 4 lounge means business when it comes to throwing parties right at the nerve center of Mombasa's pulsating Central Business District.

Shots Bar

Location: Bamburi, Mombasa

+254 797 829 403

The club sells seafood and grilled meats with an African touch to its décor. Go on, give it a shot, you won't be disappointed.

Moonshine Beach Bar

Location: Reef Hotel, Mombasa

+254 722 904 681

Located within The Reef Hotel Mombasa, Moonshine Beach Bar packs the scintillating views of the ocean while you wave the night away with a variety of drinks from the bar.

Anuba Lounge

Location: Nyali Centre, Mombasa

+254 707 547 054

Located in Nyali Centre, Anuba Lounge is a cocktail of good food, great music and gorgeous ambience with a diverse menu that leaves your taste buds scintillating.

Bella Vista

Location: Moi Avenue, Mombasa

020 5231913

Should we just call it the 'Nyama Choma' zone? (Grilled meat) Yup, we think so. If that hasn't whet your appetite yet, I don't know what will.





Danka Grill & Lounge

Location: Mtwapa

+254 715 786 074

Danka grill savors the pleasure of a live band on Thursdays & Sundays with nyama choma as the reggae lovers, stake claim to Tuesday nights. Now that's music to my ears.

Malindi

Palm Garden

Location: Casaurina Road, Malindi

+254 720 607 075

Entertainment that accommodates everyone, Palm Garden opens at 830PM and closes only when you've had more than enough fun, which is, never.

Fermento Karaoke Club & Piano Bar

Location: Galana Business Complex, Malindi

+254 42 31 571

If you want an upmarket place that offers the charm of a night out in Malindi with a hip crowd, then bookmark Fermento Karaoke Club.

Stardust Discotheque

Location: Lamu Road, Malindi

+254 42 203 88

An excellent place to go to, with even an Italian themed Thursday night, it is oft considered the last word in club sophistication.

Club 28 Discotheque

Location: Eden Roc Hotel, Malindi

+254 12 320 480/1/2

Located within Eden Roc Hotel, guests from the hotel enjoy the luxury of not having to leave the premises if they would like to dance the night away. This club is almost always heaving by midnight, as those who are not guests at the hotel are also welcomed, because everyone loves a warm person.

Karen Blixen Bar & Restaurant

Location: Along Lamu road, Galana Center, Malindi

+254720233322, kbkarentld@gmail.com

Also known as the "elephant bar" for the big concrete elephant with its raised trunk greeting passers by on the Lamu road, this is Malindi's most lively restaurant & shopping area.

Diani

Shakatak Disco

Location: Diani Beach Road

+254 722 511 559

A beer garden opened in the year 1990 offering a wide collection of imported and local beer, a snack bar and a restaurant. Open daily and fully air-conditioned, it is indeed a breath of fresh air.

Tandoori Bar

Location: Ukunda

+254 721 773 855

A petit club with a big personality nestled within Ukunda, now you can get lost in serene music and a chilled drink.

Forty Thieves Beach Bar

Location: Kwale

+254 40 3202033

A legendary beach side bar with sand floors and waves crashing onto the shore just meters from the long wooden bar. Forty thieves is a Diani Beach institution. But don't let the name fool you. The only thing we will be stealing is your heart.

Watamu

Ocean Sports

Location: 1 Mida Creek Road

+254 724 389 732

Recline with a cold beer or a tropical cocktail at the most relaxing and uniquely intriguing beach bar on the Kenyan coast. Life is an ocean, and this is your wave.

Come Back Club

Location: Watamu Beach Road

+254 706 384715

Come Back Club has for years been the hub of Watamu's nightlife and the

meeting point par excellence between tourists and locals. After dinner one can try the cocktails and beers while dancing to the rhythm of local and international music. If you are a football fan, enjoy the game while you drink a cold beer and taste a good pizza. Now, wouldn't that make you just want to... Come Back?

Klub Kalahari

Location: Turtle Bay Road

+254716048360

A joint where you can do everything, from watching sports, karaoke, dancing and eating nyama choma. Saturdays is DJ night, with some exotic dancing. Klub Kalahari is the oasis in the desert.

Radio Maria

Location: Turtle Bay Road, Watamu

+254 722 160 827

Go for ice cold Tuskers and seafood at this quirky, Virgin Mary- themed bar. Trust me, it broadcasts its own excellence.





Events & Festivals

As a people, we love celebrating the vibrance of our cultures and heritage. The Kenyan Coast has a variety of occasions marked across the year ranging from global observances and trade fairs, to sporting events and cultural festivals.

Lamu Cultural Festival

A premiere of 2001, Lamu Cultural Festival is the longest running cultural event in Kenya. The 3-day festival takes place in November and is meant to give visitors a taste of Swahili life.

The activities at the festival include dhow sailing races, donkey races, traditional henna paintings, traditional artisan craft making and competitive Bao games - he regarded as one of the oldest games in history with archaeological evidence showing that it has been played in the region for thousands of years.

It is no wonder the oldest festival gives you a fresh experience every time.

Lamu Yoga Festival

www.lamuyoga.org

The hubspot of yoga, the Lamu Yoga Festival features over 150 classes of yoga taught by over 26 professional practitioners in a four-day fiesta.

Other activities include yoga workshops and meditations, a chance to indulge in Swahili cuisine and interact with yogis from all walks of life.

The festival offers five days of yoga in Shela, Lamu town and Manda Island. Experience different yoga styles (for example Aerial yoga and early bird yoga), from experienced instructors on the magnificent Shela beach.



Get a taste of the Swahili culture and join the Swahili Dinner, Sunset Dhow Sail and final Dinner & Celebration. Spoil yourself and extend your stay with a few days to enjoy all Lamu Island has to offer the weekend before or after the festival.

It is no wonder by the time it ends, nothing else can stretch you out.

Maulidi festival

www.lamu.go.ke/lamuculturalfestival/mauli-di-festive

Experience the culture and practices of Lamu life at the historic Maulid festival, which has been an Islamic celebration since the 19th century.

Maulid also known as Milad-un-Na-bi is normally held during the third month of the Muslim calendar to celebrate the birth of Prophet Mohamed. Alongside a Bao competition, other activities include a dhow sailing competition, donkey races, henna painting, swimming and poetry attracting hundreds of spectators.

Coast Film Festival

www.coastfilmfestival.com

Held every September, the Coast Film Festival was founded by local filmmakers and Alliance Français, and is known to showcase films and documentaries and train filmmakers.

Diani Beach Festival

www.dianibeachfestival.com

Diani Beach festival is the first of its kind in the region. The festival is a month long event that takes place from 9th December to 2nd January, right on the beach. With sports activities and top-notch performances from both local and international acts, Diani Beach festival is the proverbial bucket-list event.

The festival has packages range from Bronze, Gold to Platinum. Gold and Platinum Package is inclusive of concierge and complimentary Hennessy & Moët. The Platinum package of the opening weekend offers return

flights plus accommodation, concierge service and access to the VIP lounge. Life is a beach? Nay. Life is Diani beach.

Lamu Art Festival

www.lamu-art-festival.org

The Lamu Art Festival is a weekend on the coastal island that brings together local and international artists, musicians and craftsmen for 3 days of creative inspiration, learning and pure enjoyment.

The 2016 Art Festival was a great success with art workshops, guided walks through the streets of Lamu and an exhibition at the Lamu Fort which ended in a concert in Lamu town square with over 1000 people watching artists and an 8 piece funk/soul band, The Kaya Collective from Nairobi.

Now that makes me look forward to peeling the week away just to catch this unforgettable weekend.

Lamu Painters festival

www.lamupaintersfestival.org

The Lamu Painters Festival is now an established fixture in the Lamu calendar of events, but it wasn't always like that. First held in 2011, the concept of a painting festival was dreamt up by Herbert Menzer, a part-time resident in Shela. Inspired by the light, colors and traditional rhythm of island life, he saw

a correlation with the post-impressionist painters.

The hotel Batil Aman, a former Swahili palace became the headquarters for the painters. The painters quickly established an evening routine. Pre-dinner, they congregated in the improvised gallery showing the 300 plus paintings, critiquing each other's work, sharing experiences and advice before sitting down to feasts cooked by Herbert's team of untiring staff.

But you know what? Words are not enough to picture the festival, you have to experience it.

Lamu Food festival

A gateway to the cultural cuisines of Lamu. The festival combines both cultural and culinary activities with a food investor's forum and many opportunities for entertainments.

Groups of women from around the Lamu County compete to give the best in their unique cuisines and a display on how is prepared with a world renowned chef as chief judge.

This is to take the cultural taste of diversity to modern art of culinary and create opportunities in the food industry for Lamu, and leave you with a good taste in your mouth.

www.lamu.go.ke/food-festival

The Diani Ngalawa Regatta

It is an event on South Coast which showcases traditional local culture. The fisherman from along the beach come together to race their "Ngalawas" (canoes with outriggers dug out of giant mango trees).

Their skill in maneuvering their boats as they fly across the waves is awesome. Ladies can have their hair plaited; hands painted with henna & learn how lessos are worn by watching the "mama lesso" competition.

Wouldn't you want to uncover this for yourself?

Mombasa International Trade Fair

www.ask.co.ke

This annual event takes place in August over 5 days at the Mombasa, Jomo Kenyatta show ground, and attracts both international and region investors and players in the agriculture, trade and tourism sectors who display their products and services.

Tandawazi Festival

www.tandawazi.co.ke

Tandawazi is a festival of Movement Art & Music. The festival is the place where lovers of the arts spectrum go to engage world-class instructors with a view to improving themselves and promoting community.





What makes Tandawazi unique is that it is the only platform in Kenya that invites a wide spectrum of artistes to come together under one banner to showcase and share the art & music movement.

There are events within an event hosted by each artistic community.

The word Tandawazi means limitless in Kiswahili. The thinking behind Tandawazi is that when a community comes together to work for the greater good of their purpose, there are no limits as to how powerful the experience and end result can be.

Annual World War Memorial Celebrations

This particular event usually happens in the November.

World War Museum TAITA TAVETA TOWN

www.sarovahotels.com/sarovablog/the-first-world-war-1914-1916-in-taita-taveta--kenya.html

Didi you know that it's in Taveta Town during the first world war of 1914-1918 that the first shot was fired in anger in the early morning of 15th August 1914 igniting the land action of the East African Campaign that saw the British face off with the German Schutztruppe, leading to a 20 month occupation of Taveta by the Germans.

It was also in Taveta town where The Taveta Chronicle was first published in 1895. This was the first periodical published in the East African mainland and the second newspaper to be printed in the British and German spheres of East Africa.

The Taita Taveta County has four Commonwealth World War 1 Cemeteries located in Voi, Maktau and Taveta Towns, treasures buried deep that wouldn't mind to be uncovered by curious minds.

Kenya Kite Cup Diani

Diani Beach's annual Kite surfing competition is held annually at Nomad Beach Bar. The competition can be entered by anybody who can kite, young or old, amateur or professional.

A cool natural way to feel high.

www.nomadbeachbar.com

Delamare Fishing Competition

The most famous big game fish can be caught during the Kenyan summer.

This is the season of the black marlin, the striped marlin & the sailfish. There is almost no rain at this time of the year and the fishing conditions are absolutely perfect. The competition is held in January 28/29 of every year.

Marlin Championship Watamu

This fishing competition is held annually during the 1st week of march, offering 80% of the entrance fees collected for the biggest marlin caught over 400lbs.

Sports

Water Sports

For exhilaration with a wide variety of water sports, Kenya's expansive Indian Ocean offers you the perfect opportunity for both motorized and non-motorized water sports.



If you prefer the allure of water to dry land, pack your holiday with a good mixture of over and under water activities you could dive into.

Diani

Awarded as Africa's leading beach destination 3 years in a row, it is located at the Safari Beach Hotel (former Alliance Hotels) in the center of Diani Beach.

With a richly diverse marine life of the southern Kenyan coast, the warm waters and beautiful coral reef, it is the ideal spot for all water sport enthusiasts offering a wide range of activities to suit every interest and level of experience. Little wonder why it is Africa's shining light.

Kite surfing

The Trade Winds of the Kenyan coast have brought the world to our shores for centuries. Now they are attracting devotees of the ocean's latest thrilling action sport, kite surfing.

Perfect wind conditions, beautiful tropical beaches and ready access to Kenya's world famous game parks make this the most exciting new destination for ocean borne adventure.

Places to kite surf include Diani beach. Nyali Beach and Che-Shale, Watamu.

Big Game fishing in Watamu

Big game fishing is widely available on the North coast with many highly skilled local operators in Malindi.



Hemingway's Hotel in Watamu is a fishing resort with an excellent international reputation, and excellent boats with state of the art equipment available for full and half day charter.

The main game fish include Sailfish and Marlin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Horse Mackerel and others (Big game fishing can be arranged in season (December-March).

A tag and release program ensures eco-friendly fishing.

Diving

Growing increasingly popular as a dive destination, Kenya has another great wilderness hid beneath the surface of the Indian Ocean, a wilderness just as rich, diverse and ripe for explorations in any of our game parks.

The calm turquoise waters of our beaches lie in the protective shelter of reef after reef, home to a myriad bounty of sea life.

Places where one can go diving are Watamu Marine National Park, Mtwapa and Barracuda Reef and Kisite Mpunguti Marine Reserve.

Other Sports

Yachting- Mombasa Yacht club

The trade winds of the Indian Ocean bring forth the beauty that endows the southeastern part of Kenya. Your sailing holiday in Kenya has a good mixture of over & under water activities you could dive into.

Cycling

Discover the real Africa by cycling off the beaten track, and get glimpses of the way of life in traditional African villages within palm and mango tree forests. With breathtaking views of the Creeks and North Coast area, life is truly a whirlwind of a ride.

Kilifi Gold Triathlon

www.kilifigoldtriathlon.org

This triathlon is usually a sold out, fun-filled day with hundreds of spectators lining the route to cheer on the competitors. The triathlon includes swimming, cycling and running. The Kilifi Gold Triathlon has been raising money for local organizations each year since 2003.

Cricket

www.mombasasportsclub.co.ke

Being the only fully accredited ODI cricket ground outside Nairobi, the cricket pitch is considered to be the most picturesque ground in Kenya with its border of ancient trees.

The club hosts international and local matches including rugby and football, giving you a dose of fitness and fun.

Diani Beach Touch Rugby

Location: Diani Beach, Forty Thieves Beach Bar

www.dianibeachtouchrugby.com

The annual Diani Beach 5-a-side Touch Rugby Tournament takes place in Kenya on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

5 kilometers of wonderful powdery white sand, amazing clear blue waters and a coral reef running six hundred meters offshore.

The tournament is recognized both nationally and internationally, attracting teams from Kenya and beyond with games starting Friday evening under floodlights and run all Saturday and Sunday.

New Years Dhow Race

Location: Lamu

In order to preserve and encourage the art of dhow sailing, now threatened by increasing availability of engines and prefabricated boats, a dhow race is held. The town's finest dhows are selected to compete, and race under sail through a complicated series of buoys, combining speed with elaborate tacking and maneuvering knack with utter dexterity.

Golfing At Sea Level

Vipingo Ridge - Baobab Course

www.vipingoridge.com

Located 30.1km north of Mombasa, the ridge is nestled between the shimmering Indian Ocean and the rolling green hills of the Kenyan heartland; a landscape of lush, expansive beauty provides the setting for Vipingo Ridge, the newest and most striking addition to Africa's great golf courses.

The Baobab Course, the first of Vipingo Ridge's two 18-hole courses, is built

to the most exacting international standards, with panoramic ocean views to the east and sunsets over the vast African interior to the west leaving you gasping at the utter elegance of the view.

Nyali Golf and Country Club

www.nyaligolf.co.ke

Formerly established in 1973 on 127 acres of land and located in the leafy Nyali suburb of Mombasa, this traditional coastal course is lined with flowering trees, featuring impeccably maintained fair-ways and some of the fastest greens in Kenya.

Its central location offers easy access to Mombasa's world-class beach resorts, water sports centers, shops and restaurants, while the evocative 15th century land-marks of Fort Jesus and Mombasa's Old Town are just a short drive away.

The home of golf on Kenya's coast, Nyali is a true seaside paradise; it's perfectly formed greens flanked by flamboyant flame trees, its fairways alive with troops of velvet monkeys.

You know what they say, if you want to join the monkey dance then you must be prepared to be touched by the monkey's tail.





Leisure Lodge Beach Resort & Golf Club

www.leisuregolfclub.com

Located in Diani beach 29.6km south of Mombasa, it has been called the most beautiful course in East Africa, with miles of coral overlaid with sand and topsoil with greenery.

Mombasa Golf Club

www.mombasagolfclub.com

Mombasa Golf Club is a members' club situated next to the Kilindini Harbor and was the 3rd golf club to be opened in Kenya. Founded in 1911, this beautiful 9-hole golf course overlooking the Indian Ocean is known for its scenic views and unique challenging golfing experience.

Malindi Golf Club

www.malindigolfclub.com

This beautiful golf course was built along the dunes winding its way around the forest and wetlands. It was founded in 1962 and is a 9-hole course featuring iconic holes and separate tees. The golf club is open to those who are not members of the club.

ALWAYS A REASON TO HEAD OUT TO THE BEACH

MONTH	EVENT	WHERE
JANUARY	Spice Route Sailing trip	Lamu, Malindi, Watamu, Mombasa, Diani
	Kenya big five of the sea – Deep sea fishing expeditions	Watamu
	Kenya Kite Cup	Sands at Nomads, Diani
FEBRUARY	Tee Off at Sea Level	Kilifi, Mombasa, Diani
	Big Five Kenya snake safari	Malindi
MARCH	Combination of world's best wildlife watching safari	Tsavo national Park, Coast
	Magical Kenya Open (Golf Festival)	Vipingo
	Lamu Yoga Festival	Lamu
APRIL	World class wildlife watching safaris	Tsavo East and Tsavo West National parks
	Cultural immersion in the Mijikenda Kaya forests	Diani
MAY	World class wildlife watching safaris	Tsavo National Park
JUNE	Maulidi Festival	Lamu



JULY	Astro safaris and Photography	Lamu, Watamu, Mombasa, Diani
	Humpback Whale, shark migration and watching	Watamu
	5 Aside Touch Rugby	Diani
AUGUST	Mombasa International Cultural Festival	Mombasa
SEPTEMBER	World tourism day celebrations	Lamu, Mombasa, Watamu, Malindi, Diani

OCTOBER	Scuba dive at the Equator	Watamu, Malindi, Diani
	Birds of Kenya	Arabuko Sokoke, Tsavo and Taita
NOVEMBER	Lamu Cultural Festival	Lamu
DECEMBER	Tandem beach jumps – Skydiving	Diani
	Sun Sea Safari - Kite surf, Windsurf and party at the beach	Diani, Mombasa, Watamu, Malindi, Lamu



Travel Tips

Dress Code

The Kenyan coast is multi-cultural with a relatively relaxed dress code, but the majority of residents are Muslims who adhere to certain dressing standards, especially for women who wear a buibui, a long black dress that covers their body and a hijab.

One should avoid transparent and overly revealing clothing. The maxim is true, you'll be addressed the way you dress.

Swahili People

The coast has a diverse cultural make-up, from Arabs to Indians, Africans to Europeans, but majority of the local people are Swahili speaking Muslims, so learning some basic words in Swahili might come in very handy.

Although English is widely used, you may also find some people who can speak Chinese, Spanish, German or Italian, make this a colorful town as any other.

Greetings

Most social interaction begins with a greeting. It's advisable to shake hands when greeting rather than hugging. Besides, there is nothing more gripping than a firm handshake, pardon the innuendo.

Photography

Photography of the State House, government institutions and military installation is prohibited. One should always seek permission from locals before taking their pictures – even when the lure is irresistible.

Safety

Personal safety begins with you, and like any other big city you are advised to avoid walking alone in dark alleys especially at night. Keep to well-lit areas and avoid crowded places.

VISA

A visa is required prior to entry into Kenya and you can now apply for your visa online and have it approved in real time. A single entry visa is always valid for three months from the date of issue.

To apply for a visa log on to: www.evisa.go.ke/evisa.html

Health

It is advisable to travel with a first aid kit that includes a bandage, thermometer, sun block, anti-diarrhea medication and more. One is also advised to have immunization against Yellow Fever and Cholera as well as Malaria prevention shots. Local hospitals include:

- Coast General Hospital
- Mombasa Hospital
- Aga Khan Hospital
- Pandya Memorial Hospital
- St John Ambulance





Useful Contacts

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Landline: 999/112

Kenya Police Mombasa Headquarters - Tel: +254 41 2311 11401

Malindi Police Station - Tel: +254 42 20 486

Watamu Police Station - Tel: +254 42 32 286

EMERGENCY SERVICES

AAR Ambulance – Tel: +254 41 231 2405/6

St. John Ambulance Service – Tel: +254 41 231 2405/6

Fire Brigade - Landline: 999

CONSULATES

British Honorary Consulate Mombasa – Tel: +254 41 222 0023

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Consulate of Switzerland Bamburi – Tel: +254 727 695 452

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Moi International Airport – Tel: +254 11 433 211

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TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

Kenya Coast Tourist Association

Mombasa

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Getting Around:

Tuktuk Rides

Cheaper than taxis, locals prefer using them, and though bumpy and noisy, they are one of the most exciting ways to get around. You cannot leave Mombasa without taking a tuktuk ride - trust me. It is exhilarating.

Matatus

Moving about the coastal area by matatu can be a worthwhile experience depending on the passenger next to you. Besides, it comes with the added advantage of being cheaper than taking a taxi/cab.

Tour Vans

If in a large group, one can hire a tour van to take the whole group around the coastal towns at certain package cost.

Taxis/Cabs

One can easily get around by taxis available at hotels, streets, and airport. Uber, Taxify and Little Cabs are downloadable apps to easily book a taxi using your mobile phones.





Learn Some Swahili

Commonly Used Swahili Phrases

USEFUL GREETINGS

Jambo

Hello, good day, how is you?
(Multi-purpose greeting)

Jambo (reply)

I'm fine

Habari

How are things?

Mzuri (reply)

Fine, good, terrific

Hodi (question)

Hello? Anyone in? (said on knocking or entering)

Karibu (answer)

Come in, enter, welcome (also said on offering something)

Kwaheri/ni

Goodbye to one/many

Asante/ni

Thank you to one/many

COMMON PHRASES

Bwana

Mister, the equivalent of monsieur in French

Mama

Like the French Madame or mademoiselle, for adult women.

Kijana

Youth, teenager (pl, vijana)

**Mtoto**

Child (pl, watoto)

Jina Lako ni?

What's your name?

Jina langu ni....

I am called...

Unatoka wapi?

Where are you from?

Unakaa wapi?

Where are you staying?

Nimetoka

I am from

Nakaa

I am staying (at/in)

Tutaonana (Lit. "We shall meet)

See you

Ndiyo (Lit. It is so)

Yes

Hapana

No

Sifahamu/Sielewi

I don't understand

Sijui Kiswahili

I don't know Kiswahili

Sijui

I don't know

Wapi?

Where?

Hapa

Here

Choo. Bafu

Toilet, Bathroom

Maji moto/ Maji baridi

Hot water/Cold water

Ninaskia Njaa

I'm hungry

Nina Kiu

I'm thirsty

Kuna...?

Is there...?

Iko or Kunayo

Yes there is

Hakuna

No there isn't any

Pesa

Money

Ngapi?

How much?

PLACES**Duka**

Shop

Benki

Bank

Posta

Post Office

Hoteli

Café, Restaurant

Simu

Telephone

Daktari

Doctor

Hospitali

Hospital

Polisi

Police

TRANSPORT**Teksi**

Taxi

Baiskeli

Bicycle

Treni

Train

Ndege

Plane

Meli

Ship

Petroli

Petrol

Njia

Road, Path



Barabara

Highway

Pole pole

Slowly

Haraka

Fast

Ngoja!/ Simama Kidogo!

Wait! / Hang on a moment!

Simama

Stop!

TIME & DAYS

Saa Ngapi

What time is it?

Saa Kumi

Four o'clock

Na robo

Quarter past

Na nusu

Half past

Kaso robo

Quarter to

Dakika

Minutes

Mapema

Early

Jana

Yesterday

Leo

Today

Kesho

Tomorrow

Mchana

Day time

Usiku

Night time

Alfajiri

Dawn

Asubuhi

Morning

Wiki iliopita/hii/ijayo

Last/this/next week

Mwaka huu

This year

Mwezi huu

This month

Jumatatu

Monday

Jumanne

Tuesday

Jumatano

Wednesday

Alhamisi

Thursday

Ijumaa

Friday

Jumamosi

Saturday

Jumapili

Sunday

NUMBERS

1 – Moja

2 – Mbili

- 3 – Tatu
- 4 – Nne
- 5 – Tano
- 6 – Sita
- 7 – Saba
- 8 – Nane
- 9 – Tisa
- 10 – Kumi
- 11 – Kumi na moja
- 12 – Kumi na mbili
- 20 – Ishirini
- 100 – Mia moja
- 1000 – Eflu (moja)

SIGNS

Hatarii

Danger!

Onyo!

Warning!

Mbwa Mkali!

Fierce dog!

Hakuna njia!

No entry!

Kabisa

Completely

Wasiwasi, matata

Problems, hassles

Hakuna wasiwasi/ Hakuna matata

No problem

Rafiki

Friend

Samahani

Sorry, pardon

Si Kitu

Its nothing

Hebu

Excuse me

Tafadhali

Please



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