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Weddings at Manda Bay Information Pack

Manda Bay, a jewel in Kenya's stunning coastline, is the perfect escape for those looking for the ultimate 'no shoes, no news' experience. The small boutique lodge located on the tip of an unspoilt, idyllic island in Lamu's archipelago where you kick off your shoes and enjoy simplistic beauty in palm thatched cottages and open living spaces.

Manda Bay is a romantic, memorable and secluded location to spend the most special day of your life. With empty beaches and views over crystal clear seas, nothing beats Manda Bay for the perfect wedding location.





Information

Manda Bay has 15 rooms, all with ocean views. The lodge itself can fit a total of 30 people. For extra guests and children, please speak to Manda Bay for more possible options that are available. We do, however, suggest that Manda Bay suits guests looking for an intimate and highly personal wedding.

It is possible to have the ceremony either on the beach, or under a canopy of baobab trees which surround the 300 year old Manda ruins. Both provide a peaceful and romantic location, away from the hot sun.

Once the ceremony is over, watch the sun set over the ocean with a cold glass of champagne in hand and feast on a selection of delicious seafood from the local waters.

Party on the custom-made dancefloor under the stars until the early hours of the morning and enjoy your first night as a married couple!

Facts

Location: Manda Bay on Manda Island, in Lamu

Getting there: Flight from Nairobi to Lamu Airport and then a 30 minute boat ride to Manda Bay

Rooms: 15, facing the sea (extra for children in 'Garden' possible)

Cuisine: Fresh fish, local fruit - we cater for all dietary requirements

Activities: Deep-sea fishing, water sports, kite-surfing, spa treatments, cultural visit, visiting the local herd of buffalo and flying safaris along the coast

Costing

A wedding at Manda Bay is an intimate affair. We have tried to keep the cost of holding a wedding with us as flexible as possible, so to allow for couples from all over the world to choose us as their location to get married at.

This will give you an overall idea of the cost of getting married at Manda Bay, but note that the final cost will be specific to you and is subject to availability, terms & conditions and to change at any time.

Overhead cost: \$5,000USD

Includes: District Commissioner (for the legal marriage to take place), marriage license, hire of Manda Bay exclusively, three Manda Bay wedding experts available on hand 24 hours a day for three days

Wedding feast: \$80USD per person

Includes: Bitings, three course wedding feast including a seafood BBQ on the beach

Excludes: Any drinks - wedding party are welcome to bring their own drinks but Manda Bay will charge a corkage fee. Manda Bay can also provide drinks at an extra cost.

Accommodation: \$280 per person per night, sharing in a sea facing room

Includes: Bed, all meals, water at meal time, non-motorised activities
Excluded: Drinks for the bar, motorised waterspouts, fishing, gratuities

Subject to availability, T&C apply

Available extras

Manda Bay is also available to help international couples with optional extras, allowing them to forget the difficulties of trying to organise a wedding from outside of Kenya.

These optional extras couple include:

- Wedding cake - 'naked' cake, iced cake or cheese cake
- Flowers - in the past Manda Bay has hired an excellent florist from Nairobi who has experience working in flower procurement, transport and design and decoration of bouquets, arches and table decoration
- Extra staff - more people coming to the wedding than just staying at Manda Bay? We will need more staff to cater for this and have excellent trained staff we can hire
- Building materials - the bride may want to get married under a flower archway or at an altar or need a dance floor for the evening festivities; Manda Bay can take care of this and have anything built by a local Lamu carpenter
- Spa treatments and local henna tattoos: getting married in Lamu for a local Kenyan would never occur without a henna (non-permanent) tattoo covering your hands and feet! Manda Bay can organise local beauticians, massage therapists and henna ladies to come to Manda Bay the night before the big day for the couple and their families.



FAQ's

Still got questions about getting married at Manda Bay? Have a look if we have covered it here....

1. Can I get married in Kenya if I am not Kenyan?

Yes, you can have a civil ceremony - there is some paperwork that will need to be filled out, but Manda Bay can help with this and it is covered in the overall cost.

2. Can I have a same-sex civil ceremony at Manda Bay?

While Manda Bay welcome same sex couples, homosexuality is against the law in Kenya. Registering for a same-sex civil ceremony would not be approved by the law.

3. Is Manda Bay easy to reach?

Manda Bay is very easy to reach. Direct flights to Nairobi from all over Europe are available, and from October 2018, so will direct flights from the USA. Manda Bay can organise you a charter flight to take you from Nairobi straight to Manda Bay airstrip.

4. Is there malaria at Manda Bay?

Malarial mosquitos can be found all over the coast, so we do suggest taking medicine against it. All rooms are fitted with mozzie nets and we encourage guests to bring repellent.

5. Is Manda Bay and Lamu safe?

Manda Bay is very safe, as is Lamu town. We have a full security brief which we would be happy to provide if you are interested.



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