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Legends of Lamu

Swahili coast safari

Once the pre-eminent international trade center in East Africa, the Lamu archipelago has been welcoming travelers for more than a thousand years.

Arab, Indian, Persian and European influences are visible in the local architecture along with traditional Swahili coral stone. Rich in history, culture, marine life and stunning natural beauty, Lamu is home to white sand, turquoise water, palm and acacia-dotted sand dunes, lush mangroves, rivers, forests, plains, fishing villages and ancient towns.

Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time*.

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that in turn support our safari business. *Your dollar makes change*.

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent*.

Swahili coast safaris with Deeper Africa

Step off the mainland and be welcomed by warm breezes, warm water, and warm Swahili people.

Explore the origins of Swahili culture. Navigate narrow, winding city streets. Awaken the senses at exotic spice farms. Sail in traditional dhow boats used by fisherman for centuries. Dive, snorkel or paddle crystal clear turquoise waters. Or just relax and rejuvenate on some of the most secluded, beautiful tropical beaches on the Indian Ocean.

Safari schedule at a glance

International flight #1

Departs: TBD

Arrives: TBD

International flight #2

Departs: TBD

Arrives: NBO

Flight to Lamu Island Overnights at Lamu House

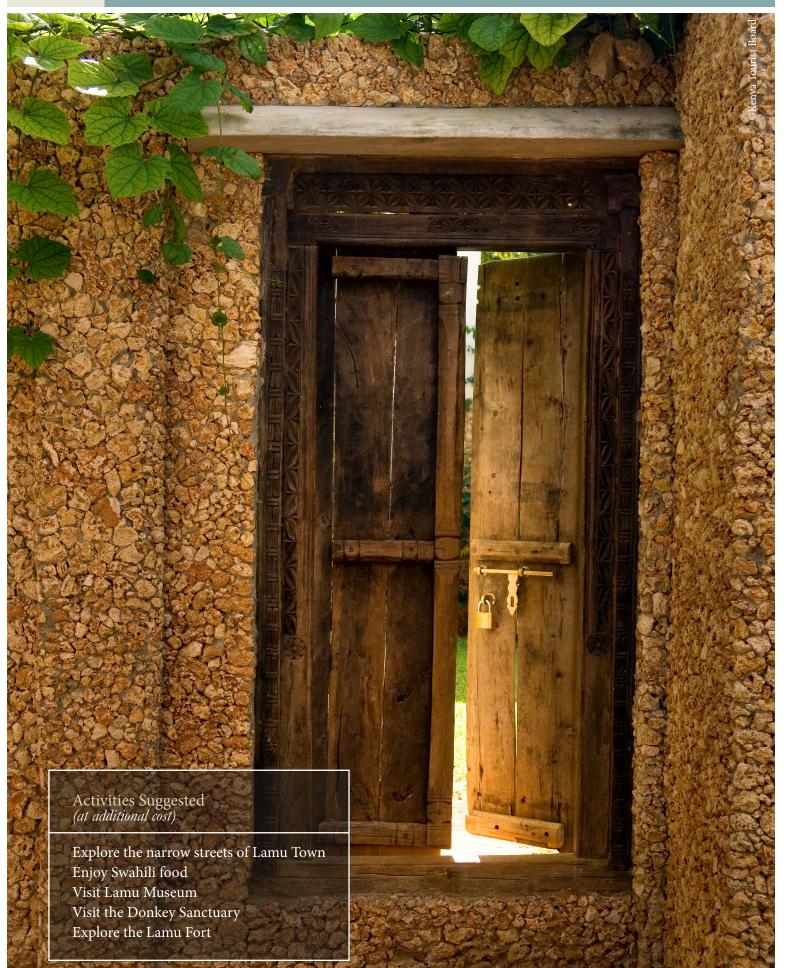
Days 3 & 4: Boat transfer to Manda Bay Overnights at Manda Bay *Day 5:* Flight to Nairobi for international flight

DAYS 1 & 2 Lamu House Lamu Old Town

Established in 1370, Lamu Old Town is the oldest continuously inhabited Swahili town on the East African coast and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Constructed from coral stone and mangrove timber, Lamu's famous architecture features narrow streets, inner courtyards, verandas and elaborately carved wooden doors—a unique fusion of Swahili, Arabic, Persian, Indian and European influence. Interiors feature painted ceilings, large niches *(madaka)*, small niches *(zidaka)* and Chinese porcelain. Cars are banned here to the general public. Locals rely on donkeys as transportation on land and *dhow* boats to move from island to island. Swahili locals work as merchants, fishermen, dhow builders and sailors—many still follow the traditional methods of these trades.

Activities offered (at additional cost)

Explore Lamu Town Craft shopping Visit the Donkey Sanctuary Sunset dhow cruise (additional charge) Includes: Breakfast Lunch Dinner Swimming Pool WiFi



DAYS 3 & 4 Manda Bay Lamu

Manda Bay is a 20-minute boat ride from the ancient town of Lamu. The resort is set on the tip of a pristine island in Lamu's archipelago. This is the place to enjoy remote, unpopulated beaches. At low tide, miles of white sand sit completely empty, except for the occasional local fisherman. Manda is the perfect place for lounging and relaxing or taking on some serious water sports. Snorkel, dive, sail, kayak, water ski, windsurf, deep sea fish and even salt water fly fish the aquamarine waters. Visit the Shela and Takwa ruins on the island to learn more about the Swahili history of the Indian Ocean.

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Includes: Breakfast Lunch Dinner Alcohol & Beverages Laundry Swimming Pool WiFi

Wildlife viewing Get your checklist ready

Ader's duiker, Coconut crabs, Dolphins, Suni antelope, Turtles Activities offered Keep your camera close

Relax at the beach Kayaking Shela & Takwa ruins visits Activities offered (at additional cost)

Sailing Snorkeling or diving Deep sea, line, fly & bottom fishing Water skiing Wind surfing Inflatable tube rides ©Manda Bav

Lamu Marine Conservation Trust Lamu Island, Kenya



Committed to protecting the environment, marine life, wildlife and surrounding communities, Manda works with the local community and other co-owners of the Lamu district to preserve the Manda Toto snorkeling site. Manda Toto is near Pate Island and is known for its marine biodiversity and distinct coral reef ecosystem that is home to a variety of tropical fish species. The Lamu Marine Conservation Trust educates and encourages locals to preserve this site and make it a 'net free zone'. Manda Bay houses and feeds two rangers, supplies fuel and accommodates two volunteers to patrol and collect information daily and report on fishing movements. The Northern Rangelands Trust establishes conservancies and community projects within the Lamu Region. Since setting aside a conservation area behind the lodge ten years ago, a resident herd of buffalo have moved in. The lodge feeds and waters this herd with its water supply.

When you stay at Manda Bay you contribute funds to all of these conservation efforts.

Flights & International Travel

Enjoy one last beautiful morning on the shores of the Indian Ocean before being transferred to Lamu Island airstrip for your return flight to Narrobi to connect to your international departure.

Flight #1 (Day 5) Departs | Nairobi, Kenya Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 6) Departs | TBD Arrives | TBD

Breakfast

2024 Pricing: \$5,000

2024 Custom Pricing & Departures

Jan 1 – Dec 31

- 2 guests: \$5,000 USD per person
- 4 guests: \$5,000 USD per person
- 6 guests: \$5,000 USD per person
- Single supplement: \$400 USD

All pricing is in US dollars. Arrival and departure is through Nairobi, Kenya. Prices do not include international airfare. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Legends of Lamu safari includes:

- Start to finish Swahili Coast expertise
- Accommodations in all hotels and beach resorts
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- Safe drinking water available at all times
- Alcohol & beverages at some camps and lodges
- Laundry at some camps and lodges
- Enrollment with Flying Doctors Evacuation Service
- Extensive pre-departure briefing & materials including health information, reading list & map

International airfare and gratuities not included. Certain brands of alcohol and beverages not included in some camps.

We plan your adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you're traveling. Still, animals are not in a zoo. They run freely and we cannot always anticipate their movements.



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