



# MANDA BAY

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# MANDA BAY RACK RATES 2024



ROOMS	RATES IN USD		
	PER ADULT SHARING	SINGLE ROOM	PER CHILD SHARING (2-12 YRS)
BEACHFRONT	\$424	\$540	\$380
PALM ROOM	\$404	\$464	\$288
GARDEN	\$308	\$330	\$220
CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT	\$100	\$100	\$175
EXCLUSIVE BOOKINGS (min 3 nights)	\$18,150   \$24,200 (Xmas Season) up to 46 guests	Additional guests over 46 will pay \$308/head per day.	

Manda Bay has 11 Beachfront Rooms, 5 Palm Rooms and 6 Garden Rooms.  
The six Garden Rooms are simple in style and designed for children to make family travel more affordable.  
Children under 12 yrs sharing their parents' room pay 50% of adult rate. Children under 2yrs stay for free.

Over Christmas & peak season a 5 night minimum stay is required.

## SEASONS

CHRISTMAS SEASON: 21st DECEMBER - 4th JANUARY  
REST OF THE YEAR: 5th JANUARY - 20th DECEMBER

# MANDA BAY STANDARD RATES 2024



## INCLUDED

Accommodation  
All meals during your stay  
Desalinated drinking water  
Airstrip transfers from Manda airport  
Use of the swimming pool  
Use of Games Room activities  
Use of yoga room  
Kayaking, Sailing, SUP boarding  
Laundry and WiFi

## EXCLUDED

All drinks from the bar, including bottled water  
Deep sea fishing  
Motorised activities  
Snorkelling and conservation fees  
Spa treatments  
Archaeological site visits  
Guide fees for Lamu and museum entrance fees  
Scenic flights and charters

## EXTRA COSTS

### WATER SPORTS

Water skiing - \$60 per session 20 mins.  
Banana ride / Tubing - \$60 per session 20 mins.  
Sailing instruction - \$30 per hour  
Snorkelling fees: \$20 per person

### LAMU EXCURSIONS

Lamu museum entrance - \$10 per non-resident / Kes 800 - resident  
Lamu guide fee - \$20 per group  
Boat - Day trip to Lamu & Shela - \$250

### BOAT TRANSFERS (per boat)

Manda Bay to Turtle nests - \$200  
Manda Bay to Starfish Beach - \$40  
Manda Bay to Lamu/Shela - \$200  
Manda Bay to Kipungani - \$300  
Manda Bay to Kiwayu - \$600

### FISHING (per boat)

Deep sea Fishing half day (6 hours) - \$650  
Deep sea Fishing full day (10 hours) - \$1000 + Kes 5000 per day if away from home.  
Deep sea Fishing overnight (24 hours) - \$2400  
Inshore Fishing (fly /cast) - \$120 per hour  
Bottom Fishing - \$55 per hour.

*Note: Pre-book Deep Sea Fishing through the reservations office or the lodge direct.*  
EXTRAS

Turtle hatchings fee: \$20 (April - August)  
Spa Treatments - (prior arrangements - on request) Approx. \$80+ per hour  
Dhow cruise with lunch between \$200 - 350 (prior arrangement needed)  
Late Departure - \$65 per person  
Extra Meals - \$65 per person (\$30 per child 2-12 yrs)  
Guide /Captain accommodation rate: \$160

*Note: Prices and not static and non - commissionable.*



# ACCOMODATION

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# ABOUT THE ROOMS



All the rooms are made with locally sourced materials - wood, palm woven matting floors and palm thatching.

The bedroom villas are simplistic with open air windows with neither shutters nor glass.

Each room has an oversized walk in mosquito net, overhead fan and ensuite bathroom. Each room has a verandah with chairs and a swing bed.

## BEACHFRONT ROOMS

There are 11 beachfront rooms. These are situated right on the seawall and are therefore closest to the water and beach when it comes out at low tide. Large open rooms with 7ft beds either twin or Kingsize and room for one or 2 extra beds for children if required. There is a dressing table, information booklet, charging plugs (220volts - 3 pin), hairdryer, drinking water, toiletries in the bathroom, 2 sets of towels per person, beach towels, a basket for use whilst staying for shell collecting and beach combing, twin washbasins, W/C and walk-in shower. Room 11: is an extra large villa able to accommodate 3 extra beds.



## PALM ROOMS

There are 5 Palm rooms. These are set slightly further back from the Seawall on higher ground behind the Beachfront rooms. The rooms are cool and airy with a sea breeze and are made up of 7ft beds either twin or Kingsize and room for one or 2 extra beds for children if required. There is a dressing table, information booklet, charging plugs (220volts - 3 pin), hairdryer, drinking water, toiletries in the bathroom, 2 sets of towels per person, beach towels, basket for use whilst staying for shell collecting and beach combing, twin washbasins, W/C and walk-in shower. Room 7 is a family cottage with an extra room and bathroom able to accommodate up to 3 children.



## GARDEN ROOMS

There are 6 Garden rooms. These smaller rooms, close together and are situated in the middle of the property. They were originally designed for teenagers to make family travel more affordable, but they have been very popular with many of our clients, especially for fishermen who are out all day or families and couples who want a more affordable option. They have standard sized twin/double Divan beds, information booklets, charging plugs (220-240 volts), wardrobe, shower, W/C and a washstand. All toiletries, linens, drinking water, outside chairs and swing bed.







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BOATS

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# ABOUT MANDA

## LOCATION

North-western tip of Manda Island, Lamu, Kenya.

## RATES

All rates are full board - ie. inclusive of room and all meals. All drinks form the Bar charged.

## ACCOMMODATION

**11 Beachfront rooms** – These are situated right on the seawall facing north.

**5 Palm rooms** – These are situated further back and in between the beachfront rooms.

**6 Garden rooms** – These are smaller twin rooms within the property but without a view of the sea.

Children sharing with adults will be charged 50% of the adult rate.  
All rooms have access to the beach.

## LIVING AREAS

There is a large dining room, and 2 large sitting areas with bar and an upstairs exercise room above the shop.

## SHOP

There is a gift shop with locally sourced fabrics, clothes and artifacts, jewellery, and basic supplies such as toothpaste and shaving foam.

## SWIMMING POOL

There is a swimming pool and pool pavilion with comfortable chairs, sun loungers, towels and table tennis table.

## WIFI

There is WIFI and mobile network in the lodge.

## POWER

Manda has 24 hrs solar power and uses a 240v solar / battery inverter power system.

## MEDICAL

We have had no recorded cases of Malaria at Manda Bay though medication is recommended.

## SECURITY

We have 24-hour security personnel on site and armed security at night.

## KITCHEN

Freshly sourced ingredients and an excellent team and menus to cater for all dietary requirements.

**Breakfast** - fresh fruit, granola, cooked full English and pastries.

**Lunch** - buffet selection of fish and seafood dishes and fresh salads and dessert.

**Dinner** - 3 course set menu.

## BAR

The bar is open all day. We serve fresh juices, spirits and cocktails and we have a wine cellar on site. All drinks are charged.

## IN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Kayaking, sailing, SUP, drives and sundowner excursions. Table tennis and swimming pool.

## CHARGED ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Fishing – bottom, inshore and deep sea, all boat excursions, museum and guide fees in Lamu, spa treatments, local Dhow excursions. Turtle hatching visits.

The list of activities and prices can be found in this booklet and also behind the bar, please ask the barman if you would like to see it.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Commercial Airlines: Operate out of Nairobi, Mombasa and Malindi into Lamu. Airlines travelling to Lamu include Safarilink, Fly 540, Skyward Express and EastAfrican.

Private Charters: Manda Bay has its own private airstrip where private charters can land. The airstrip is less than a 5 minute drive to the lodge.

Whether you arrive commercial or private, Manda Bay will meet you and transport you to the lodge. Commercial and private charter flights can be organised by our reservations team in the Safari & Conservation Company office in Nairobi.

## AIRSTRIP CO-ORDINATES

Lamu Airport's airstrip co-ordinates are:  
S 02° 15.41; E 040° 54.78 – Elevation 20ft.

Manda Bay's private airstrip co-ordinates are:  
S 02° 13.734; E 040° 58.149 – Elevation 20ft.



## THE DO'S & DON'TS

### TIDES

**Do not walk in the shallow water among the weeds at low tide or on the sandbar opposite the point without shoes – sea urchins and lionfish have been known to catch people out.**

### ROOM SERVICE

Your bedroom will be cleaned twice a day – once in the morning and again in the early evening to turn down your beds, clean the bins and sanitise your table tops, door handles and touch surfaces.

If you wish to have an early morning beverage brought to your room, please let your room steward or the barman know the night before to be placed on your veranda or on the shelf outside your door for rooms 7,11,12.

### WATER & LAUNDRY POLICY

Laundry service is included in your rates. Laundry is done free of charge however, we request that you keep laundry to a minimum due to our very limited water resources. Bed linens will be changed every 4th day. Please hang up your towels so they may dry and be reused. Please place clothing in the laundry basket provided in the bathroom.

We do not wash ladies' delicates however, there is washing powder provided in the bathroom. Do not send anything delicate that is likely to be spoilt.

### CHILDREN

We welcome well behaved children, but should they be too noisy or disruptive for the rest of our clientele, you may be asked to relocate to a different part of the lodge. Please be mindful and clear up clothes, toys and any mess so that other guests can utilise the facilities without feeling uncomfortable.

### YOGA / EXERCISE ROOM

There is an exercise/yoga room above the shop with floor mats, exercise balls, TRX, skipping rope and resistance bands, a punching bag, a rowing machine and an aged weight machine. You are welcome to use them. You may run on the beach or on the airstrip behind the lodge we can show you the way.

### INTERNET

We do have mobile signal and WIFI in the bar. Please do not try and watch movies on the lodge system – it is not fibre optic and has limited speed.

### MEALS & DINING

We have a set menu which changes daily and we cater to all allergies with advanced notice including gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian or vegan. Breakfast and lunch are served in the dining room and dinner is served under the stars between the pool and the bar. If anyone has a food allergy please advise asap.

Included in your stay is as follows:

**Breakfast:** 8:00am - 10:30am. Self-service buffet with the option of ordering a cooked breakfast.

**Lunch:** 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Self-service buffet.

**Tea/Coffee:** 4:00pm. Available in the tea room above the bar. If you'd like coffee please ask a waiter or a barman.

**Canapés/biting's:** 7:00pm. Available at the bar. Guests are also welcome to feed the bush baby's at this time.

**Dinner:** 8:00 Served either in the dining room or outside (weather permitting). This is a 3-course set menu.

**Children's meal times** – Please let us know if you would like your children to eat early at night. We can arrange for an earlier dinner for them.

Extra meals for visitors will be charged at \$65 per adult and \$30 per child ages 2-12 yrs.

### BOUTIQUE

All purchases made at the shop can be charged to your account or paid for by Mpesa, credit card or cash.

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Please settle all accounts prior to departure. This will be ready by 10am on the morning of your departure. Thereafter please pay cash or Mpesa for drinks etc.





## MANDA BAY ETIQUETTE

### PRIVACY

Please do not walk along the sea wall in front of the other rooms.

### LAMU

If you wish to take a trip to Lamu please be aware that Lamu and Shela are both traditional Islamic towns so please dress accordingly. Ladies should cover their shoulders and knees and men are fine with shorts and a t-shirt.

### WILDLIFE & MARINE LIFE

We make a conscious effort to protect the animals and marine life in the area. If you find starfish, sea urchins or sea cucumbers out of water please return them to the sea. If you pick up shells make sure they are empty, sometimes they have hermit crabs or snails in them. Whilst snorkeling please do not stand on the coral, pick up any shells or try touch any of the marine life.

### VALUABLES

There are small safes supplied in the wardrobes of the rooms. Please keep your valuables inside these safes or give them to the management for safekeeping.

### GRATUITY

There is a gratuity box in the dining room and if you wish to leave a gratuity please do so in the box. This will be divided between all the staff in the lodge. If you wish to leave a personal 'thank you' to a member of staff, please feel free to do so. We recommend \$20 per guest per night as a general tip.

### SMOKING

You are welcome to smoke in all areas of the lodge however please use the ash trays provided and we kindly ask that you do not throw your cigarette butts into the sand or sea, especially at meal times.

### WATER

Please use the tap water sparingly, every drop has to be desalinated. The water that is available in jugs in your room is further filtered and treated and is safe to drink.

### DRINKS

If you would like drinks sent to your room you can arrange this with the barman, or room steward. All drinks are chargeable and can be paid at the end of your stay. Please make sure to sign the chit when you are served a drink to avoid confusion at the end of your stay. Drinking water is provided on the tables during meals and from water dispensers in the games room and bar.

### ELECTRICITY

The lodge is powered 24 hours using solar power. However, there is a generator providing 240-volt electricity as a backup.

Flashlights are provided in your room and we recommend you use them when walking at night.

### LOOS

We are on a septic tank system here at Manda and it does not digest anything other than human waste - anything else will block the system.

Please do not flush feminine products, wipes, napkins, paper towels, dental floss, nappies or hair down the toilet. There are paper waste disposal bags for all sanitary wear.





# CLIMATE & SEASONS



May – Closed.

June – September.

- The weather is mild and comfortable with some rain showers.
- Average Temperatures 26°C Strong South Easterly Winds.
- No snorkelling/diving as the water carries a lot of sediment.
- Water sports around the lodge and bottom fishing are good.
- Deep Sea Fishing is good, but is not for the faint hearted as the sea is rough.

October – November.

- Dry weather and comfortable temperature. Average Temps. 27°C
- Light winds and calm seas, bring good fishing and the start of the sailfish season.

December – Feb.

- Often very strong unrelenting wind and screens are used to protect the rooms. Typically, calm mornings and strong afternoon/evening wind.
- Average Temps. 30°C North Easterly Wind.
- Fantastic sailing and water sports. Good snorkelling and excellent fishing.

March - April.

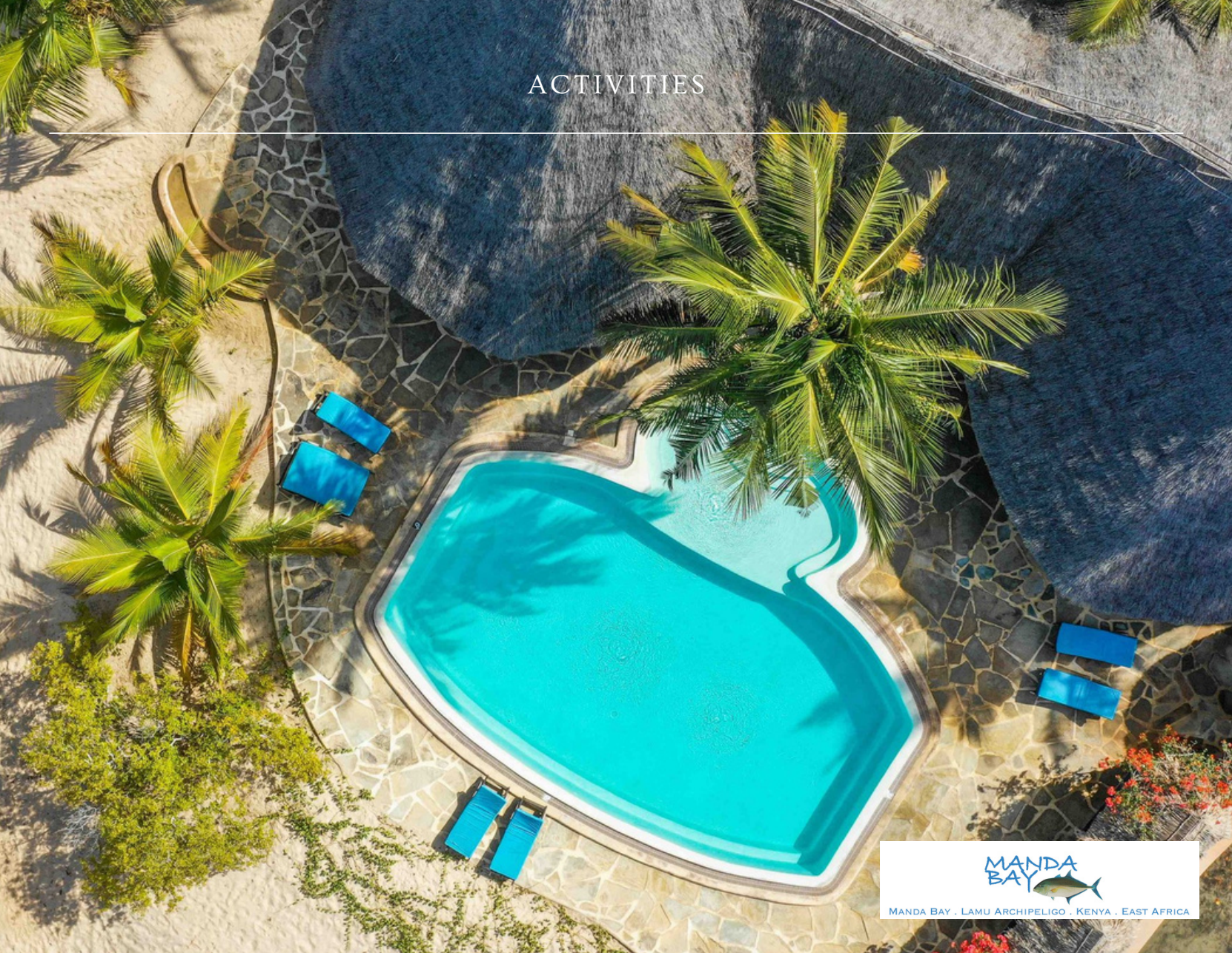
- The monsoon winds begin to change with light rain showers expected at the end of the season.
- Average Temps 32°C
- Excellent all-round conditions esp. Deep Sea Fishing for Marlin.





# ACTIVITIES

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# DEEP SEA FISHING



The fishing season starts in September and runs through until May. Manda Bay has its own fishing boat called Cheza which is a Lochin 33ft Sportfisher with twin 230hp engines. There is the option of a half day (6 hours) fishing or a full day (10 hours) out on the ocean. Departure is at 6.30am.

It takes about an hour to reach the fishing grounds where you will drop your lines and start fishing! If you have brought your own fishing gear you are welcome to take that along with you. Please make sure to take lots of sunscreen, hats and sunglasses. We also recommended you take a long sleeved shirt. We provide you with drinks and food and the fishing boat has a flush loo which the crew will show you how to operate once on board.

Children must be able to swim and over 5 years old. The maximum number of guests on the boat is six.

## SEASONS

### KUSI: May-Oct

Predominantly the wetter season, with strong southeasterly winds, rougher seas and cooler temperatures. Average temperatures range around 26-28°C. Species predominantly caught at this time: Yellow fin Tuna, Kingfish, GT, Barracuda, Rainbow Runner, Wahoo, Felusi(Dorado).

### KASKAZI: Nov-April

The dry season with warm northeasterly winds, calmer seas and clear water visibility. Average temperatures range around 28-30°C. Billfish Species predominantly caught at this time of year: Sailfish (Nov-Jan), Striped Marlin (Nov- Dec) and Black and Blue Marlin (Dec - April).



To make a reservation for deep sea fishing,  
call the lodge: +254 (0) 713 785 152.



# INSHORE FISHING



We offer bottom fishing, trolling and fly fishing in the bay for all levels of experience and ages. The tide determines the time of day you will go out however typically this happens in the mornings or evenings.

There is no shade on these boats so please take lots of sun cream and hats. A cool-box of water will be sent out with you. If you would like any other refreshments please arrange this with the barman or boat captain.

## SEASONS

**KUSI: May-Oct**

Great for bottom fishing in the creek.

**KASKAZI: Oct-April**

Great for fly fishing and trolling.



# WATER SPORTS



We have a wide variety of watersports for you to enjoy during your stay. Equipment and life jackets are provided.

Canoeing, paddle boards, and sailing can be done at any time of the day however, it is better when the water is higher. Please ask a boat captain about currents and wind before taking anything out.

If you are a beginner, instruction in sailing can be arranged at an extra cost.

Motorised watersports such as skiing, tubing, knee boarding, banana boat and the air chair all have to be done at high tide.

You can arrange these activities with your host in the evening or throughout the day.





# SNORKELLING



Our snorkelling site is a 10-15 minute boat trip away. We have masks, snorkels, fins, weight belts and life jackets. Your boat captain can assist you with this.

You will head out at low tide and will generally return after 1 hour or when you are ready. The boat will be stocked with towels and water. If you would like some sodas or other refreshments please arrange this with your boat captain or the barman. The boats have no shade so please take hats and sun cream.

The reef has a channel with 2 reefs on either side which you can swim along. You will be dropped at the top of the reef and will drift/swim with the current down the reef. The boat will follow alongside so you are welcome to jump on and off the boat at any time. If you have a problem, wave your hands above your head and the captain will come and assist you. Please be aware of other boats while snorkelling and make sure they are aware of you.



# STARFISH BEACH & TURTLES



## STARFISH BEACH

There is a wonderful beach that emerges at a very low tide which is full of starfish and other wonderful treasures. If you fancy a change of scene and a walk then we recommend you visit starfish beach. We ask you to be gentle when handling the starfish and to return them to water when you have finished looking at them.

## TURTLE NEST HATCHING - APRIL-AUG:

The Lamu Marine Conservation Trust (LAMCOT) creates awareness and saves endangered turtles in the Lamu Archipelago on the Kenyan coast. They also protect and monitor turtle nests on the beaches in Lamu county.

Please understand dates for hatchings are flexible as it is very difficult to know exact dates until the last minute. If you would be interested in seeing a hatching, please let your host know who will check availability.





## GAME DRIVES & WILDLIFE



In the early evening, it is possible to take a drive to visit the Manda ruins, an ancient human settlement that dates back nearly 1000 years. A few remnants of this town can be seen if you take a drive where you experience a complete contrast from the beach and see old coral buildings amongst enormous baobab trees and acacia woodland.

Manda Bay is home to a host of creatures both large and small and whilst most of the animals are nocturnal including the greater Galago bushbaby, white tailed mongoose, civet cat, porcupine, hyena, genet cat and occasionally leopard; we regularly see dik-dik, buffalo and bushbuck, dwarf mongoose, yellow baboons and vervet monkeys.

During the dry season, we provide fresh water for the animals and guests can meet them at the waterhole.



# BIRD WATCHING



There are a large variety of water birds as well as dry country scrub species. A true spectacle is the flocks of northern carmine bee-eaters that seasonally roost on the mangrove islands adjacent to Manda Bay, making for incredible evening viewing. View our Bird list to discover the range of birds you may experience during your stay.

## NORTHERN CARMINE BEE-EATERS

They are a richly coloured, slender bird, predominantly carmine in colour, except for a greenish blue head, throat and distinctive black mask.

Having bred, they travel down from northern Europe during the winter months (November - April). They can be seen on the East African coast in huge numbers, especially in the evenings when they tend to roost in the safety of small islands in the bay. When they are in residence, we are happy to take you across to see them.





## LAMU & SHELA



Lamu Old town is a 20-minute boat ride from the lodge and well worth a visit if you enjoy architecture and a walk back in time.

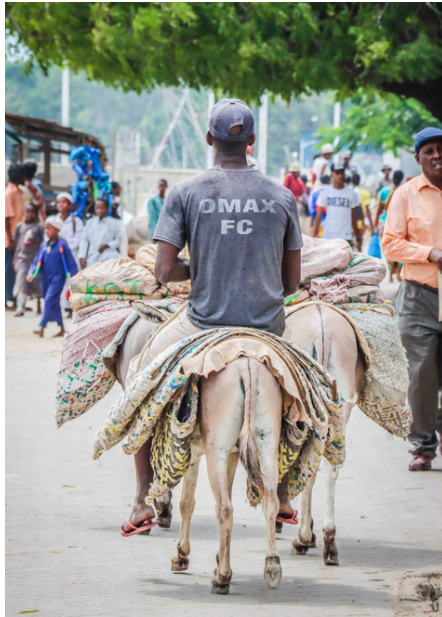
As you walk around the narrow streets, there are small artisan shops to browse; woodworkers, silversmiths as well as local fabrics and basket ware. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this ancient town was one of the original Swahili settlements that formed part of the trading seaports along coastal East Africa. It is believed to have been established in 1370. Lamu has maintained its social and cultural integrity, as well as retaining its authentic building fabric up to the present day. A conservative and close-knit society, Lamu is majority Muslim, but tolerant of all other cultures and religions. This medieval town has a unique style of building and plasterwork which has been retained over the centuries. The decor of the houses were influenced by European, Persian, Arab and Indian imports from the trading days of the past.

A visit to Lamu is a cultural experience well worth seeing if you can manage the hustle and bustle in what is essentially a medieval town.

We suggest departing at 9:30 whilst it is relatively cool. We recommend a guide - Abdul, who has a great knowledge of the town. A tour of Lamu usually takes about 1hr - 1hr 30 minutes.

If you wish to stay in town for lunch there are a few restaurants in Lamu and Shela which we can recommend. Peponi Hotel in Shela has a good outlook of the sea and a good menu. This will need to be pre-booked to guarantee a table which we will be happy to do for you.

Whilst in Lamu, the boat is yours for the entirety of your trip and will be available to ferry you to Shela for lunch if you wish to do so.



# DHOW TRIP



Dhows are handcrafted wooden sailing vessels indigenous to the Arabian peninsula, India and East Africa. They date back over two thousand years.

Lamu is home to many small fishing dhows and Mozambique style dhows and can be hired out for excursions. The dhows will collect you from the Manda beach mid-morning and, depending on the tide, take you to the snorkelling site.

We can provide the snorkelling equipment. You will then sail/motor to Manda Toto Island for a local lunch prepared by your boat captain before sailing back home or continuing on for a sunset cruise.

This needs to be pre-arranged so please let your host know in advance. Prices vary according to the number of guests and length of the excursion etc.





## SPA TREATMENTS



We are happy to arrange for someone to come to Manda if you would like some relaxation treatment. If you are interested, your host will be happy to see what treatments are available during your stay.

Treatments take place either in the comfort of your room or the spa room and will be added to your room tab which will be payable at the end of your stay.



## GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT



We have a trunk of board games and cards in the bar and a pool table, table tennis and darts in the pool house.

We also have a number of beach games such as croquet, volleyball, cricket, football and rounders which are best played at low tide on the beach in front of the bar. Please ask your host to put these out for you.

Football and volleyball are staff favourites and they always like a game of Manda staff VS guests.

If you would like to see if you can take on the staff, please talk to your host who will arrange a good time.





# GIVING BACK

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## CONSERVATION & EDUCATION



Our planet is entering a crucial time in its history whereby the decisions we make and the lifestyle choices we choose will ultimately decide the future for our children and future generations.

Through education and working with local communities, our goal over the next 10 years is to significantly reduce the damage to the reefs, fish stocks, marine, fauna, birdlife and wildlife species and to actively participate in helping our community to manage natural resources and increase indigenous revenue streams to improve livelihoods and alleviate poverty. This will be in collaboration with local partners and international funding. One of the projects is to build a Conservation School for school graduates, university undergraduates and researchers to conduct marine studies as well as offer scholarships and a broader education to the local communities about the environment and its importance.

It's aim is to give the younger generation a better knowledge of their environment. To give them the tools to be leaders and make informed decisions about how to negotiate their way into the future with sustainability at its forefront in order to develop the region with the resources available to them.

Alongside the Conservation School, there will be a coral restoration project whereby guests can be actively involved in caring for the ocean and bring their own children to learn about the importance of the ocean reefs.

Manda Bay manages a small rangeland on Manda island and oversees the custodianship of a small herd of Cape buffalo. The buffalo can be visited in the evening at the water trough where we supply them with supplementary water and food in the dry season.

