

THE KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT

The KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT situated on top of a cliff overlooking the Kilwa Masoko bay. The right start- off point to visit these historical sites.

KILWA ... ruins, beaches, mystery, the sea.

Come and visit another world heritage site of Tanzania.

The historical islands of Kilwa Kisiwani & Songo Mnara or Kilwa Kivinje with their ruins of past gone civilisation and riches.

Activities at the KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT & around Kilwa.

Historical sites, Caves, Snorkelling, Diving, Dhow Sailing, Deep Sea Fishing, Sailing, Birding or simply relaxing on the beach or at the swimming pool.

THE RESORT

The KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT (MBUYUNI) set up on a cliff overlooking the Kilwa Masoko Bay. The restaurant and bar with its natural palm thatched roof, built around an old Baobab tree and our stoned bandas in African style. All have a view towards the island of Kilwa Kisiwani with its 14th century ruins. The resorts 250 meter sandy beach invites swimmers, snorkelers & relaxers.

The Mbuyu Restaurant and Bar are situated under a palm leave thatched roof around a large old Baobab tree, on top of a cliff, facing the Kilwa Masoko Bay & the island of Kilwa Kisiwani with its ruins.

The kitchen provides a variety of cuisines specializing on different seafoods.

The resort also has:

A swimming pool.

A beach bar, palm thatched shades with beach beds & beach shower.(under construction)

The accomodation at Kilwa Seaview Resort is in large stoned bandas, mosquito & insect proof, with en- suite bathrooms, and a verandah. The bandas are large and roomy equipped with fans and 3 to 4 beds ideal for families in African style all with view to the ocean. Some bandas are equipped with a T.V. and M-Net Decoder.

Construction of the resort was commenced on the 9 th of June 2003 by its owners & seven tanzanian staff. Soft Opening is since 1st October 2003.

The owners of the camp & their staff have been operating smaller fly- camps within the Selous Game Reserve & Southern Tanzania since 1997.

At KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT we pride ourselves in being a small and personal “family” resort.

ACTIVITIES

HISTORICAL SITES: Visit the islands & towns of Kilwa with their historical sites. Kilwa Kisiwani, Songo Mnara with 14th Century arab ruins & the town of Kilwa Kivinje known more for its recent historical sites during german colonization.

At Kilwa Seaview Resort we can arrange for you to see a variety of historical sites within the Kilwa area.

By far the most important is the visit to Kilwa Kisiwani island which has the largest collection of ruins to be seen.

We can arrange a trip for you by power boat or by dhow to visit Kilwa Kisiwani.

Kilwa Kivinje can also be visited for some more interesting historical sites by vehicle from the Kilwa Seaview Resort.

A longer trip to Songo Mnara island will round off all the major historical sites to visit.

RELAXING: White sandy beaches, clear blue water, swimming pool, beach walks, beach games, sun bathing, and more..

SNORKELING: A variety of excellent snorkeling areas are within easy reach from the Kilwa Seaview Resort beach or in the bay. As well as a short boat trip to one of the many reefs.

Marine Life abounds around the Kilwa Seaview Resort & Kilwa Masoko Bay. Or just snorkel off from the beach, or travel out to one of the nearby coral reefs.

We can arrange a boat to take you there.

BIRDING: Near to Kilwa Seaview Resort, within the river estuaries with their large mangrove swamps, we can take you for a birding safari. The mangrove forests, inter tidal flats, various islands and rocky cliffs provide a perfect habitat for a large amount of birds.

These areas may be used for roosting, feeding and breeding of waterfowls.

Some of the more common birds one may find include: Sandpipers, Terns, Egrets & Herons, Cormorants, Ibis, African Storks, Ducks, Geese, the majestic Fish Eagle of course, Plovers, Little Stints, Gulls, Kingfishers, Frigates and Gannets, Oyster Catchers, Pied Crows, Weavers, Falcons, Doves and Hawks. Fruit bats can also be found feeding and roosting around Kilwa.

On these trips you may also come across Hippos and crocodiles if you are lucky, which live close to where the rivers enter the mangrove swamps. Or you may find monkeys and even other sorts of animals within the shores.

These birding safaris are done aboard power boats as well as the more adventures way of on a dhow which in turn is much quieter as well. We can arrange both versions for you with advance notice to the manager at the Kilwa Seaview Resort

DIVING: Just a short distance by boat away from the Kilwa Seaview Resort, behind the reefs one will find a variety of diving areas. Join in on a fully equipped scuba diving outing or safari.

The Kilwa area is known in having many islands, mostly sandy and resting on coral platform, surrounded by fringing reefs seaward and extensive patch reef formations on all remaining sides. The fringing coral reefs flank the coastline and form an additional chain of small islands. Most of the coral reefs are pristine and also rich in maritime biodiversity. The sandy islands are also important breeding sites for sea- turtles.

FISHING (IN CO- OPERATION WITH KILWA LODGE): Just a short distance by boat away from the Kilwa Seaview Resort, behind the reefs as well as in the bay one will find a variety of excellent fishing grounds.

One of the specialities when visiting the Kilwa area is the amazing opportunity of doing some of the best Big Game Fishing along the East African Coast.

Fully equipped big game fishing vessels are there for your use, including their knowledgeable crews.

Giant Black Marlin, Striped and Blue Marlin, Yellow fin Tuna, Barracudas, King fish, Bill fish and Sailfish, just to mention a few, await you of the shores of Kilwa.

Saltwater fly fishermen can try their luck at catching the elusive bone fish as well.

All the tackle supplied is IGFA (International Game Fishing Association) rated.

In general the skippers encourage a tag- and- release policy.

MATUMBI CAVES: A full- day trip into the Matumbi Hills can be arranged from the Kilwa Seaview Resort. There one can visit the Matumbi cave complex.

The caves saw service as a hide- out during the 1905 to 1907 Maji Maji Uprising. The caves are however now used as a place of worship as well as to catch porcupines, whose quills have medicinal and ritual significance.

There are a variety of entrances to various caves, named Nang'oma, Anduli, Nakitala or Nakinduguyu.

See also Peter Marwan's "The Caves in the Matumbi Hills and their importance to the Native People" www.karst.net/Forschung/tanzania_e.htm

HOW TO GET TO THE KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT

By Air: There are daily schedule flights from Dar es Salaam or Zanzibar to Kilwa Masoko and return.

Charter flights can be arranged as well at the Charter Airline Offices, although at much higher prices.

Air Schedule operators to Kilwa Masoko.

COASTAL AVIATION: www.coastal.cc

By Vehicle: An 6 to 8 hour trip from Dar es Salaam via Nangurukuru to Kilwa Masoko.

By KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT arranged vehicle:

\$ 200 per car/ one way

By Road/Car from Dar es Salaam to Kilwa Seaview Resort or Kilwa Seaview Resort to Dar es Salaam.

Kilwa Seaview Resort arranged vehicle with driver. Pick- up from or drop off to hotel in Dar es Salaam

By Bus: Daily buses from Dar es Salaam Temeke to Kilwa Masoko are available. The bus station in Kilwa Masoko is within walking distance of Kilwa Seaview Resort.

By Boat/ Ship: The Kilwa Masoko Bay opposite the Kilwa Seaview Resort has a safe anchor ground, as well as the Kilwa Masoko harbour area.

PRICES

Kilwa Seaview Resort

PRICE LIST

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BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMODATION

Bandas for maximum 4 persons.

1 person in banda US \$ 60 per day, per banda.

2 persons in banda US \$ 70 per day, per banda.

3 persons in banda US \$ 75 per day, per banda.

4 persons in banda US \$ 80 per day, per banda.

For children under 4 years free.

FOR FULLBOARD ACCOMODATION ADD US \$ 15 per person to above mentioned prices.

ACTIVITIES

HISTORICAL TRIPS

Visit to Kilwa Kisiwani: US \$ 10 per person (per dhow trip go and return & guide. Including Tshs 1500 government fees.)

Visit to Kilwa Kivinje: US \$ 30 (per vehicle round trip maximum 5 persons.)

Visit to Songo Mnara: (only through special arrangement.)

BOAT CHARGES (ECONOMICAL)

Boat Charges below are for fishing trips, diving, snorkeling, birding, mangrove swamps, visit to Songo Mnara island, island visits, cruises etc...

(our dhow with engine, the "Christopher", no fishing or diving equipment.)

US \$ 60 - 80 maximum 6 persons. (depending on trip length or purpose)

CHARGES BELOW FOR FISHING BOATS, BOAT HIRE & DIVING ARE IN CO-OPERATION WITH KILWA RUINS LODGE.

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22 ft Supercat "Jodari", US \$ 400 per day, maximum 3 persons for fishing.

27 ft Blackfin "Falusi", US \$ 500 per day, maximum 4 persons for fishing.

27 ft Reef Runner "Cole' Cole'", US \$ 500 per day, maximum 5 persons for fishing.

58ft Bertram "TRINITY" US \$ 950 per day, maximum 12 persons for fishing.

DIVING

At present only offered by hiring our dhow the "Christopher" with your own diving equipment.

KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT CAMPING GROUND:

There is also a camping ground on the Kilwa Seaview Resort grounds.

US \$ 5 per person per night camping fees.

Camping ground facilities include: Shower, WC, Cooking area, Food storage room, watchman. (Access to Kilwa Seaview Resort Bar & Restaurant possible for food and drinks).

Campers are to arrive with their own camping equipment.

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KILWA

The town Kilwa as such is divided into three different towns.

Kilwa Kivinje, Kilwa Masoko and Kilwa Kisiwani with Songo Mnara and Sanje Ya Kiti.

Kilwa Masoko is however the least interesting history wise, but the modern town right now, and centre of operations as well as location of all modern day facilities. The others are the places to go for historical reasons.

Kilwa Kivinje, was in the 19th Century an Arabian slave and ivory trading town, where caravans started off into the interior.

With the end of the Arab time at the end of the 19th century, the German colonial government built a fort and extended the town.

From German times one can still find a Market Hall, the big Fort with a canon from the 1st World war, and two pillars one for the tribal dead of the Maji Maji War fought between the local tribes of Southern Tanzania and the German Colonial government and the other for two German traders also killed during the same Maji Maji War.

Kilwa Kisiwani, is where one will find the greatest collection of ruins. Directly on the Northern shore one will find the old Omani Fort, which is built on the foundations of the old Portuguese fort, in the early 19th Century, and where still an old wooden door remains. The Big Mosque is from the 12th Century and was further extended up to the 15th Century. It was said to be the largest mosque in East Africa.

The Great House directly south of the mosque was once a complex building which was most likely the Sultan's palace. In it there are four graves, of which one is rumoured to be of a Sultan.

The small mosque from the 15th Century is the best kept building on the island, and still in use today.

The large complex of walls in the west of the island is called "Makutani" (in the great wall). In the middle is a palace from the 18th Century, south of it, another Sultan's palace, with a mosque from the 15th Century.

All the way to the east of the island there are the ground walls of the "Husuni Kubwa", once the largest building in tropical Africa.

Songo Mnara, another island with 14th to 15th Century houses and mosques. Some of which still show high walls and even parts of their roofs.

ABOUT THE KILWA SEAVIEW RESORT & KILWA

Baggage

Baggage on safari should be carefully considered. One soft-sided bag and one smaller piece of hand luggage per person is recommended. In total this should not weigh more than 15kgs for most East Africa domestic flights. This allowance includes camera equipment. Suitcases and other heavier items can usually be stored in city hotels while clients are on safari.

Children

We love taking children on safari and they are welcome throughout Africa. As well as in the Selous Mbega Camp & Kilwa Seaview Resort. For Fly - Camping safaris we however advise that the children be at least 12 years old.

Clothing

Dress is usually informal and should be comfortable. Essential items are a wide-brimmed sun hat, long-sleeved cotton shirts, shorts and casual trousers.

Currency

Travellers' cheques in US dollars or pounds sterling and major credit cards are not widely accepted as well as at Selous Mbega Camp & Kilwa Seaview Resort. We accept Tanzania Shillings, US Dollars, Pounds Sterling, Euro. Please use official money-changing bureaux and avoid street-dealers.

Drinking Water

You will find many differences of opinion regarding what is safe and what is not. We therefore recommend that for peace of mind, you drink filtered water provided in the rooms or stick to bottled water.

Electricity

Apart from Fly- Camping safaris, all accommodation has some form of permanent electricity, albeit sometimes erratic. The supply is generally 220-240v and plugs are three-pin square or round. If you have any charges, make sure your battery charger is of the same voltage.

Entry Requirements

Please consult the appropriate embassy or high commission on entry visa requirements.

Health

Malaria is prevalent throughout Africa and we cannot stress too highly the importance of taking the correct precautions against it. For this, we suggest that you consult your doctor well before departure. Also, please obtain the appropriate medication and vaccinations for the specific country to which you are travelling.

Hold Check-in/Out Times

At Selous Mbega Camp & Kilwa Seaview Resort Rooms are generally available for occupation until your time of departure, but this is not guaranteed in the high season, we will however try and provide you with a storage area for your luggages until your departure.

Insurance

Adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking. Please ensure that all persons take out full insurance to include medical, repatriation and baggage damage/loss charges.

Language

English is spoken in all cities and tourist areas, however, other European languages are less commonly understood.

Meals and Drinks

Today, food on safari is usually above people's expectations. The day starts with pre-safari tea/coffee, then back a cooked breakfast. Lunch & Dinner at Selous Mbega Camp is normally buffet-style, at Kilwa Seaview Resort meals can be ordered to your wishes. Alcoholic spirits, beer or wine are readily available.

Photography

We suggest that you take enough film and spare batteries with you, as both are usually very expensive. Also, bring a dust-proof bag to cover all equipment. For good bird and animal photography, a 200mm lens is the minimum recommendation. A polariser is useful for bright conditions. It is normally prohibited to photograph the head of state or his entourage, police in uniform, airports, harbours or prisons. Also, please ask permission before filming the local people, who may become belligerent if they do not want to be photographed.

Security

Africa is no different from anywhere else, just follow the common-sense rules. Remember that excessive displays of jewellery or cash will attract unwelcome attention. Do not leave valuables lying around. Instead use room safes or leave valuables with the hotel/camp manager for safety. We also recommend that you do not walk around unfamiliar streets at any time.

Telecommunication

At the Selous Mbega Camp there is only Radio Call communication HF frequency at 7.440.0 LSB. VHF frequency at 143.475.. At Kilwa Seaview Resort telephone & fax communications are possible.

Tipping

Tipping is not compulsory and is recommended only if the service has deserved it. We recommend this be done directly or through a staff tip-box, whichever guests feel more comfortable with. It is helpful to have a small supply of low-denomination notes handy.

One Last Word of Advice

Life is sometimes a little slower on the African Continent. Local people are generally polite, hospitable and eager to assist but may not always understand everything in your terms. If you are patient, we are sure you will come away pleased, with wonderful lasting memories.

Frequently asked questions:

Q: The Kilwa Seaview Resort is on a cliff, so that means it does not have any beach access?

A: A large part of the Kilwa Seaview Resort is on a cliff yes, but the resort compound also has access to about 250 metres of its own beach front. So you can enjoy both the beach and the cool cliff breezes.