



Watamu Marine park & Sudi island

Excursion

Enjoy our Day trip excursion to one of the finest Kenyan Beach Safari, located north of Mombasa, the small coastal village of Watamu is renowned for the Watamu Marine National Park. The park boasts three sparkling bays, white-sandy beaches and an underwater coral wonderland offering one of the best snorkelling and diving experiences on the East African coast. This charming paradise is surrounded by an abundance of natural beauty; fringed by lush tropical rainforests and mangroves.

Trip type: Beach safari

Activities: snorkelling, canoeing, dolphins siting, swimming and mangrove tour, photo session

Our driver guide will pick you from your hotel or desired pick up point early in the morning, then drive North towards Watamu via the

Mombasa Malindi rd. Its 100kilometers from Mombasa and it will take roughly one and a half hours to reach watamu.



On your way you will be able to see different land scapes and plantations along the road.



At around 9:30 am we arrive at the Marine Park Watamu. Your driver will hand you over to the captain/guide who will make sure your marine park fees is paid, and then you will board a motorized 2 décor glass

boat so you can lay on the top deck and bask in the sun or just relax on the lower deck and enjoy the underwater life as you cruise towards the Marine Park.



Your excursion will begin with dolphins sighting where your captain/guide will take you to the hotspots where according to his experience you will be able to see and swim with the dolphins, remember this is for the adventurers souls. Once the dolphins stop moving around you can put on your snorkelling equipment (to be provided on board) and jump into the ocean so you can get close up with the gentle creatures.



After the mad fun, once again board the glass boat and continue towards the marine park. The Pristine white-sand beaches and reef protected lagoons line the Watamu National Marine Park and Reserves, which are the oldest in East Africa and cover over 229 kmsq. It is one of the best kept secrets in the world with only the Great Barrier Reef itself having a bigger species list and that only in a far greater expanse!

The marine protected area in Watamu is also recognized internationally as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. This means

that the area is designated as a site of natural excellence, and should demonstrate how local people and the environment can coexist through careful stewardship of our natural marine resources and human assets.

The Marine Park and Reserve is renowned world wide for its natural beauty and boasts a rich marine life. It is virtually impossible to snorkel without seeing at least a few dozen species inside the main reef; divers outside the fringe reef stand an excellent chance of viewing the magnificent whale shark and Manta Rays that are seasonal visitors. November is best for spotting these animals. The Park is also home to three species of sea turtle who also nest on the Marine Park beaches.



The Park and its coral gardens are one of the main justifications for visiting Watamu. Some of the more commonly seen fish include of course the parrotfish, whose digestion of the coral reefs over the millennia, have produced the white sand beach itself. Angelfish, groupers, filefish, lionfish and snappers are just a handful of the easily seen species within this superb, brightly coloured underwater world.



One of the best routes your captain is going to follow in this for exploration is a gentle cruise to the Larder in Turtle Bay. Head out in between the two rocky islands directly south of the KWS Blue Bay HQ. As the glass boat floats gently over the eroded coral ledges, there are numerous damselfish, young butterfly and angelfish,

morays, groupers and octopus. Through the seagrass pass you'll find blue spotted rays, mullet and snappers. Once you get to the edge of the grass area, around 100metres out, turn right and follow the grass edge along its contour line. After about 100m you'll find the Larder to your left; a series of 6 or so large coral heads which are the home of hundreds of sweetlips, snappers and drummer fish.



You'll also find lionfish and crocodile fish if you look closely. Another bonus here are the large barracuda which hang around near the seabed in large groups. They are nocturnal feeders and sleep during the day so are easy to approach.

There is an exceptional shoreline with Watamu voted one of the top ten beaches in the world; steeped in natural fauna and flora and with three stunning bays, Watamu, Blue Lagoon and Turtle Bay.

Here you will also be allowed to get into the ocean for snorkelling and shallow diving into the ocean floor to see the magnificent coral caves hidden under the blue water. Get a chance to swim and touch hundreds of schools of fish and turtles



After snorkelling next stop will be amazing, white sandy beach with crystal clear blue waters where you will be allowed to step off the boat for a swim on this magical waters for a while



before returning to the boat and sail off to Sudi Island while enjoying the lush green mangroves along the creek side.



At around - 1:00pm we will arrive at Sudi Island where you will receive a warm welcome to the island followed by a little entertainment from the natives.



The captain and his crew will then quickly start preparing for where they will grill and serve fresh and delicious sea food with varieties like; lobsters, king fish, barracuda, and crabs etc(chicken is available for these who don't eat seafood)..



After lunch you can choose to take a canoe ride into mangrove forest on the island with a guide and learn a little history about the island and the creatures found there



For those who choose to remain on the island can take the opportunity to swim on the island's shores or just bask in the sun and take photos. Take some time and capture your last moments on the sandy beaches.



Enjoy your last moments at the island and its environment.



At 4:30 its time to board the boat and head back to mainland where your driver will be waiting to drive you back to your hotel or desired drop off point in time for dinner. End of our program!!

Price is inclusive of: All round Comfy private transportation

: Marine park fee

: Soft drinks

: Snacks

: Lunch/sea food or chicken

: Guided canoe tour on Sudi island

: Boat ride to the island and back

: Snorkelling equipment during the excursion

Price is exclusive of: Breakfast in the morning of the trip

: Alcohol

: Tips and gratuities

: Items of personal nature

: Personal travel insurance

What to carry during the trip

:Swimming costume/beach wear

:Sun screen

:Beach sandals or slippers

:Towel

:Snacks and refreshments

:Items of personal nature

Kindly Note:

:Pick up time will be communicated to you the day before the tour according to your pick up location.

:Dolphins can only be spotted from the month of October until May

Charges

From North coast hotels		From South coast hotels	
1 pax	165\$ pp	1 pax	205\$ pp
2 pax	115\$ pp	2 pax	145\$ pp

3pax	105\$ pp	3pax	130\$ pp
4pax	100\$ pp	4pax	120\$ pp
5pax	95\$ pp	5pax	115\$ pp
6pax	89\$ pp	6pax	110\$ pp
7pax	85\$ pp	7pax	100\$ pp

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