

# Fact Sheet

## **MAFIA ISLAND LODGE**

Mafia island lodge sits amidst coconut palms on a picturesque sandy beach in Chole bay, in the heart of the marine park, on the south coast of Mafia Island.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation comprises of 35 superior and standard rooms, each with their own private veranda with a beautiful view of the gardens and sea beyond. The rooms are all ensuite with air conditioning, fans, hot water and mosquito nets. The lodge can accommodate large groups and there are also two family suites.

## **DINING, BAR & LOUNGE**

An airy dining room, bar and large lounge terrace face the gardens and ocean, create a relaxing and peaceful atmosphere. The cuisine is continental with an emphasis on the freshly caught seafood. Snacks, sandwiches and bitings are also available. A selection of alcoholic beverages, wines, beers, juices and sodas are available at the bar. The ice served with drinks is safe and drinkable.

## **BEACH**

Sunbeds and shade umbrellas are permanently set up on the white sandy beach. There is also a beach bar with relaxed low level seating, serving cold drinks all day.

## **DINING TIMES**

Breakfast is served 07.30 -10.30 am

Lunch is served from 13.00 pm

Dinner is served from 8.00 pm

(Special dining times for children can be accommodated)

## **VOLTAGE**

220 and 3 pin plug sockets

## **COMMUNICATION**

Cellular phone roaming possible.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

- Laundry service
- Hair dryers can be borrowed from reception
- Gift shop
- A safety box is available and located at the reception

## **HOW TO REACH MAFIA ISLAND LODGE**

Mafia Island is approximately 25 kilometers off the Tanzanian coast, 130 kilometers from Dar es Salaam which takes approximately 35 minutes by air and 45 minutes from the Selous Game Reserve and Zanzibar Island. Mafia is reachable by light aircraft only. The resort is a 20 minute drive from Kilindoni, the main village and the airstrip. The transfer to and from the airport is excluded from the accommodation and it costs is US \$30 per adult (US \$15 per child up to the age of 12) one way round trip.

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## **THE MARINE PARK**

Mafia Island is part of an archipelago formed by a number of larger islands and smaller uninhabited atolls. The Mafia Island Marine Park, covering an area of 821 km<sup>2</sup> is a real paradise with over 400 species of fish, amazing coral, endangered marine turtles, dolphins and the rare dugong. The rich landscape combines bush with baobabs, mangrove, palms, fruit trees and stunning sandbanks. The wild life is equally diverse; monkeys, wild pigs, small antelopes, dwarf hippo, bush babies, fruit bats and many, many birds. The warm safe waters are an ideal place for scuba divers and snorkellers alike. Mafia Island Marine Park was established as a Marine Reserve in Tanzania in 1975 (and declared the first Marine Park in 1994) which has saved it from destructive dynamite fishing of the past, the coral gardens are pristine and unspoiled. An entrance fee of US \$10 per adult per day (US \$5 for children 5-16 years and children under 5 are free) will be charged directly at the gate. Since the Mafia Island Lodge is located within the marine park, the fee has to be considered as extra charge.

## **EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Exciting activities in the marine park are diving, snorkelling and sailing. The Dive Center provides PADI Federations' certifications. Mafia Island Lodge organises boat excursions and picnics to isolated islets almost every day, according to the tide, as well as road safaris, nature trails, bird watching and trekking. Other activities at the lodge include beach volley and pool table.

## **CHILDREN**

Children of all ages are welcome at Mafia Lodge. Family rooms can accommodate up to 2 adults and 3 children. Baby cots available on request.

## **HEALTH INFORMATION**

All visitors travelling to Tanzania need to have a yellow fever vaccination certificate. It is advisable to take malaria prophylactics, although the risk is low and all rooms have mosquito nets. Bring insect repellent.

## **MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS**

Travellers are generally not accepted in Tanzania. There are no banks on Mafia Island or ATM's. It is advisable to bring either US dollars or Sterling. Credit cards are accepted at the lodge but there is a processing fee of \$10. For payment prior to arrival no charge for credit cards.

## **VISAS**

For most Nationalities a visa can be obtained at the point of entry for a cash fee of \$50.

## **QUERIES**

Please contact us for any other further questions you may have on the addresses below.



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