

TOP COAST DESTINATIONS IN KENYA.



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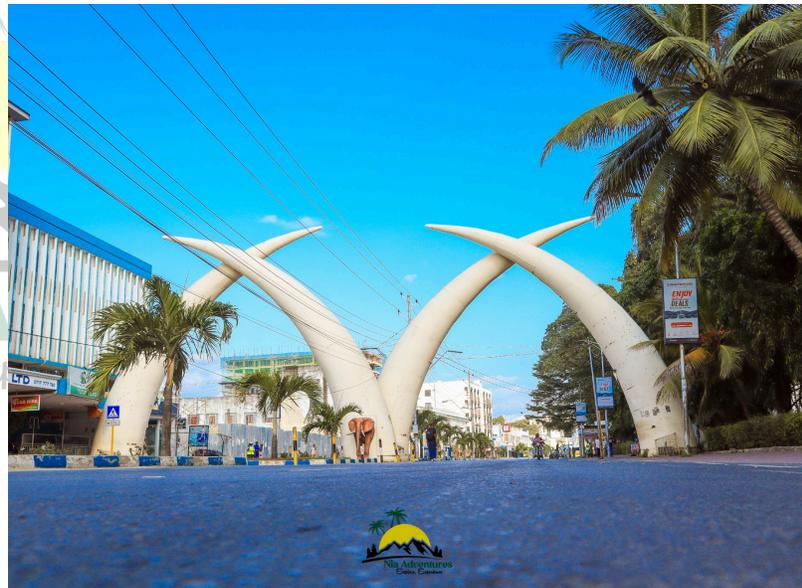
Introduction

Located at the beautiful shores of the Indian Ocean, Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi and Lamu are some of the beautiful magical cities in East and Central Africa. With Mombasa serving as one of the biggest harbor in Africa, these cities are not only business hubs but also some of the most beautiful tourist's destinations. A trip to Kenyan coast offers a traveller and an adventure seeker an opportunity to get to visit and experience the following idealistic travel destinations.

1. MOMBASA CITY TOUR

A. PEMBE ZA NDOVU/ ELEPHANT TUSKS.

These magnificent giant aluminium tusks erected along Moi Avenue in Mombasa were built to commemorate a visit by Princess Margaret to Mombasa. They are one of the most remarkable public monuments in Mombasa town. Travelers visiting Mombasa love taking photos by the tusks just for the memories. If you travel to Mombasa, make sure you visit this spot for the memories.



B. MAMA NGINA WATER FRONT

Just before you get to the Likoni crossing channel, the blue ocean currents and breeze calls at Mama Ngina waterfront. The cool temperatures are soothing and offers relaxation to the mind and soul. Revamped with cabro-paved parks and rich green lawns the place is idealistic for an evening park and chill. With no entry fee, there are several activities that can be thrilling to both adults and children. Moreover, it's idealistic for ship watching as they make their way to and out of the Kilindini Harbor. Apart from the beautiful scenic views, you can grab the tantalizing cassava crips as you take in the calm tranquil ocean breeze to seal your beautiful adventure to this place.



C. LIKONI FERRY.

This is an approximate 100 metres crossing channel that connects the island with the mainland and South coast. With several ferries ferrying both people and vehicles, the channel serves millions of Kenyans on a daily basis. The ferry is absolutely free for people but vehicles and motorbikes are charged. It's a site to behold and see when you visit Mombasa.



D. FORT JESUS AND THE OLD TOWN.

Symbolic to its name; the old town is one of the most ancient town in Mombasa. The buildings in this place stand like sentinels and each tells of the beautiful Swahili and Arab culture and heritage. A visit to the old town won't be complete without visiting the enchanting Fort Jesus. Dating back to the 16th century, the fort is one of the oldest standing monuments in the history of magical Kenya. Filled with rich-cultured artefacts, the arts gallery gives a glimpse of how history has been reserved. Remarkably, Fort Jesus is recognized by UNESCO as one of the World Heritage Site for its well-preserved 16th century Portuguese military fortifications.



E. FORODHANI RESTAURANT.

Named after the old port of Mombasa, Forodhani restaurant serves a blend of the coastal history and cuisines. With each bite you walk through the culinary journey of vibrant flavors from the coastal Swahili, mouthwatering coconut curries to succulent sea foods, the menu speaks for itself. A step in Forodhani restaurant serves an experience filled ambience as the ocean waves lap against the shore leaving a soul soothing breeze.



F. TAMARIND DINNER DHOW.

With intricately wooden embellishments that reflects marine heritage the Tamarind dhow is a site to behold. As you board the dhow and it sets to sail, a lovely breeze caresses your skin as the beautiful and hospitable staffs serves you mouthwatering dishes. The Tamarind dinner dhow is more than just a meal; it's an immersive journey into the heart and soul of the Swahili coast where food, culture band nature come together in perfect harmony.

G. MAMBA VILLAGE.

The mamba village is a sanctuary for reptiles and it offers a lifetime chance to learn about their intricate behaviours and adaptations. Located in Nyali Mombasa, it offers an up close experience with the reptiles and leaves a visitor yearning for more. The village is not only a conservation centre but also an educational Centre.



H. WILD WATERS.

Wild waters in Nyali is an exquisite sanctuary that perfectly combines natural beauty and cultural richness, providing tourists with an immersive unique experience. There are many thrilling experiences that one can partake in wild waters such as; gliding across the tranquil water ways and other activities at the water park such as; water slides - kamikaze, black hole, super tube, boomerang and freefall. Wild Waters is a fun interactive rollcaster that incorporates elements of team work and shared excitement.

I. HALLER PARK.

The beautiful chirping of birds and the soft rustling of leaves welcomes you to the soothing of the park's natural splendor. Nestled in the heart of Mombasa, Haller Park is the enchanting oasis of wonders of nature with human ingenuity. The park is a home to endangered species refuge, giant tortoises, African cobras, rare butterflies' species, crocodiles and giraffes. The park also offers picnic areas where you can spread out your African print kikoi or Maasai Shuka and enjoy your lunch in a nature curated environment

J. NGUUNI SANTUARY.

Few miles from the Haller Park is the serene tranquil Nguuni animal sanctuary, as an extension of Haller Park, the sanctuary is a home to several giraffe family, eland Gazelles and an Ostrich. Apart from the wild life, Nguuni is good for nature trails, a sundowner and a team building gate way culminated with bonfire in the evenings.



K. MTWAPA YATCH CRUISE.

As the ocean waves collides at the yatch, the ocean waters hit your face as you sail into the realm of the adventure. Mtwapa yatch cruise is one of the most humbling and exhilarating experience as the golden sun rays dance across the water surface. Whether you choose to bask on the beauty of your surroundings or retreat to the comfort of the interior to enjoy a romantic dinner or glass of wine, the Mtwapa yatch cruise is an experience that will etch itself in your memories forever.



2. NORTH COAST TOUR

A. JUMBA LA MTWANA.

This beautiful site is a home for historical structures and archeological relics. Jumba La Mtwana lies closely to Mtwapa Creek in Kilifi County. The place is splendid for sea lovers as you can experience the sound of the breeze rustling through the trees.



B. VUMA CLIFFS, TAKAUNGU.

For lovers of ocean gazing, Vuma cliffs in Takaungu is a site to behold. Sitting by the cliffs gives a spectacular scenery of the huge waves crashing against the wild rough cliffs. The place is idealistic for photography, fishermen and adventurous souls looking for thrills.



C. MIDA CREEK BOARD WALK

Nestled in the beautiful green lush mangrove forest of Watamu, is the Mida creek board walk which is about 260 meters long board that is a thrilling adventure to take. The creek also serves as a resting place for migrating birds from Europe and Eurasia. Mida creek along with Arabuko Sokoke Forest comprises a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.



D. GEDE RUINS.

Built entirely from rocks and stones, the ruins dates back to the 15th century and were inhabited by the Swahili people. From the remains of grand palaces and mosques to modest homes and market places, each structure tells a story of a bygone era. Declared a historical site in 1927, the ruins offers a history lover a lifetime opportunity to experience the intricate history of the people who inhabited the place. The crumbling walls and worn-out constructions of the ruins provides a provoking thought of how delicate and unpredictable the maze of life and might is.



E. SNAKE PARK

The snake park is nestled along the sundrenched coast of Malindi Kenya, it's a home to the most amazing and exciting reptiles. For the adventurous people you can drape the snakes around your neck and experience the chilling and an exhilarating experience.



F. WATAMU BEACHES.

The white sandy beaches of Watamu calls for a sun-bathing experience at the beautiful shores of Indian Ocean. As the cool breeze kisses your face the inviting ocean waves gives a magical view of nature and tranquility. If you are an ocean lover, a day at the beach will forever remain etched in your adventurous memories in your mind.



G. WAKAWAKA ISLAND & WATAMU MARINE PARK.

Located in the Indian Ocean in Coastal Kenya, Wakawaka Island in Watamu is an amazing gateway for those seeking to kiss or swim with the dolphins, snorkeling or sipping to the beauty of deep-sea escapades.

From being welcomed by the traditional dancers from the community to the tasty Swahili cuisines. If you are looking for a magical gateway then consider Wakawaka island tour.



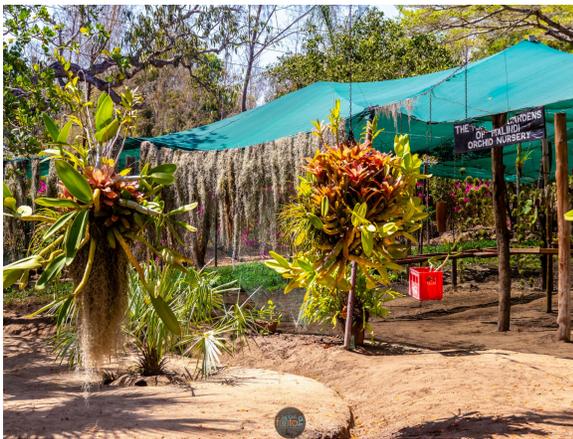
H. KAKUYUNI STAGEPARK

With every step you take towards the soaring platforms tucked far above the forest canopy, the zip-lining excitement at Kakuyuni Stage Park grows. Located 12 kilometers from Malindi, Kakuyuni Stage Park offers an array of activities ranging from picnics, bike riding, zip-lining, Tibetan bridges and safari drives around the park. With the different adventurous activities at Kakuyuni, a day spent there will not only be memorable but also exciting and thrilling to remember.



I. THE HANGING GARDENS OF MALINDI.

Amidst the lush foliage and the chirping melodies of birds singing; at the hanging gardens one finds solace and rejuvenation. The gardens are located past Malindi town. The botanical wonder at the Hanging gardens paints the region with natural beauty. The gardens are haven for adventure seekers and more than 200 types of orchids thrive in the garden.



J. MALINDI FALCONRY.

Malindi falconry, the sanctuary for reptiles and birds is an interesting destination for reptiles and bird lovers. Under the guidance of seasoned falconers you can watch in awe the falcons, hawks and eagles take to the skies with breathtaking grace and precision, their keen eyes locked on the elusive prey. The falconry offers a tourist a chance to interact with the wild, an experience that will always remain ingrained in the hearts and minds of those who visit.



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K. MALINDI PIER/ BUTWANI BRIDGE.

Malindi pier which is the longest in East Africa was built in the 1960s to serve as a maritime structure for trade and commerce. The pier gives a beautiful experience as you watch the ocean kiss the shoreline. In addition, the pier is an awesome place to watch beautiful sunrise views and rays. Next to the pier are the remnants of a majestic shipwreck; a testament of the tales of the ocean. It's an idealistic place for both family and romantic getaways especially for the morning and evening walk not forgetting to mention the best spot for epic sunrise views.

L. SABAKI RIVER

The Sabaki river mouth has been listed as an important bird area by Bird International. Moreover, the river is an amazing area for crocodile and hippos watching. The estuary at river Sabaki offers a nature enthusiast an eye catching experience as the water battle out as it enters the ocean



M. MAMBRUI SAND DUNES.

The Mambui sand dunes are a sight to behold and it offers the Dubai-vibe in Kenya. Located a few kilometers from Malindi and rising like undulating waves frozen in time, their golden grains sculpted by the whims of wind and weather, the sand dunes create a sea of sand that cascades to the horizons. A visit to the sand dunes leaves you enthralled with each click of shutter as you capture the magical moments.



N. HELL'S KITCHEN MARAFA.

This magical site to behold is tucked away in the coastal side of Kenya. The colored canyons of Marafa also known as Hell's kitchen is an odd sandstone canyon outside of Malindi, locally known as Nyari. The site offers beautiful sunsets as you get to experience the beauty of an evening sun kissing the western horizons.

O. GONGONI SALT MINING

Gongoni salt mines are located 30 kilometers Northwest of Malindi. When you visit this place you get to witness the entire salt production process which will leave you thrilled. Apart from the salt works, the place is not only a haven of bird species but also a paradise where one can enjoy bird watching and photography.



3. SOUTH COAST TOUR

A. SHELDRIK FALLS

Located in Kwale County in **Shimba Hills National Reserve**, the hills are situated in a vantage position where you can see the Indian Ocean, the Chale Island to the East and The Tsavo plains and Taita hills to the West. Shimba hills is idealistic for hiking and nature trails and has enchanting waterfalls hidden between the hills and the trees. For beach lovers who finds thrills in hiking and nature trailing, you can couple your Diani vacation with a one-day breather hike in the beautiful Shimba hills.

B. DIANI BEACHES

Diani beaches located at the South Coast is one of the most beautiful beaches in Africa. It stretches around 15 kilometers with a low tide stretching as far as 150 metres into the ocean. The beach is protected by shallow lagoons followed by coral reefs. Apart from swimming the beach is ideal for snorkeling, kite surfing and scuba diving .Along the coastline of Diani beaches are luxurious hotels that suit all your needs and are pocket friendly. The hotels offers world class amenities.

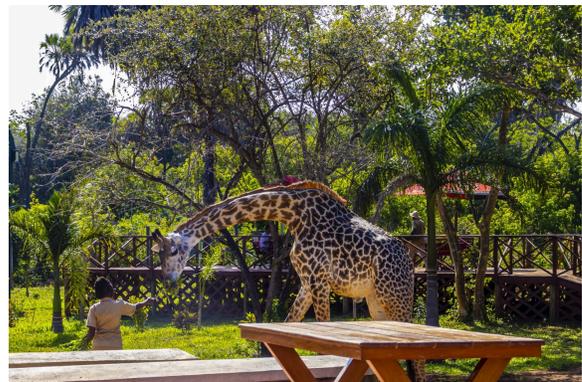
C. KONGO RIVER SUNSET DHOW

The kongo river estuary is located in Diani where the river meets the ocean. The cool waters of the Kongo river are nestled between the lush mangrove forest and the beautiful palm trees. Sailing along the Kongo river is such a thrilling experience that leaves you with memories to keep for posterity.



D. THE BORABORA ELEPHANT SANCTUARY.

The Bora-Bora elephant sanctuary is the largest animal sanctuary and Eco Camp in the area. Located in Diani one kilometer from the Pinewood hotel, the sanctuary is a home to Maasai giraffes, common zebras, Nile crocodiles, wild boars, guinea fowls 50 different butterflies and bird's species. The Bora-Bora sanctuary ensures conservation serves as a reminder on the need to protect our precious ecosystems that sustain life on our beautiful planet.



E. CHALE ISLAND.

Chale Island is among the most remarkable private islands in the Indian Ocean where opulence meets tranquility. The sun soaked streets in the island add allure to beautiful island. The island is idealistic for sun bathing, exploring marine life the enticing panoramic views of the island. In addition, water sports such as jet skiing and kiteboarding are mesmerizing for those looking for refreshing plunge. The island is home to The Sands at Chale Island, a luxury eco-friendly resort that blends seamlessly with the surrounding environment.



F. FUNZI ISLAND

The Funzi Island offers every traveler an exhilarating and unforgettable tropical escape. Located about 35 kilometres from Diani, the island is popularly known as a home for many sea turtles. Upon visiting the island, one can engage in water activities such as snorkeling and kayaking through the mangroves which is a thrilling experience. Moreover the communities in the island are welcoming and still a traveler can enjoy their rich and tantalizing coastal cuisines as you watch both women and men dance rhythmically to a traditional song. Due to its proximity from Ramisi River, a traveler can use that chance to tour to the river for crocodile spotting. For sunset lovers, you get to experience beautiful sunsets as you sail in a canoe in the cool water of the ocean around the island.

G. KISITE MPUNGUTI MARINE PARK & WASINI ISLAND

Located in Southern Coast, Kenya, Kisite Mpunguti Marine Park is famous for its highest number of dolphins. The park is also known for many different species of coloured fish, hard corals, sea grass and sponges. Apart from the dolphin watching, the island is idealistic for snorkeling and underwater photography. A trip to the park can be thrilling coupled with a tour to the Wasini Island/village where you will get to learn the culture and way of life of the people as well as enjoy a tantalizing blend of Swahili cuisines and seafood.

H. THREE SISTER'S CAVES

Located in Fikirini Tawaka village, the three sisters' caves are the second largest cave system in East Africa. The caves namely Mdenyeye cave, Pangani cave and Kisimani cave house the cultural artefacts for the Digo people. Visiting the three sister's caves opens you to the beautiful history of the community living nearby.



4. LAMU

A. LAMU TOWN TOUR.

Forever edged in culture and history, a tour to the Lamu island villages makes your mind wander back in time. Rich in Arab and Swahili culture, the food, the way of living, the mode of dressing and everything that surrounds the island speaks of one language; the beauty of preserving culture. From Shella to Manda Island the rich coastal cuisines are the order of the day when you visit. The Taarab music from the locals is blessings to the ears as you listen to it sipping the sweet madafu. Lamu Island is not only a magical tourist destination, but also a recognized UNESCO Heritage site. Activities to do in Lamu:- Sunrise/sunset dhow cruise, moon cruise, watersports, snorkeling, kayaking and bird watching and not forgetting Lamu island tour.



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B. TAKWA RUINS.

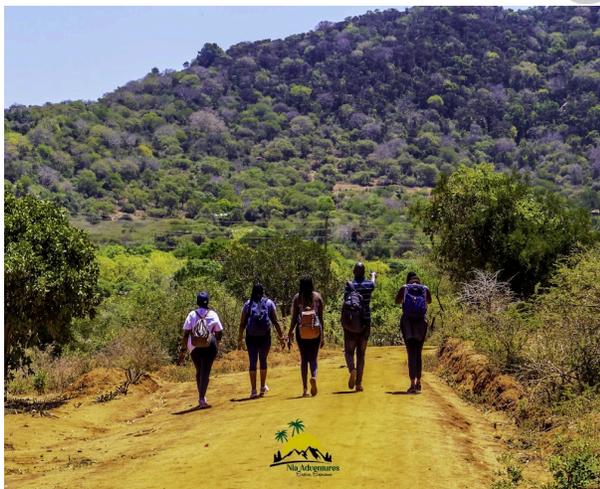
Located at The Manda Island in Lamu County, Takwa ruins are remains of 15th and 16th century Swahili trading town. The ruins are believed to be a place where religious people retreated and even in the mosque there is still well preserved. The ruins are ideal for religious pilgrimage and holds cultural and religious importance to the people of Manda.



5. GAME DRIVE AND HIKING

A. TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK

The green savanna grassland and woodland is a home to numerous of the largest African elephants. Taita Taveta County, Tsavo East National park is a home to the big five and numerous other wild life species. The park offers magical safari drives, camping and bonfires. Moreover, as you enjoy the views of the the big five you can sample the tantalizing meals at Salt Lick Cottages.



B. VURIA AND KASIGAU HILLS HIKES.

Whether you hike for fun, exercise or as an ultra-marathoner, Vuria and Kasigau hills, at the heart of the hilly Taita land serves as an ideal destination for hiking lovers and nature trailers. The views at the top of the hills are scenic and are forever edged in the memories of those who maneuver to the peak.