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COAST TO COAST - KENYA

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Let your imagination soar

Journey overview

Watamu

Watamu - meaning “home of the sweet people” in Swahili - is a small village on the Kenyan coast approximately 120kms north of Mombasa - Kenya’s second largest city. It is also 20kms south of Malindi - Vasco de Gama’s first landing point on the coast of East Africa. Watamu’s shoreline features pristine white sand beaches and offshore coral formations arranged in different bays and sheltered by a reef. The area is protected as part of the Watamu Marine National Park and is considered one of the best snorkeling and diving areas on the coast of Africa. The Marine Park is renowned worldwide for its natural beauty and boasts a diverse marine life from the visiting whale sharks and manta rays to three species of sea turtle. Watamu is a beautiful and peaceful, nestled between pristine beaches and lush tropical forest. Since it was first settled as a remote Swahili outpost at Gedi, this area has remained a haven of peace and tranquility and is still one of the coast’s most undeveloped and natural areas. Known for its unique, relaxed and laid back way of life, Watamu welcomes visitors seeking to chill out, explore and enjoy the wonders that it has to offer. Whether it’s a family holiday, a romantic getaway or a wild coastal adventure, you’ll never forget the Wonders of Watamu.

Diani

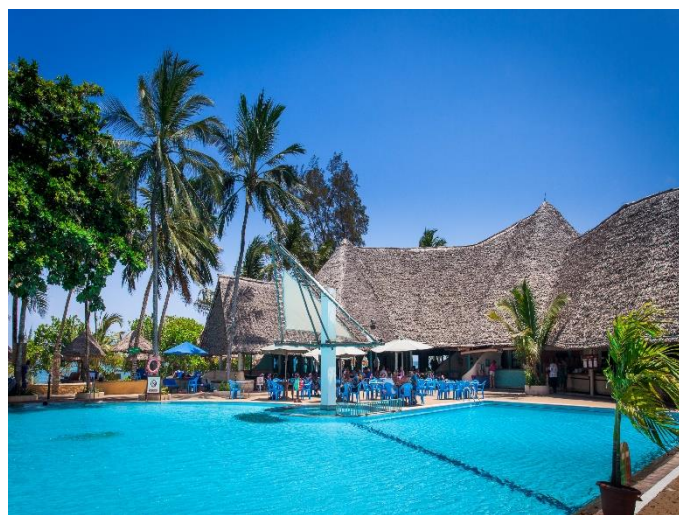
The best coastal strip in Kenya is found in Diani. From the white sandy beaches, to the fresh smell of the ocean breeze, the colorful sunrises and sunsets, the peace and quiet, and the intense colors of the sea in turquoise, aquamarine and deep blue merging with the lighter blue sky in the horizon... bliss.

Diani is one of Kenya’s leading tourist destinations, attracting local and international visitors.

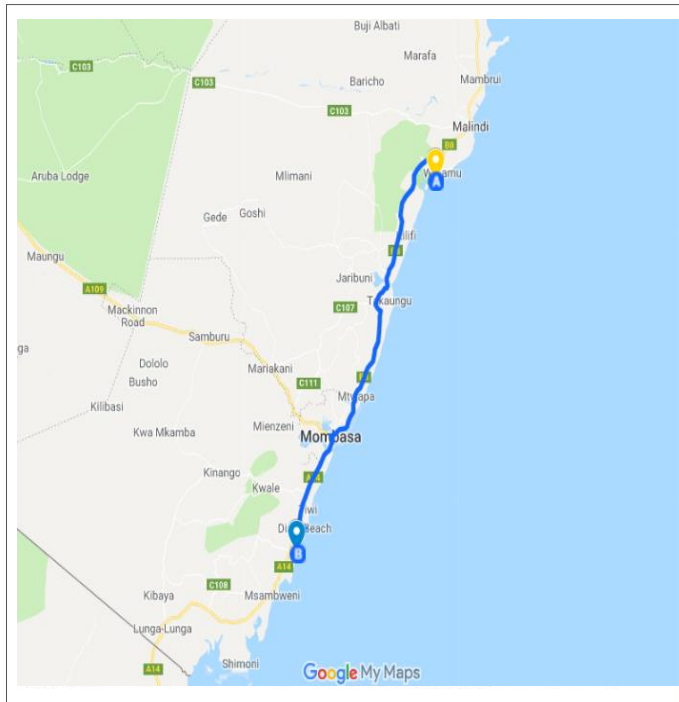
Diani was just a fishing settlement about 40 years ago, but saw a boom in the 70s when tourists wishing to come to Africa found Kenya the ideal place, as there was so much strife and problems in other African countries. Hotels mushroomed along the 5 mile coast road, which was tarmacadam at that time from a dusty track; a small airport was built by literally by hand; and Diani has continued to develop to the cosmopolitan resort it is now, without losing its charm and simple ambience.

Specially created for

- Families
- Coastal excursion enthusiasts
- Luxury adventure travelers
- Relaxing and blissful vacation seekers



At a glance



5 nights / 6 days

4 Guests

DAY	PROGRAMME
Day 1	Transfer from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Nairobi Wilson Airport Scheduled flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Malindi Airstrip Transfer to Watamu Overnight: Beach Resort in Watamu
Day 2	Overnight: Beach Resort in Watamu
Day 3	Transfer from Watamu to Diani Overnight: Beach Resort in Diani
Day 4	Scheduled 1 hour scenic flight across Kenyan Coast Overnight: Beach Resort in Diani
Day 5	Overnight: Beach Resort in Diani
Day 6	Scheduled flight from Ukunda Airstrip to Nairobi Wilson Airport Departure

Expect the extraordinary

Watamu, Kenya

Day 1

You will be picked up from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or your hotel/residence and transferred to Nairobi Wilson Airport. You will then board a direct flight lasting around 1 hour to Malindi Airstrip.

Following check out from the airstrip, you will be transferred to a highly rated beach resort in Watamu, the journey taking approximately 30 minutes.

You will then check in to the hotel, have lunch and spend the rest of the evening relaxing at the beach or engage in scheduled activities at the resort.

Dinner and overnight at the resort.

Day 2

After an early breakfast, we will embark on a short trip to explore the historical heritage of Watamu town with visits to Mida Creek and Bioken Snake farm.

You will return to the resort for lunch and spend the rest of the day joining the well trained hotel staff for watersport activities. Some of these activities include boogie boards, canoes, padelos, stand up paddle boards and windsurfing.

Dinner and overnight at the resort.



Expect the extraordinary

Diani, Kenya

Day 3

Early breakfast and then check out and begin road trip to Diani, passing through Mombasa and crossing the ferry. We will reach Diani in approximately 2 hours.

You will be met by the friendly staff upon reaching the beach resort in Diani, who will assist you with your seamless check in.

Have your lunch at the resort and take the rest of the day off relaxing at the beach or joining in on the various activities that go on throughout the day at the resort, as you look forward to the exciting activities coming up the next day.

Dinner and overnight at the resort.

Day 4

Awake to the blissful calls of the waves of the crystal clear Diani Ocean crashing on to the white sands. Have your breakfast and get prepared for an exhilarating morning where we have a Jet Skiing session planned for you.

Experience the thrill and adventure of jet skiing along the coast of Diani. Speed through the Indian waters, breaking through the waves and pass by the stunning landscape white sandy beaches and picturesque caves.

Thereafter, return for lunch at the resort and relax a bit before embarking on one of the most thrilling experiences of your life at 3pm.

Board a small plane for a remarkable scenic flight. Fly along Diani Beach, past Chale Island, Msambweni, and Funzi Island. See the amazing turquoise waters and beautiful beaches from the air while experiencing the excitement of flying in a small airplane in Africa!

Return to the resort for dinner and overnight.



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Diani, Kenya

Day 5

Hold on tight because the fun is not over yet! We have, perhaps the best experience of the trip, planned for you on this day. After breakfast, we will pick you up for your Wasini Island Dolphin and Snorkeling Tour.

We sail from Shimoni peer to Kisite Mpunguti Marine National Park in a Dhow - a traditional wooden Arab sailing boat, while the locals sing the infamous “Hakuna Matata” song for the guests complete with their bongos, a moment that will last you a lifetime. On our journey, we search for one of the many pods of resident dolphins to enjoy the company of these beautiful mammals in their natural habitat.

Then we head to the coral reefs of the Marine National Park where we have the possibility to go swimming/snorkeling in the crystal clear waters of the Indian Ocean (assistance for non-swimmers provided), and/or relax on the boat or a sandbank at low tide.

Afterwards, we continue our journey to Wasini Island where we will enjoy our delicious Swahili lunch, either grilled sea food or grilled chicken, in one of Wasini’s famous sea-side restaurants. The grilling is carried out in the shores of the ocean and is an experience to behold.

In the afternoon, a guided visit to the island’s main village with an optional visit of Wasini’s community conservation project “Coral Garden” and its boardwalk is closing up your day on Wasini Island. You will then return to the resort.

Dinner and overnight at the resort.

DEPARTURE

Day 6

Time to get back to reality as, sadly, this will be the day that this amazing tour comes to an end. Have breakfast and proceed to checkout as you are transferred to Ukunda Airstrip for your flight to Nairobi.



Journey overview

Rate per person: USD 1 700

Flights

DETAILS	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Nairobi Wilson Airport to Malindi Airport	10:40am	12:00pm
Ukunda Airport to Nairobi Wilson Airport	11:55am	01:15pm

Transfers

DETAILS	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport/Hotel to Nairobi Wilson Airport	07:00am	09:00am
Malindi Airport to Watamu beach resort	12:15pm	01:00pm
Watamu beach resort to Diani beach resort	10:30am	01.00pm
Diani beach resort to Ukunda Airport	10:00am	10:30am

Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Watamu	Turtle Bay Resort (subject to availability)	1x Standard Room(s)
		All meals and local brands of drinks
Diani	Baobab Beach Resort & Spa (subject to availability)	1x Standard Room(s)
		All meals and local brands of drinks

Journey overview

What's included:

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals and drinks as specified
- Scheduled flights as specified in the itinerary
- Tours and excursions in Watamu as specified in the itinerary
- Tours and excursions in Diani as specified in the itinerary
- Transportation facilities to and from the beach resorts for excursions planned as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips unless otherwise stipulated
- Last day fly back to Nairobi Wilson Airport

What's not included:

- Festive season and end moment booking increments.
- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary or as outlined in the Includes
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- International flights to and from Nairobi and other flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- Parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fees (please be sure to check if visas are required)

Note:

- Additional nights may be added.
- Single supplements and child (below 12) prices can be inquired for.

The details are in the fine print

Kenya

INSURANCE

It is essential that adequate travel insurance be taken out prior to departure. It is important to note that it is recommended to purchase travel insurance within 14 days from paying your deposit. This should cover any medical situation such as hospitalization, as well as cancellation, curtailment of arrangements and baggage.

CHECK-IN TIMES

In accordance with global practice, all hotel and lodge check-in/out times are as follows:

Check-in: 14h00; Check-out: 11h00

LANGUAGE

The national language in Kenya is Swahili, although English is widely spoken.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Bring sufficient memory cards and batteries as these are not always readily available. Remember to ask permission before taking a photograph of any local resident.

The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) is not allowed in any of the conservation areas, until such time as their impact on wildlife and anti-poaching initiatives can be assessed. This rule applies throughout Africa. They may be allowed at beach resorts.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that local laws, religious beliefs and cultural practices in parts of Africa may be more conservative than those in your country of origin. As these must be observed and adhered to, we suggest that guests carry out due diligence on any areas of concern to them and exercise their discretion when travelling in the region.

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MONEY

Banks and foreign exchange bureaus are available at all international airports and in all main towns.

Officials may not be in a position to issue change, so please carry small denominations of cash where possible. Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travelers should bring USD cash. Small denominations are recommended as high denomination notes may not be accepted or change may not be available. Credit card transactions could take anything up to a few months to go through, especially from more remote areas. USD are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2006 are no longer accepted.

The details are in the fine print

CLIMATE

Hot and humid at the coast; temperate inland; very dry in the north; warmest period is February and March and the coolest July and August; rainfall in April, May and November

Generally temperatures are pleasant averaging 26°C (78°F) during the day; sometimes rising above 30°C (86°F) in the coastal and northern regions

DIETARY

Most dietary requirements can be catered for. Please advise us of any specific dietary requirements before you travel and these will be communicated to all properties.

WHAT TO PACK

As a general guide, comfortable, casual wash and wear clothes are recommended. Muted colors are recommended for game-viewing. Game-drives are conducted in the early morning and late afternoon, which can be very cold, especially in winter.

The most practical items to pack for safari are:

- Khaki, green, beige and neutral colors (dark blue and black should be avoided, as it attracts Tsetse flies)
- Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer, as protection from the sun, mosquitoes and Tsetse flies)
- T-shirts
- Shorts or a light skirt
- Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days
- A jacket and sweater is recommended for early morning and evening game drives
- Lightweight water-proof jacket
- Swim and beachwear
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun block, sunglasses, hat, moisturizer and lip-salve are all essentials
- Strong insect repellent like Mozzie Guard
- Binoculars and camera equipment

Laundry: Most lodges, camps and hotels do their best to deliver a same day laundry service, weather permitting. Dry cleaning can be arranged at most hotels but is not available at lodges. At the lodges soap suds are generally provided in your room for delicate items. Please be mindful that, due to culture and customs in many of the areas in which we operate, some lodges/camps do not wash underwear. While most lodges/camps can arrange for your shoes to be polished, we regret that we are unable to provide a service for these to be washed.

The details are in the fine print

PLASTIC BAGS ILLEGAL IN KENYA

Kenya joins over 40 countries that have made plastic bags illegal, in a positive effort to reduce the impact on our environment.

The ban applies to carrier bags with handles (and with or without gussets), and flat bags without handles and without gussets.

If you are travelling to Kenya, plastic bags that match the above description, including duty free bags, will be confiscated at the airport. However, there is a bigger risk that if anyone is caught using these plastic bags, the fine is KSh4 000 000 (approximately USD 38 000) or a prison sentence of up to four years. If you are travelling to Kenya, please refrain from using all forms of 'disposable' plastic bags in both main luggage and hand luggage, to avoid inconveniences and possibly prosecution.

ELECTRICITY

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. It is possible that lodges in more remote areas do not have electricity and run on generator or solar power.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please consult your physician for advice on **malaria** precautions before travel to East Africa.

Anyone who takes any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.

Yellow Fever:

Swahili Eco Safaris' Terms and Conditions require you to obtain advice from your medical practitioner or travel clinic before traveling to any destination to determine if you are required to get a Yellow Fever vaccination, no less than 10 days prior to travel. If required you must be able to produce a Yellow Fever certificate as proof of vaccination. Depending on which countries you are traveling to prior or post your stay in Kenya the certificate will be required. The certificate may also be required when re-entering your country of origin, or other African countries, if you have visited a destination within the Yellow Fever belt. For more information you may consult the following website but we must reiterate that we advise you to visit your medical practitioner or your closest travel clinic for further information. <http://www.who.int/ith/vaccines/yf/en/>

Swahili Eco Safaris recommends that travelers entering Kenya directly from non-endemic countries receive the vaccination in their home country. Kenya health officials can be inconsistent in enforcing the correct regulations; however, when they do, and travellers do not have the required documentation, this can result in refusal of entry and unnecessary delays.

Additionally, it is essential for those travelling from the Masai Mara (Kenya) to the Serengeti (Tanzania), via Migori and Tarime, to obtain a Yellow Fever certificate. Tanzanian health officials have held guests at the Isibania Border for extended periods of time, due to lack of certificates. Failure to provide a Yellow Fever certificate, at these specific destinations, may result in refusal of entry. For more information about Yellow Fever endemic countries, please see the list provided by the World Health Organisation: https://www.who.int/ith/ith_country_list.pdf

Ticks:

Ticks can be found in Africa's wilderness areas. To avoid getting bitten when going on bush walks, guests are advised to take precautions by wearing long trousers, socks and boots. Please note that there is a possibility that tick bites could lead to tick bite fever. Symptoms include fever, headaches and painful, enlarged lymph glands in the area of the bite. If you experience these symptoms after returning home, please visit your doctor and advise them of the possibility of tick bite fever.

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SAFETY

Like anywhere else in the world, visitors must always take reasonable precautions as opportunistic crime does happen and it can be best described as when an opportunity presents itself and subsequently tempts a person to steal.

Most accommodations offer in-room or reception safes to secure your valuables.

Visitors are advised not to leave their belongings or personal property unattended.

Do not carry large sums of money or valuables on your person.

Always buy your excursions from a licensed operator, your hotel or travel agent representatives can assist you with verification.

FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Check-in is 1 hour prior for domestic departures and 2 hours prior for international departures.

Due to particularly stringent security measures at airports in Kenya, guests are required to arrive an additional hour prior to their departure time:

- 3 hours prior to international departures
- 2 hours prior to domestic departures

Scheduled regional and inter-lodge flights may involve multiple stops before reaching the final destination. Flights are operated as “shuttle transfers” and therefore departure times may vary up to 1 hour. Times are subject to change without notice.

In the event of bad weather, airlines reserve the right to drop guests off at the nearest serviceable airstrip which may mean a road transfer for guests to get to their final destination. Any costs resulting from such diversions would be for your own account. Aircrafts used on inter-lodge flights are small and interior space limited. In addition, some activity and scenic air operators may also have weight and/or height restrictions. For the sake of your own comfort, please advise us at time of booking if you are particularly bulky or tall and we will do our best to accommodate you. Additional costs may apply.

Swahili Eco Safaris cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights or change scheduled times resulting in missed connections etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, we will re-quote accordingly

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS - KENYA

As you will be travelling in vehicles and aircraft with limited space, luggage is required to be packed in a soft bag weighing a maximum of 15kg (33 lbs) which includes hand luggage and camera equipment.

Type of luggage & dimensions: Soft bags with maximum dimensions of 35cm (13.7 inches) wide x 40 cm (15.7 inches) high and 70 cm (27.5 inches) long. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. No hard suitcases are allowed and oversized bags may not be carried on your lap. An additional seat can be booked for extra luggage, subject to availability.

When travelling to any of our destinations in Africa, please remember that possession of wildlife trophies is illegal. A wildlife trophy is defined as “any protected animal, game animal, or game bird, alive or dead and any bone, claw, egg, feather, hair, hoof, skin, tooth, tusk or other durable portion whatsoever of that animal or bird or fish or other aquatic life whether processed, added to or changed by the work of man or not, which is recognizable as such a durable portion”. Any person found in possession of these restricted items, without the necessary permits, will be liable to a fine and/or prison term, with the said item being confiscated. In Kenya, certain items made from the ostrich and crocodile skin, both of which are being reared for the purpose, would be permitted as proper permits are issued by the dealers.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that you have at least 2 consecutive blank visa pages (not endorsement pages) in your passport. Our recommendation is 3 or even 4 blank pages if you are travelling through more than one country. If there is insufficient space in the passport then entry could be denied.

The details are in the fine print

Visa applications to enter Kenya can be done online via <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5> .Visas can also be acquired upon arrival. Where visas can be obtained at port of entry, fees are payable in USD, cash only, we recommend small denominations of bills not older than 2008. Officials are not in a position to give change. It is recommended to obtain visas prior to arrival as there is a likelihood of long queues at all airports.

If guests are travelling to Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya, they can apply for a multi-entry East Africa Tourist Visa for all three countries, prior to arrival, at a cost of USD 100. This visa is valid for 90 days. The East African Visa is valid for multiple entries into Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. It is for use only within these three countries. The issuing country has to be the first point of entry. Should one leave the three countries, the visa is not valid for re-entry into any of the three. This is particularly important for itineraries that run Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda or vice versa. As Tanzania is NOT a signatory to this visa, it cannot be used for re-entry.

Kenya Single Entry Visa - Visitors who have obtained a visa for Kenya and then leave the country to travel to either Tanzania, Rwanda or Uganda will not need a re-entry visa to return to Kenya. The single entry visa will still be applicable, and will only cease to be acceptable if the re-entry is more than 30 days from the first issue or you go beyond the boundaries of East Africa.

Guests travelling from Tanzania to Kenya must obtain a valid Kenyan visa before travel in order to confirm domestic flights between Nairobi and the Masai Mara National Park. This is due to the delays in the processing of visas for guests connecting between Arusha, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya and the knock on effect on domestic flight schedules. Guests arriving at Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro Airports (Tanzania) and subsequently traveling to Kenya are required to obtain a Kenyan visa before travel.

Depending on nationality and country of origin, visa requirements may vary or change without notice. We advise checking with the appropriate consular authority prior to departure. Should the appropriate authority confirm that visas can be obtained on arrival, please ensure you have the applicable fee available.

Get in touch with us

Request for a tailor-made safari based on your requirements [HERE](#).

Should you require any further assistance, kindly do not hesitate to contact us.

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