

Coastal Kenya

When & where to go



● Mombasa

● Diani Beach

● Watamu

● Malindi

● Lamu Island

Coastal Destinations Map



Mombasa - 2nd Largest City in Kenya



Mombasa , Likoni Ferry to Diani



Fort Jesus in Old Town Mombasa



Haller Park, Home of Owen & Mzee



Tamarind Dhow Cruise - Exclusive Lunches and Dinners

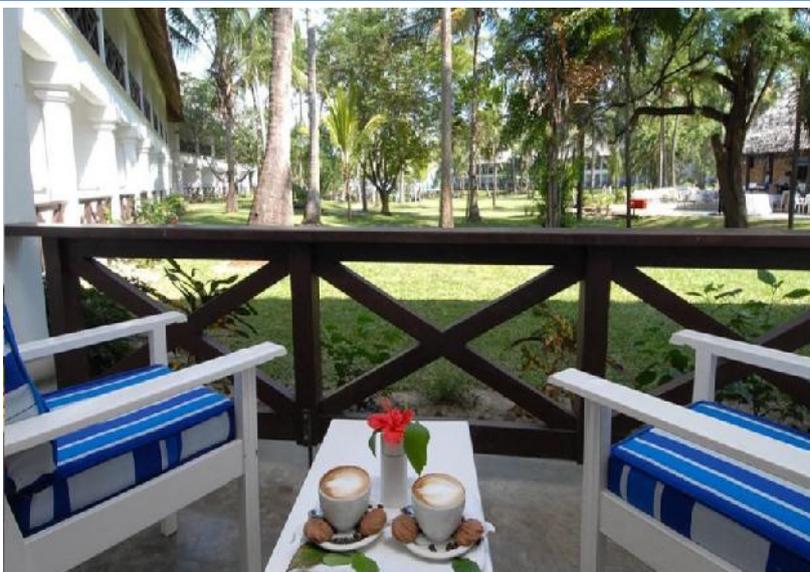
Mombasa - Things to Do

The Kenyan coast is known for its dazzling palm-fringed white beaches, secluded coves, fishing, scuba diving and snorkelling. The coral reefs teem with brightly coloured fish and you can see Dolphins and Sea Turtles. The tropical climate and warm Indian Ocean waters are major attractions for tourists.

Mombasa is the main centre on the coast with its interesting Old Town and fascinating heritage, but there are also a number of smaller towns and pockets of cultural interest along the coast. The coast stretches for nearly 600km (370 miles).

Mombasa City, on the island of Mombasa, is the second largest city in Kenya. It is the **major port in East Africa** and as such has always had strategic historical importance. The history of the city is a mixture of African Bantu, Persian, Arab, Portuguese and British, each leaving behind remnants of their culture, which over time have been entwined and enriched to become the **Swahili culture** as we see it today.

4 Nights Voyager Beach Resort



Family friendly ALL inclusive Resort on Nyali Beach, Mombasa offering best value beach vacations. Price include **flights** from Nairobi, First class on **SGR Train** or **Road transfer** from Amboseli or Tsavo East National Park, Return Transfers. Visit to Haller Park, extra sea-based activities, lunch or dinner aboard the Tamarind Dhow are **excluded**.

The best time to visit Mombasa is **October** to **April**

Other Mombasa Beach Holiday Packages

4 nights Pride Inn, Mombasa - Family friendly with an Aquapark, Pakico's Kids' Club, kids' menu, babysitting services, and free of charge accommodation for kids below 5 years, 5-12 at 50% adult rate)

4 Nights Serena Beach Resort & Spa - The Serena Beach Resort & Spa is an elegant blend of Swahili simplicity and sultan splendour. It is child-friendly with fun perks and exhilarating activities. Delicious kids' menus and a pizza parlour, and an ice cream shop. Rooms with rollaway cots or Family Suites, offering separate kids' and adults' bedrooms, two televisions and plenty of space for the entire clan.

4 Nights Sarova Whitesands Resort & Spa - (Ozone Kids' Club, kids' menu, babysitting services, and free of charge accommodation for kids below 5 years)

4 Nights **The Reef Hotel**, Mombasa

4 Nights **Neptune Beach Resort**

4 Nights **Hotel EnglishPoint & Spa**



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Mombasa



Tamarind Dhows are floating restaurants. They cruise every day except Sundays, gently up Tudor Creek for a quiet spot to moor.

The **Tamarind Dinner** is a highly recommended romantic sea outing for lovebirds or fun lovers. Sails from 6pm and returns to jetty at 10pm.

Tamarind Lunch starts from 1pm and returns to jetty at 3pm.

Diani Beach

Mombasa South Coast

One the best beaches in Africa
CNN Travel

Diani Beach

A vibrant, uncrowded, intimate little paradise on the quiet shores of the Indian Ocean just south of Mombasa in beautiful Kenya.

Incorporating **Tiwi Beach, Galu Beach, Chale Island, Funzi Island, Msambweni** and **Kinondo**.

All major hotels in Diani offer a wide array of activities such as diving, snorkelling, windsurfing, water-skiing, paragliding and much more. The bay is protected by a reef and offers safe swimming for the whole family. There are many excellent dive spots where you can see turtles, dolphins and many colourful corals and tropical fish

Diani is serviced by Ukunda Airstrip for flights from Wilson Airport in Nairobi and **Moi International Airport** in Mombasa some 45 kms away



4 Nights - Baobab Beach Resort & Spa

Baobab is family friendly resort. is arguably Kenya's most famous all-inclusive resort. When it comes to hospitality, the resort holds nothing back

4 Nights - The Sands at Chale

The Sands at Chale is evocatively beautiful. A classic romantic and idyllic resort with various accommodation options



4 Nights - Leopard Beach Resort & Spa

Severally voted at WTA as Africa's leading family and beach resort and Kenya's leading Spa Resort. Great service and smiles



Other Diani Beach Packages

4 nights Southern Palms - Family friendly with a kids club and its iconic swimming pool is one of the longest in Africa. This oceanfront resort speaks of space, majesty and a friendly ambience. The resort offers an all-inclusive concept That makes holiday budgeting easy.

4 Nights Neptune Paradise Beach & Spa - Offers an all inclusive concept and is only a few minutes drive from Ukunda Airstrip. Its 4 star rating ensures Pocket-friendly stays and is a recommended family resort.

4 Nights Afro Chic Diani - With only 10 guest rooms, Afro Chic is one of the best romance destinations in Coastal Kenya owing to the intimacy and serenity it provides. It is set in the midst of deserted beaches on which you can take your loved one for a walk, a run, or have a surprise picnic under the stars. It has manicured gardens and privately placed pagodas where you and the love of your life can wine and dine while making lifelong memories under a night full of stars.

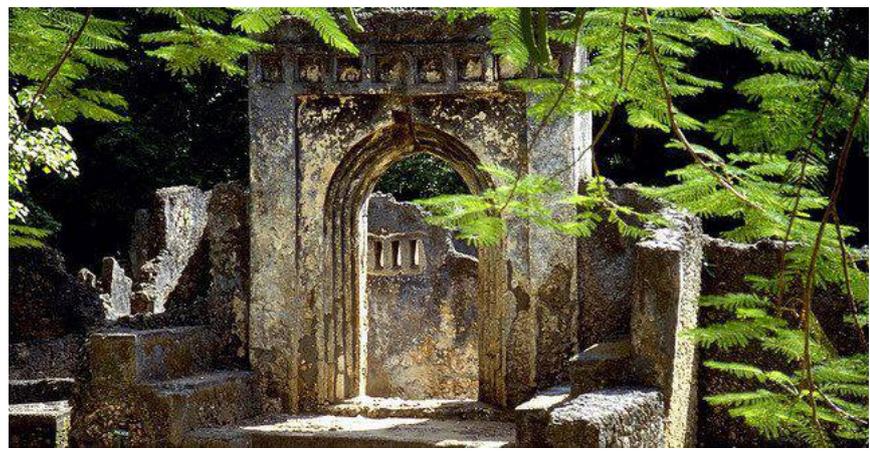
4 Nights Maji Beach & Boutique Hotel - A 5 star ocean front boutique hotel with only 15 tastefully furnished rooms and suites, the Maji offers a unique concept is still a favoured romance destination in Kenya's South Coast.

5-7 nights Mswambweni Beach House - Family friendly accommodation consisting of a main house and 3 villas. The Main House has 4 all en suite bedrooms including 1 Ocean Suite sharing a 14 meter infinity pool. Each of the 3 villas has a private pool, garden and panoramic ocean views. The property has a private beach along a 2.8 KM stretch of the Indian Ocean coastline. Minimum Booking during festive seasons is 7 nights.



Malindi & Watamu

The Hidden gems of North Coast



Idyllic and Enchanting

Malindi a tropical town situated on a stretch of idyllic beaches with intriguing hideaways on the north coast of Kenya. Malindi is another historic town which is a popular holiday resort with plenty of accommodation and modern amenities - highlights include deep sea fishing, exciting night-life, colourful markets and historic mosques. **Hell's Kitchen** (the Marafa Depression) is a geological wonder with many colourful sandstone features 30 minutes drive from Malindi. Not more than 20 Kms away are the **Gede Ruins** which was a town founded in the 12th century, which was prosperous and flourished until the 17th century when it became abandoned. Surrounding these ruins is the **Arabuko - Sokoke Forest**, which is the largest remaining coastal forest in Africa and one of Kenya most important bird area (IBA)

It is served by **Malindi Airport** is situated 2.5km (1.5miles) out of town on the Mombasa Road which is lined with scenic coconut plantations. There are daily scheduled flights between Malindi and Mombasa as well as Nairobi and Lamu. The airport also serves private charters.

Watamu is south of Malindi, about 15kms away and fringes Malindi as tourist and fishing destinations. The smooth white beach of Watamu, which slides gently into shallow, turquoise water, forms part of the **Malindi Marine Reserve Park**, a marine protected area. The snorkeling and diving around the offshore coral formations is said to be the best in East Africa. Watamu is an important breeding ground for **green and hawksbill turtles**.

Watamu is the perfect place to kick back, **chill out and relax**. With pristine beaches as far as the eye can see and crystal clear waters above an underwater world of wonders you can snorkel, dive, kite, SUP and more. Watamu is a famous **fishing centre** that promotes tag and release fishing of spectacular game fish.



10 Things to Do in Malindi & Watamu

1. Stand up paddle boarding with majestic bottle nose dolphins
2. Sail down Mida Creek on a traditional Dhow at sunset
3. Learn to kite surf and scuba dive in the protected Watamu Marine Park
4. Sight the extremely rare Elephant Shrew at Arabuko Sokoke Forest
5. Discover the Ancient ruins of Gede at sunrise
6. Explore the mangroves of Mida Creek on a traditional canoe and then watch the sun set from the Crab Shack
7. Explore the Marine Park and Watamu community conservation efforts
8. Go Big Game Fishing and catch your first Marlin
9. Sip on a Dawa at the Hemingways Bar
10. Go whale watching and spot humpbacks as they migrate along the coast



4 Nights - Medina Palms, Watamu

Medina Palms is a bespoke classic 5 star resort that is very popular today with beach lovers. It is a must visit for couples seeking an ideal dream holiday



4 Nights - Hemingways Watamu

An iconic tropical paradise luxurious resort sitting right in the middle of the pristine Watamu Marine National Park with its sparkling white sands and turquoise waters.

4 Nights - Turtle Bay Watamu

4 Star quality resort that is family and pocket friendly. Ocean front with an array of enjoyable sea-based activities



4 Nights - Leopard Point Beach Resort Malindi

Classic world class service and pampering at this exclusive hotel in Malindi

Lamu Island

Festival Town of Kenya



Lamu Archipelago situated in the Indian Ocean off the North Coast of Kenya, epitomises the charm and longevity of Swahili culture and East African coastal history. With its string of seven islands that are all shapes and sizes, it is an area of outstanding natural beauty, archeological finds and steeped in history.

Lamu Old Town dates back 700 years and has been declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco and Shela which brags, rightfully so, of the most attractive sceneries and powdery beaches in the island. Lamu Cultural Festival is one of the most attended festivals in Kenya as a celebration of the Island and is thrilling.

Step back in time where the motor vehicle has no place; wander through the old town of Lamu through the maze like streets where the buildings are made from local materials; mangrove poles, limestone and coral stones graced with magnificent carved doors. Donkeys are ubiquitous features of Lamu Island

This labyrinth street pattern has its origins in Arab traditions of land distribution and urban development. It is also defined by clusters of dwellings divided into a number of small wards (mitaa) each being a group of buildings where a number of closely related families live.

You can see the fusions of India, Persia and Europe permeating throughout the whole archipelago that has been created over the past 700 years influencing the Swahili culture. There are sea front buildings with their wide verandas that make arrival from the sea inviting. The internal decorations with painted ceilings and pieces of Chinese porcelain all join to make a fascinating fusion.

Lamu Archipelago is home to some lavishly luxurious accommodations in fantastic settings making this an ideal area for add on vacation post safari or as a stand alone beach with a difference type holiday. Lamu Old Town is definitely worth exploring, either on your own or part of a guided tour.

Due to its proximity to the equator, Lamu has a warm tropical climate. The sea breeze makes the temperature more bearable. It rarely falls below 26 °C. The trade winds should be factored into your vacation plans: *Kusi winds* occur May to October and generally bring in the wetter season with strong southeasterly winds, rougher seas and cooler temperatures. Great for sailing this time of year but not for snorkelling.

Kazkazi winds occur from November to April is generally the dry season with warm northeasterly winds, calmer seas and clear water visibility. Normally the weather consists of hot days and warm nights; humid but with a breeze.

The faces of Lamu





4 Nights Manda Bay Resort

Boutique resort on Manda Island right across Lamu. Has best spots nearby for snorkelling, swimming with the dolphins and other sea based activities. Highly recommended

4 Nights - Majlis Resort

Uniquely built, amazing touch of luxury and seclusion.
5 star quality that is worthy of enjoying once in a lifetime



4 Nights - The Fort at Shela, Lamu

Nestled along the sand dunes of Shela Beach, The Fort has been hailed as a monument to Omani architectural ingenuity. It is an epitome of privacy and seclusion. Overlooks the Ocean on a deserted 14 km beach.