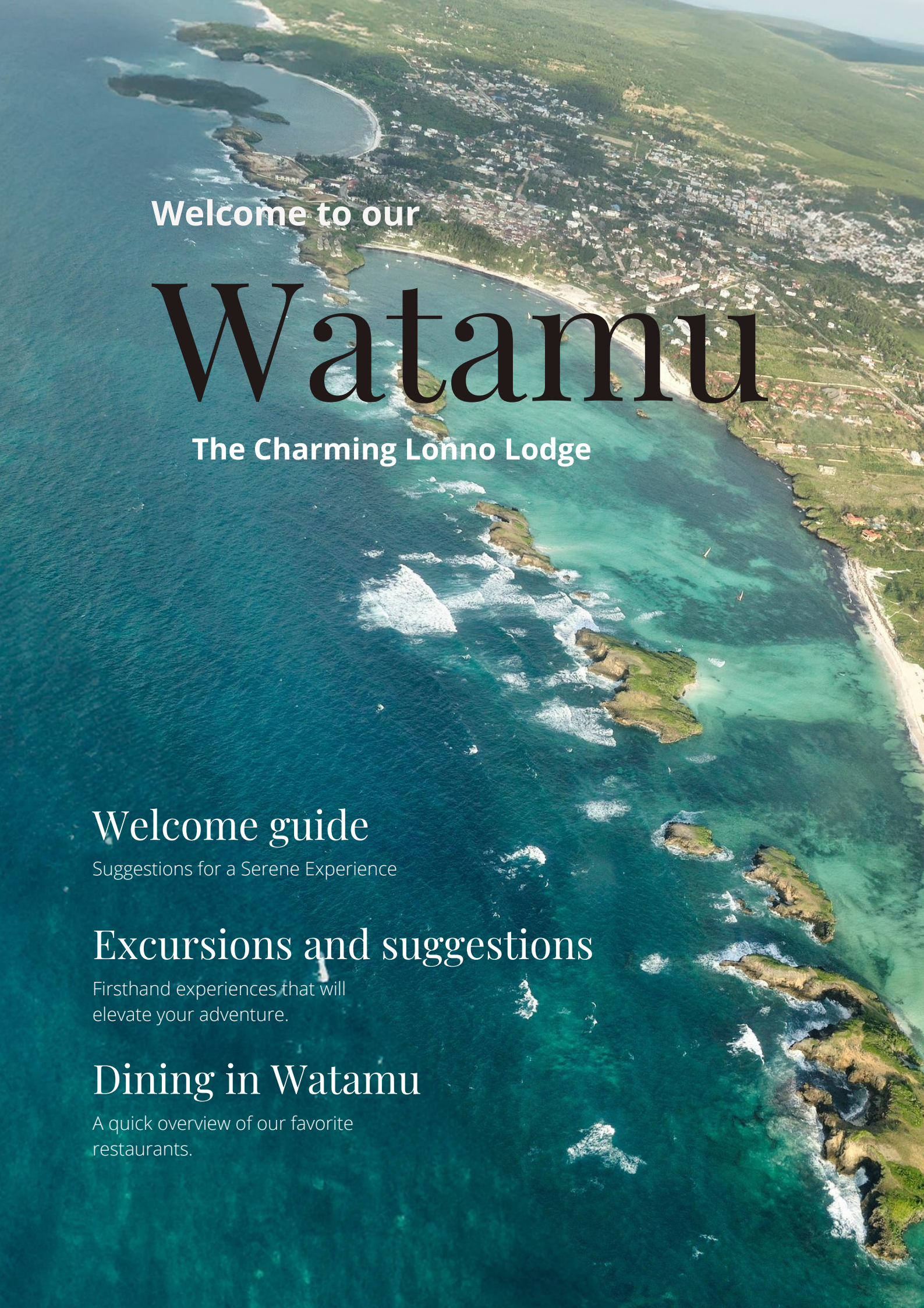




Welcome to our

Watamu

The Charming Lonno Lodge

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THE CHARMING
LONNO LODGE

A warm welcome from The Charming Lonno Lodge! And a big hello from the beautiful village of Watamu!



Watamu 2009

We are excited to welcome you here at the Lonno Lodge! Although we hope you can enjoy your stay spending time in our pool or restaurant, we are aware that Watamu is an extraordinary place that deserves to be explored beyond the relaxing walls of Lonno Lodge.

We are delighted to offer you advice and assistance in exploring the beauties of this charming fishing village, with its coastline and sea.

Considering that many of you might be here to relax, perhaps after a long safari, we thought of providing you with tips on small excursions, restaurants we love, or selected sports activities. We are at your disposal for any questions or needs during your stay.

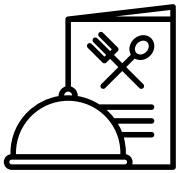
Aldo & Silvia

Welcome Guide



Check in & Check out

Check-in is available from 2:00 PM. Check-out is by 10:30 AM. We kindly ask you to adhere to these timings to ensure the best experience for both you and other guests. If you have changes in your plans or are thinking of arriving earlier, please inform us for any potential need for extra time. We will do our best in case the room is available to accommodate you. In any case, we can store your luggage at the reception, and you can make use of the facilities at the lodge. Thank you for your cooperation!



Restaurant

Our restaurant is small and, most importantly, it is reserved only for our guests. Therefore, it will never be crowded, and each guest will receive the right attention, not only for the service but also for the menu!

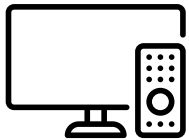
In the morning, you can choose from the daily options, based on your plans. This allows us to prepare fresh food every day. For lunch, if you prefer a lighter menu, you also have the option to choose from a "light lunch" (appetizer and main course) or from the snack menu, which can also be served by the pool.

Lunch is served at 1:00 PM, while dinner is at 7:30 PM. The kitchen closes at 2:30 PM and 9:30 PM. Cooking to order, we recommend being punctual to fully savor our cuisine.



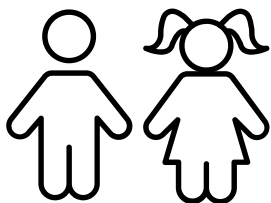
Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi at Lonno Lodge is complimentary, and each room, as well as the restaurant, is equipped with an access point. Connectivity is of paramount importance to us, and that's why we have chosen Starlink, ensuring a stable and continuous connection. The password will be provided to you during the check-in process.



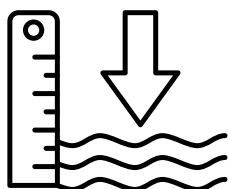
Netflix

We are excited to offer you a unique experience during your stay. To make your relaxation even more complete, we would like to inform you that in each room, you can enjoy complimentary access to Netflix. Choose your preferred language directly from the available menu and immerse yourself in a wide selection of films during your leisure time.



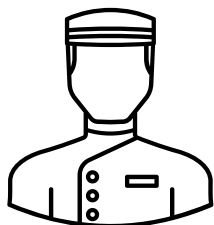
Children's Etiquette

Lonno Lodge warmly welcomes families and ensures that all our guests, including children, have a pleasant and comfortable stay. However, we ask parents to be aware that our hotel is known for its tranquility and privacy and to make every effort to ensure that children respect the comfort of other guests during their stay. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



Hi-Low Tide

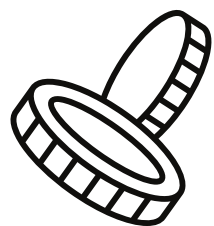
For your safety, please always check the tide chart at the bar. It is recommended to use reef shoes during low tide. If you don't have them with you, you can request a complimentary pair at the reception.



Concierge

Even though you won't see anyone with a sign saying "concierge," know that each one of us finds it rewarding to assist you in organizing an excursion, calling a Tuk Tuk or taxi, providing necessary directions, accompanying you, or procuring something you may have forgotten at home. Don't hesitate to ask; we are here for you and will do our best to make your stay even more enjoyable!

Tipping



Gratuities are not obligatory. If you wish to express your appreciation towards our diligent staff with a modest financial acknowledgment, we kindly ask you to consider the option of leaving a contribution in the small wooden box located at the reception. This gesture will help ensure that the entire team, including those working behind the scenes to ensure a pleasant stay down to the finest details, can share a commendable compensation at the end of the season. Of course, this practice is entirely optional.

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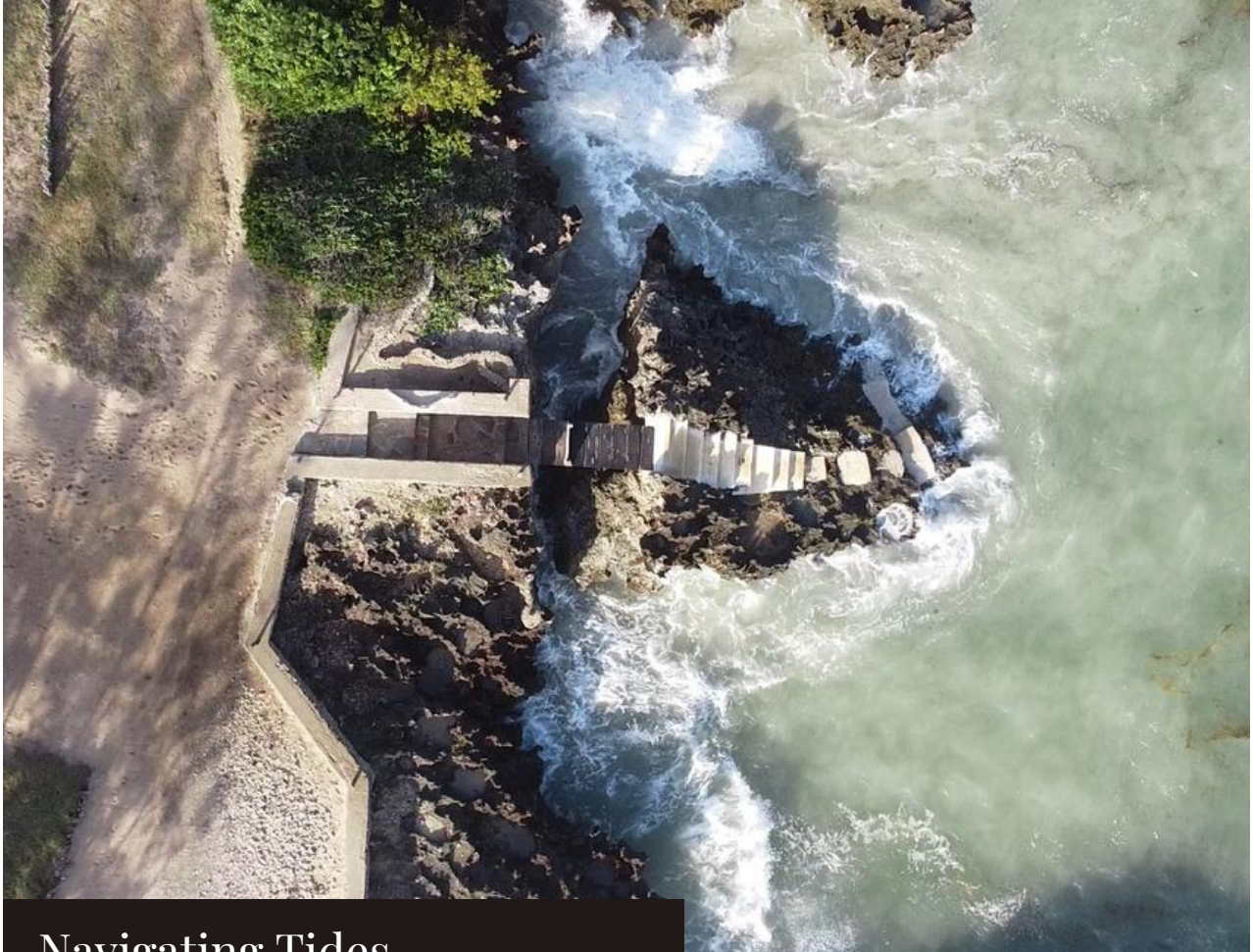
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Navigating Tides

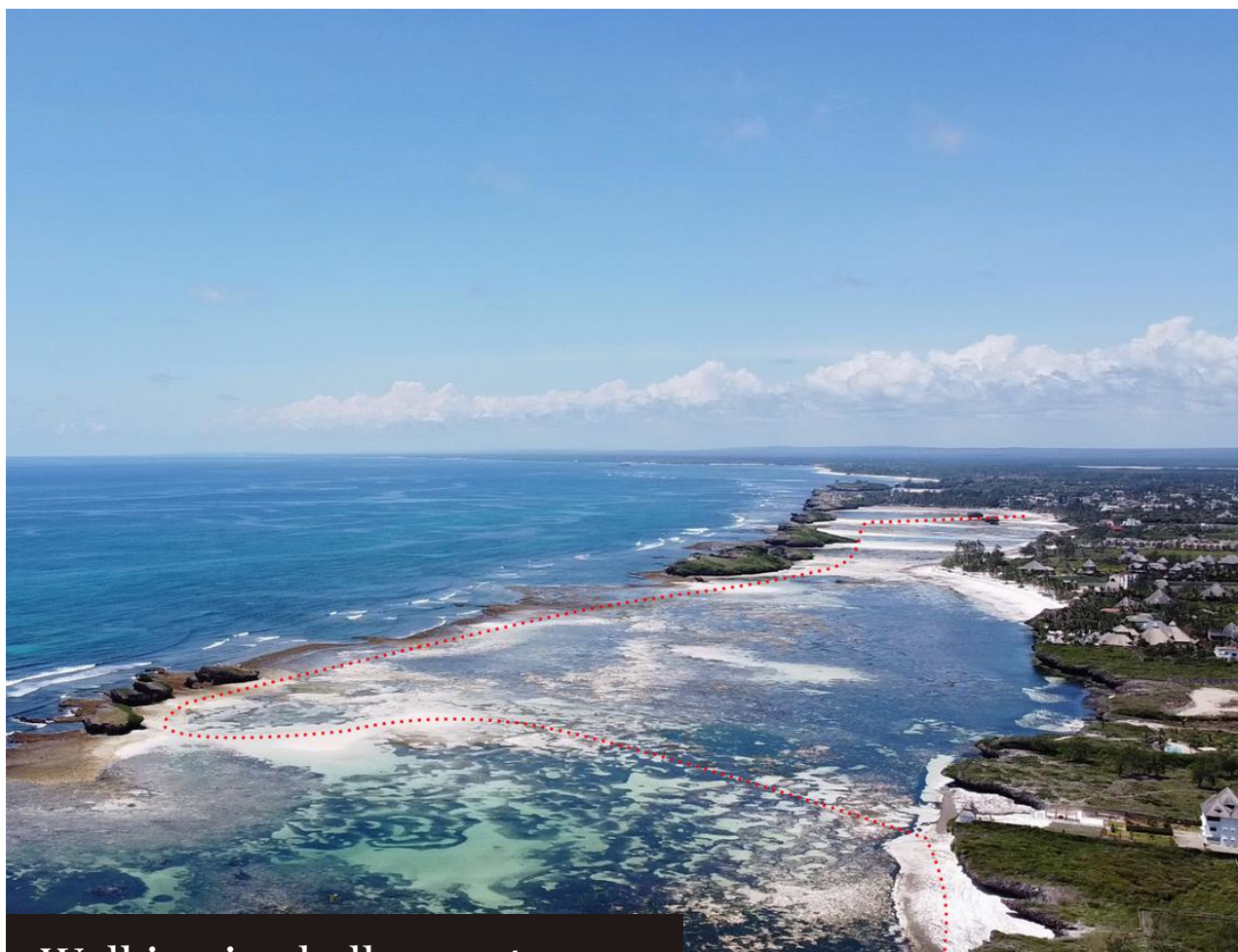
Tidal Influences on a Kenyan Getaway

Life on the Kenyan beach is significantly shaped by tides.

Beneath the reef, sea levels change every six hours, with variations exceeding 12 ft. During low tide, enjoy extensive walks on the seafloor to reach submerged islands.

At the Lodge, a displayed timetable guides excursions by detailing both tidal phases.

Lonno Lodge reveals three small beaches during low tide, providing a charming stroll beneath cliffs toward Papa Remo Beach and the start of Ocean Breeze beach, with minimal tourists and vendors. High tide offers a small boat for day trips to Mida Creek, Watamu, or an exploration of captivating Watamu Bay with its "mapanghi" and turquoise waters.

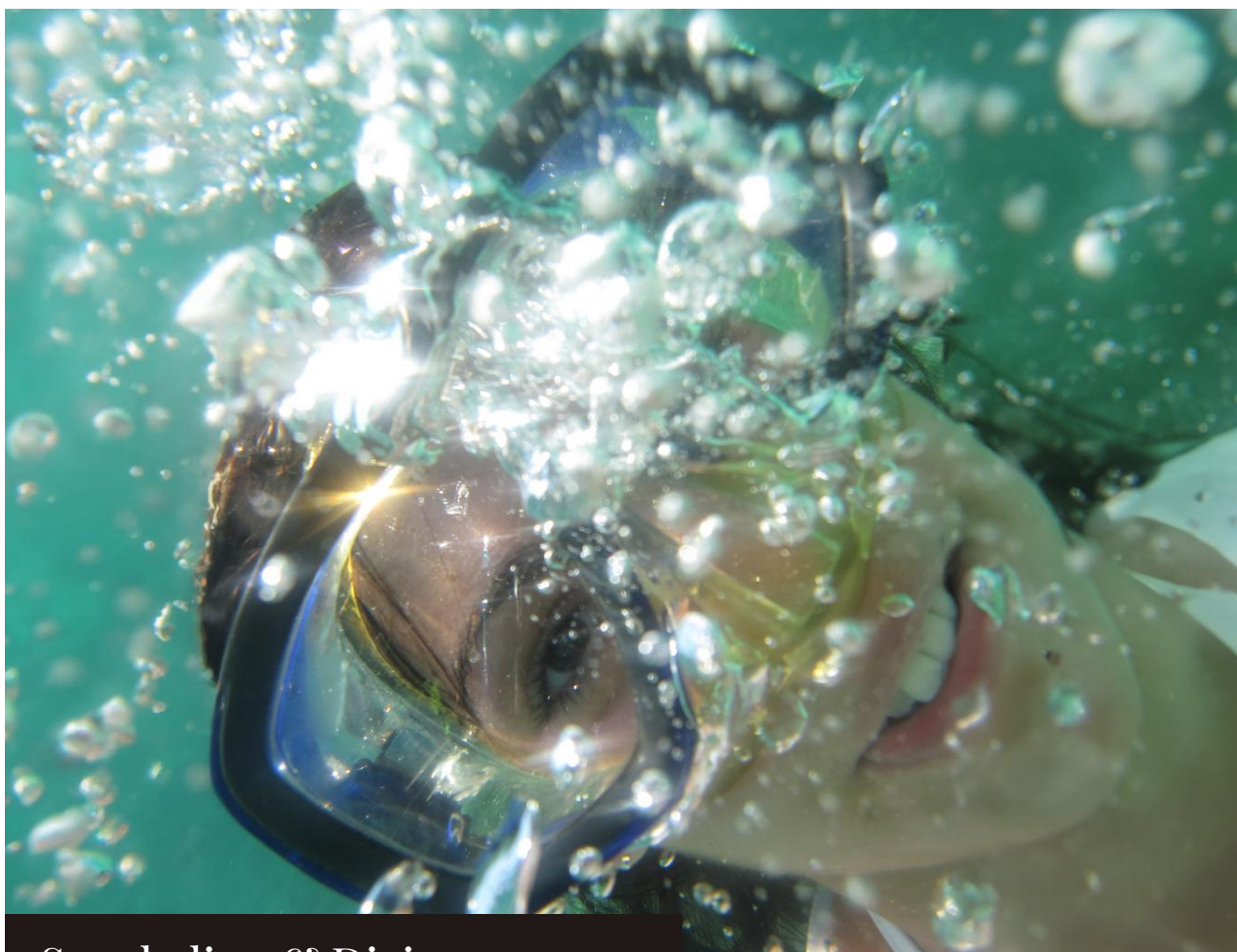


Walking in shallow water

A Journey in Shallow Waters

During the regular low tide, we invite you to explore the enchanting and diverse marine life along our expansive and sunny beaches, caressed by the sea breeze. You can simply walk in shallow water or immerse yourself in natural pools formed by the pristine sand.

The image above serves as a brief guide starting from our lodge. Before venturing out, make sure to **inquire at the reception for information, and for your safety, check the tide chart.** In case you don't have suitable shoes, don't worry; just ask at the reception, and we'll be happy to provide them. Happy exploration!



Snorkeling & Diving

The Submarine Secrets of Watamu

Unparalleled underwater experiences and snorkeling opportunities await you in the Watamu Marine National Park, offering visitors effortless access to a breathtaking underwater realm. Whether you're a sea enthusiast or an experienced diver, there's always something exciting to discover.

Embark on a snorkeling adventure in Watamu Marine and Malindi Marine Park.

Departing from Blue Bay in Watamu, the boat journey lasts approximately 2-3 hours, with lunch not included.

For those looking to explore deeper, the Three Scuba Diving School are available to assist in organizing unforgettable diving experiences. Dive into the beauty of Watamu's marine life and create lasting memories beneath the waves.



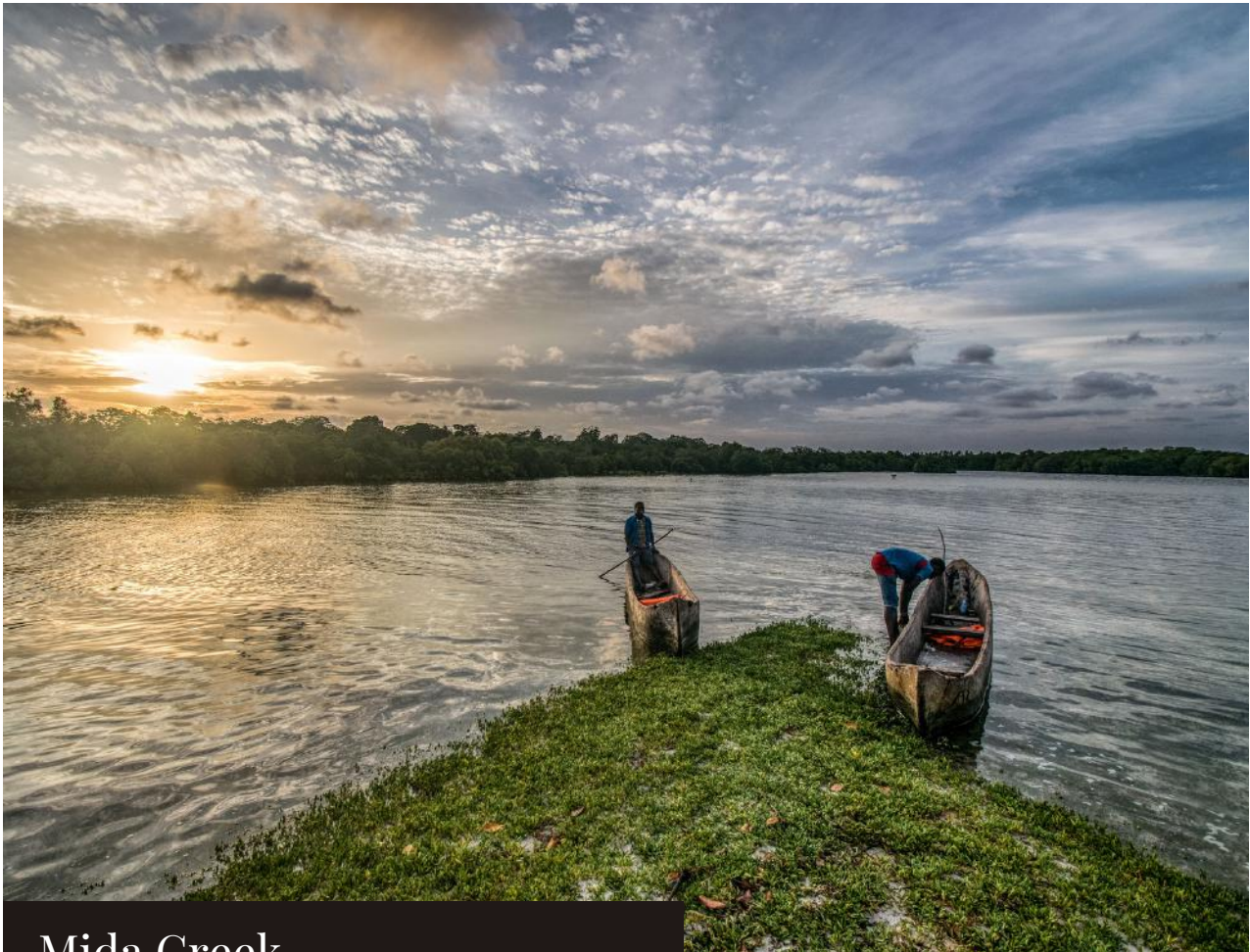
Gede Ruins

A mysterious past

The Ruins of Gede is an archaeological site located on the north coast of Watamu. This ancient settlement is what remains of a Swahili city that flourished between the 13th and 17th centuries. Archaeologists have found that Gede was a well-planned city with paved streets, stone buildings, and courtyards.

The population of Gede is presumed to have consisted mainly of merchants, fishermen, and farmers.

Despite its prosperous history, Gede was abandoned in the 17th century, and the exact reasons for this abandonment are still debated among historians and archaeologists. The surrounding tropical jungle gradually engulfed the city, contributing to the preservation of its ruins.



Mida Creek

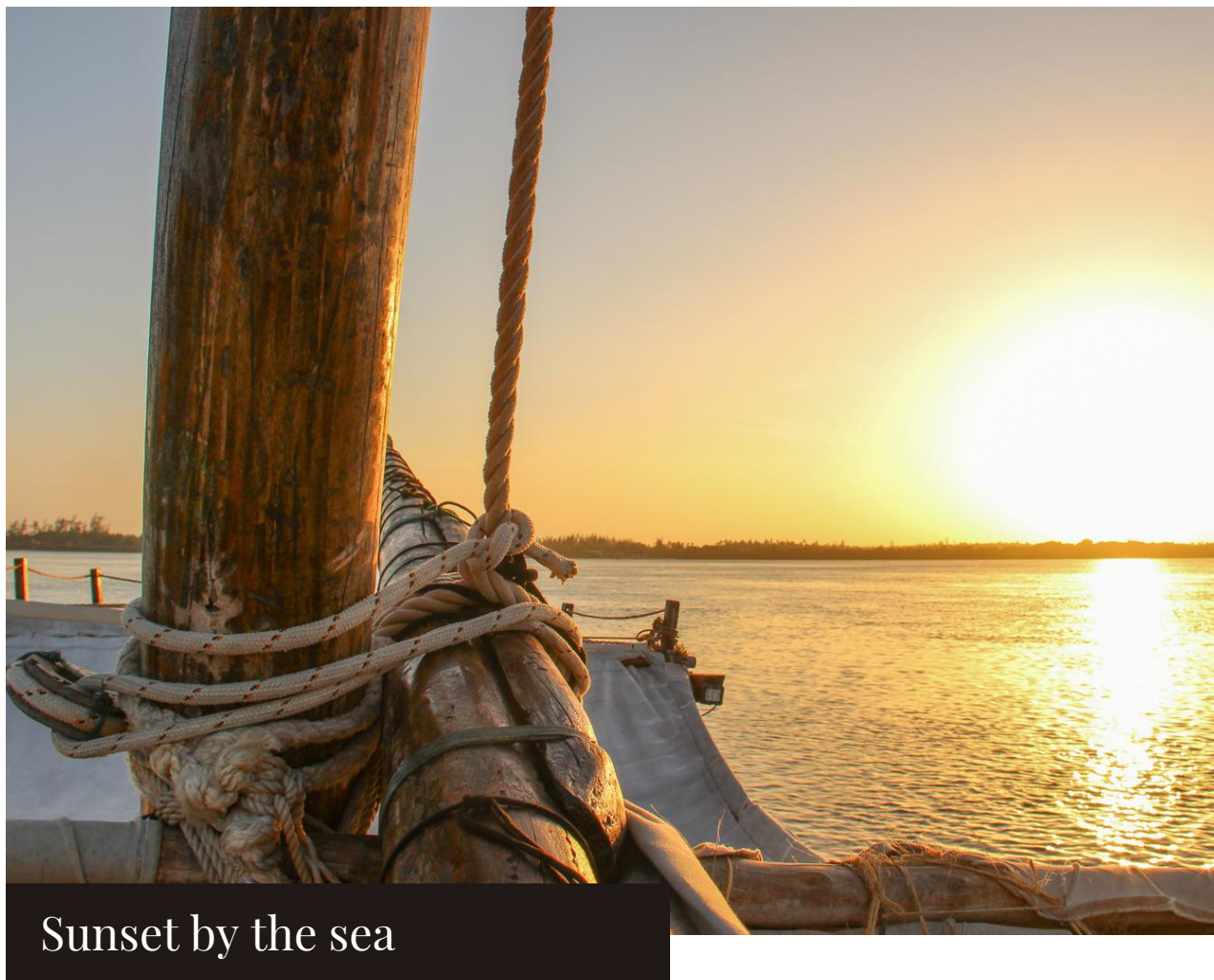
The Silence of the Surrounding

Mida Creek is a brackish lagoon located in the Watamu area of Kenya, renowned for its exceptional biodiversity. This unique environment stands out as one of the most captivating ecological sites in the region.

The area serves as a precious marine ecosystem, hosting a diverse range of species, including birds, fish, crustaceans, and mangroves.

The lagoon provides numerous opportunities for recreational activities such as boat rides. Visitors often cherish the experience of exploring the tranquility of Mida Creek and immersing themselves in its natural beauty.

Ultimately, Mida Creek represents a captivating destination for those seeking a connection with pristine nature and a chance to explore a unique ecosystem along the Kenyan coast.



Sunset by the sea

When the Sky Paints Itself

Immersed in the natural magic of Mida Creek, this enchanting place provides the perfect setting to admire a breathtaking sunset. The calm reflection of the brackish waters cradles the sky, while the sun slowly paints golden and orange hues on the horizon. You can choose from various opportunities to experience this

spectacle: aboard a traditional Dhow, alongside your loved one on our boat moored at the creek, or on a captivating excursion in traditional canoes during the visit to the marine park. We will be delighted to provide all the necessary information at the reception to make your experience unforgettable.



Dolphins

Where the Dolphins play

Explore Watamu's crystal waters on an exciting boat tour where dolphins play and swim alongside. Witness the enchanting spectacle of these intelligent creatures in their natural habitat, guided by experienced crew members.

This immersive journey offers insights into the local dolphin species and the delicate underwater ecosystem. Whether you're a nature enthusiast or seeking a serene escape, this engaging tour promises unforgettable moments with Watamu's vibrant marine life.

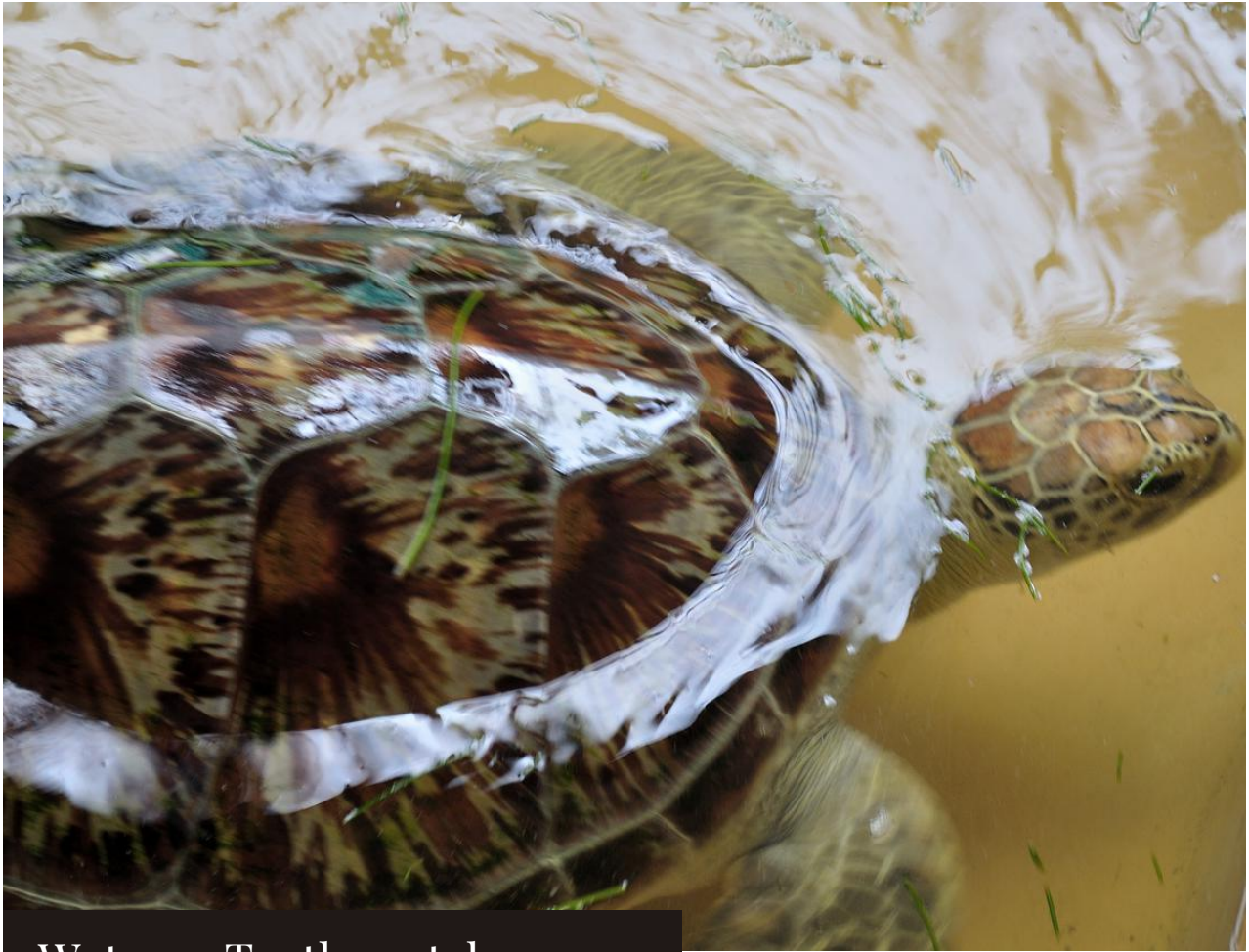


Snake farm

A World You Wouldn't Expect

Watamu's Snake Farm is a unique place dedicated to the conservation and education of reptiles. Here, numerous species are safely housed in enclosures, but you will also have the opportunity to interact with these fascinating creatures. This educational experience provides an up-close view of reptile biology and their role in the ecosystem.

The Snake Farm also plays a crucial role in species conservation, contributing to community safety through the creation of antidotes from reptile venoms. Your visit not only offers an exciting adventure but also supports conservation and education initiatives. Discover the wonderful world of reptiles in Watamu and join us in protecting nature and promoting harmonious coexistence between humans and wildlife.



Watamu Turtle watch

Preserving Marine Wonders

In Watamu, Turtle Watch excels in marine conservation. Distinct from a zoo, this initiative actively protects sea turtles. Collaborating with local fishermen, they rescue turtles ensnared in nets, nurse injuries, and safeguard beach-laid eggs. The heart of Turtle Watch is a commitment to the well-being of marine life.

During a visit to the facility, you might also notice empty tanks, which, however, signify success as they indicate that the rehabilitated turtles thrive in their habitat. Join Turtle Watch on their conservation journey, where each vacant tank echoes their impactful work.



Watamu Shopping

Wood, colors, and fabrics

Watamu is a tranquil fishing village, maybe small, but its center offers a unique shopping experience in the streets of the small town. In the picturesque streets, you can immerse yourself in a little world of Kikoi fabrics, painted with vibrant colors, wooden handicrafts, and unique ethnic jewelry. This naive experience invites you to negotiate prices gracefully,

bringing about an authentic immersion into the local culture. Discover the charm of the narrow streets in the center through the eyes of artisans and take home small mementos.

Tip: Go there by a Tuk Tuk (maybe "...an electric tuk-tuk) for a brief exploration of the area, providing a preview of the center and the fishermen's beach.



Traditional Dhow Cruise

Once Upon a Time, the Latin Sail

Embark on a unique experience in Watamu, Kenya, as you spend a delightful day aboard a traditional Dhow. This wooden vessel, adorned with a Latin sail as a testament to the local maritime tradition, will gracefully navigate you along the picturesque coast.

During the journey, seize the opportunity to snorkel in crystal-clear waters, exploring the rich marine life and marveling at the vibrant colors of the corals.

Following a delightful lunch, luxuriate in relaxation, swayed by the sea breeze and surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. The day will culminate in the pleasure of watching the sunset from the deck, accompanied by a rich aperitif and snacks.

Pre-booking is essential as the cruise is very popular.



Hell's Kitchen & Che Shale

The devil cooks here

This captivating canyon, known as Hell's Kitchen in Marafa, is located approximately an hour and a half from Watamu and is an extraordinary tourist attraction, also known as the Devil's Kitchen.

The colors of the limestone, ranging from beige to yellow, brick to dark brown, create a natural spectacle that leaves you speechless. The recommended visit at sunset adds a magical dimension, further accentuating the beauty of the

surrounding landscape and creating an evocative atmosphere.

Despite its small size, Hell's Kitchen in Marafa has a significant visual impact.

This stop is particularly recommended for those visiting the region. To make the three-hour round trip more fulfilling, we suggest including a visit to Che Shale beach and enjoying a meal at the restaurant of the same name. Here, you can relax on the sofas and the vast beach before heading back to Marafa to experience the site at sunset.



Deep Fishing

Catch and Release

Watamu, an authentic gem along the coast of Kenya, is renowned not only for its breathtaking beaches and rich marine biodiversity but also for offering an unparalleled deep-sea fishing experience.

The waters off the coast of Watamu represent a paradise for fishing enthusiasts, boasting an extraordinary variety of marine species, including marlin, tuna, barracuda, and many others. These fishing expeditions involve professional anglers equipped with state-of-the-art boats and high-quality gear.

These guides provide professional support that not only enhances the chances of a successful catch but also ensures a safe and rewarding day at sea. However, it is essential to emphasize that such fishing excursions are exclusively designed for fishing enthusiasts and do not constitute a tourist attraction for everyone.



Stand Up Paddleboard

Standing on the Waves!

At Lonno Lodge, let yourself be cradled by the sea breeze as you embark on a serene paddleboarding adventure.

Admire the coastal panorama and the surrounding natural beauty as you gracefully glide through the waters on your board.

If you prefer a location teeming with biodiversity, head towards Mida Creek. This natural reserve serves as a sanctuary for a variety of marine species and exotic birds.



E-bike

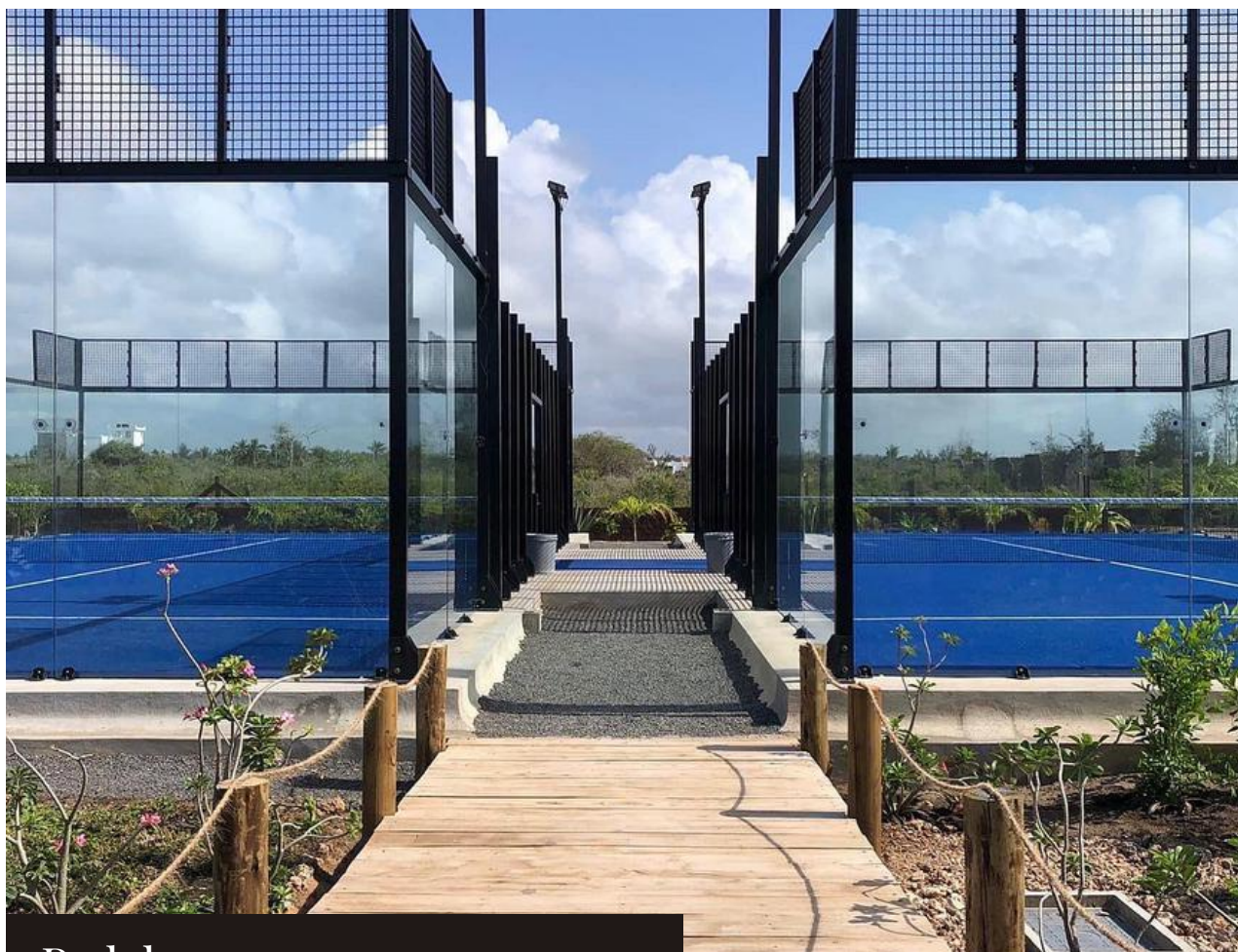
An electrically fun choice

Opting for an eco-friendly visit means embracing the beauty of Watamu on an electric-assist bicycle, whose motor is powered by batteries exclusively charged through our solar panels.

Cycling through the streets of Watamu on an electric-assist bicycle not only provides an enjoyable way to explore the region but also represents an opportunity for travelers to actively contribute to environmental conservation.

In this combination of sustainable mobility and renewable energy, each pedal stroke becomes a gesture toward preserving Watamu for future generations.

It is a tangible commitment to conscious tourism, where the beauty of Watamu and its biodiversity are preserved through responsible and sustainable travel choices

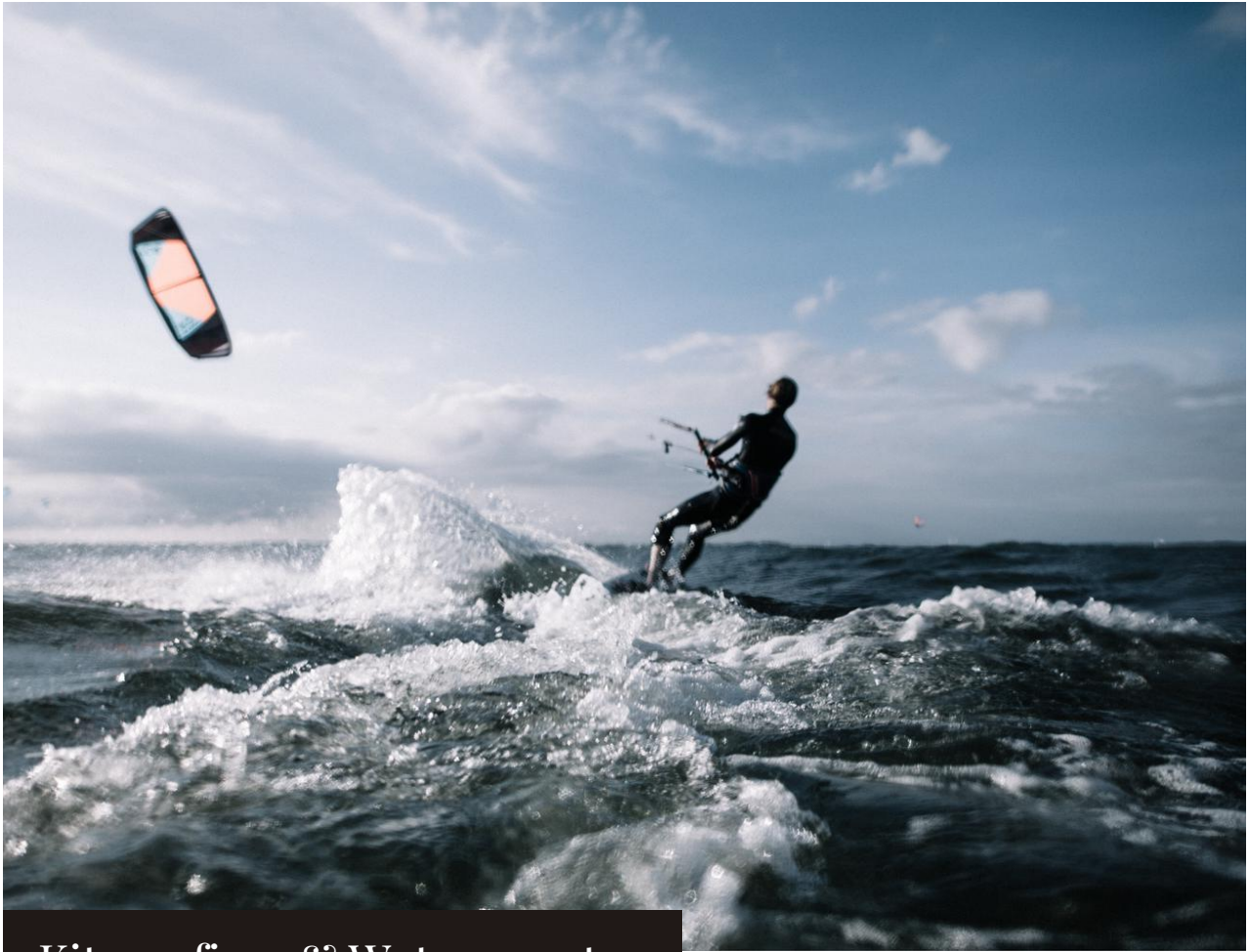


Padel

Padel Excitement in Watamu

Experience the thrill of Padel at a modern and well-managed facility in Watamu! We recommend our guests to enjoy Padel at this cutting-edge center, which also boasts experienced instructors. With impeccably maintained courts and top-notch artificial lighting, the fun never ends.

Whether you are a seasoned player or looking to delve into this exciting racket sport, the facility offers a vibrant gaming atmosphere. Challenge yourself on well-designed courts and immerse yourself in the beauty of a moonlit game, thanks to the nighttime illumination.



Kitesurfing & Water sport

Propelled by the Wind

Watamu, framed by the crystalline waters of the Indian Ocean, offers a haven for water sports enthusiasts. Whether you are passionate about windsurfing, kayaking, water skiing, wakeboarding, waterskiing, or wind winging, the opportunities are endless along this captivating coast. The constant winds make Watamu ideal for windsurfing, providing adventurous souls the chance to ride the waves and harness the energy of the sea.

For those seeking a more tranquil perspective, kayaking is a perfect way to explore hidden bays and enjoy panoramic views of the coast.

Regardless of your choice, the water adventure in Watamu promises thrills and excitement.



Massage

Do Nothing

After proposing a series of exciting activities, it may be that our guests find themselves more attached to the cozy comforts of our boutique hotel, never leaving its relaxing walls. Faced with this innate inclination for 'do nothing,' we present to you our exclusive 'Do Nothing Tour'

an experience where the pinnacle of physical activity boils down to a challenging choice: deciding between a soothing Swedish massage, an intense deep tissue massage, or the sublime combination of both with our:

- Swedish
- Deep tissue
- Relaxation massage.

Yes, important decisions never cease here at The Charming Lonno Lodge.

Food

Drink

Music

Watamu is a small fishing village that, despite the onslaught of tourism, has retained its authentic essence. Here, you will find plenty of charming places to eat. We provide you with a list of some of our favorites, the ones we love to frequent and have tested, but Watamu truly offers a diverse culinary choice.



Our small and private restaurant

Food Drink Music



Sunset Beach

Located outdoors on the beach, not far from the shopping street, this venue is the ideal choice for those seeking simple cuisine and a carefree atmosphere. Sunset Beach is particularly appreciated for its pizzas, drinks, and the opportunity to enjoy some music or a good aperitif while admiring the sunset. A recommended stop for a fun evening.



Non Solo Padel

Padel is much more than a refined restaurant located within the complex that hosts the game courts. Its diverse menu offers a wide selection of international dishes, pizzas, and hamburgers, while the desserts will delight your palate.



Rock and Sea

To reach it, it is necessary to cross the Mida Creek aboard the boat provided by the restaurant. Positioned on a strategic hill, it offers a breathtaking view of the creek. The Rock and Sea is our favorite gastronomic destination to savor lobsters and crabs, as well as to enjoy appetizers accompanied by a rich selection of snacks.



Non Solo Gelato by Anna

Initially started in Watamu, Anna's adventure has made her renowned throughout Kenya thanks to her skill in crafting artisanal ice creams and desserts. Her offerings also include a diverse selection of snacks and smoothies.



Prawns Lake

Even though it may not boast elegance, we like it precisely for its simplicity with an African touch. Here, we can enjoy the sunset in complete tranquility, sipping on a beer accompanied by two samosas or french fries.



Paparemo

It is located a short distance from the Lonno Lodge, and if you choose to take a walk during low tide, you can reach it in about 60 minutes or in 10 minutes by tuk-tuk or bicycle. But besides the food, it is known for its position on the white beach and lively evening parties.



Lichthaus

It is famous for its small grilled snacks and the bar, but especially for the hammocks positioned directly on Mida Creek and the lively evening parties. Due to high demand, we strongly recommend booking in advance.



BZZ BZZ

Electric African Limousine

The name "Tuk Tuk" stems from the noise emitted by the small diesel engine, but now, with the acquisition of an electric Tuk Tuk, can we still call it the same? We have invested in a classic electric Tuk Tuk and transformed it to make it comfortable and elegant, providing more space for our guests, reflecting the hospitality reserved for those who choose us.

We have always referred to the Tuk Tuk as the African Limousine, and now it has truly earned that title. The transition to electric not only reduces the environmental impact but also adds a touch of modernity and sustainability to this iconic vehicle. Our guests can now enjoy a unique transportation experience that blends the tradition of the Tuk Tuk with eco-friendly technology.

This map shows the coastal area of Watamu Marine National Park. A red line traces a route through the park, starting from the top left, passing through several points of interest, and ending near the bottom right. The route includes stops at:

- Papa remo** (marked with a red flag icon)
- Walking Shallow Water**
- Snake Farm**
- Padel**
- Shopping area**
- Sunset Beach**
- Non solo gelato**
- Prawns Lake**
- Watersports**
- Lichthaus**
- Rock & Sea**

 Other landmarks and features include:

- Watamu Marine National Park** (large green area)
- Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Reserve** (green area on the left)
- Mida Creek** (blue area)
- Crab Shack**
- Gede Ruins**
- Malindi** (indicated by an orange arrow pointing up)
- Mombasa** (indicated by an orange arrow pointing down)
- Watamu** (indicated by an orange arrow pointing right)
- Ward boundaries** (labeled: Gede, Malindi, Arabuko-Sokoke, Mida, Debebe, Mida, Debebe, Mida, Debebe)
- Roads** (labeled: A7, New Jacaranda Road, Watamu Road, Kili Road, Kili North Road, Kili South Road, Kili East Road, Kili West Road, Kili Central Road, Kili South East Road, Kili South West Road, Kili North East Road, Kili North West Road)
- Islands** (labeled: Kisiwani, Mida Island, Debebe Island, Mida Island, Debebe Island, Mida Island, Debebe Island)
- Coastline** (labeled: Coast, Kili Coast, Mida Coast, Debebe Coast)

Did you leave your foot print?

Now, take a look back: your carbon footprint has just been hinted at.

We hope you have had a pleasant stay. Perhaps you didn't notice, but electricity and drinking water were never in short supply, which, in Kenya, is not taken for granted at all. This is possible because we have made conscientious choices, investing in alternative energy and storage to minimize reliance on the national grid.

Ninety-five percent of the electricity you used came directly from the sun. The drinking water comes from the sea, desalinated through low-energy-impact systems. Even the pool water is chlorine-free, filtered by the desalinator, and enriched with salt.

You may not have noticed, but near the pool, there are mangrove plants that normally thrive in brackish waters.

Know that this, too, is not coincidental but the result of careful recovery of wastewater, which, once treated, ends up in underground tanks and is released into the atmosphere through the mangrove leaves.

Did you notice the absence of plastic during your stay at the Lonno Lodge?

Fantastic! We have made significant efforts to eliminate it. Product packaging is collected and delivered monthly to a recovery center in Watamu, also contributing to generating local employment.

The sea breeze refreshed your room. Know that the decision not to install air conditioners was a costly one, but it led us to invest more in building spacious and well-ventilated rooms rather than small, sealed ones.

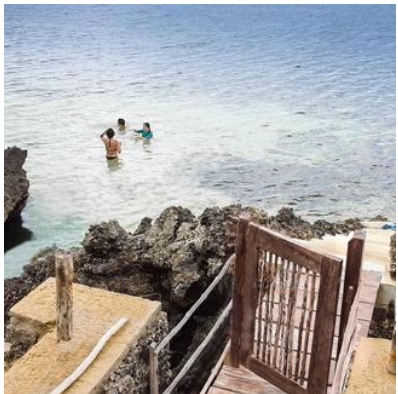
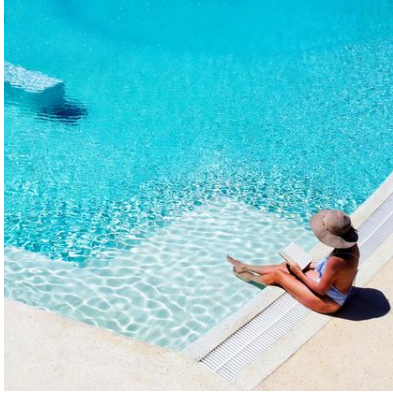
The food was delicious, thanks to our chefs, but also to the small local suppliers who provide us with fresh ingredients. Thank you for being part of this eco-friendly experience at the Lonno Lodge!

Why are we telling you this only now?

Because when it comes to eco-sustainability, we often think that being sustainable means giving up something.

We hope to have shown you that this is not true.

“A true traveler is one who learns to observe, listen and appreciate without leaving any unwanted marks behind”





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