



- **What is an Eco-Lodge?**

Eco Shamba Kilole Lodge is the only Lodge in Mafia Island as a Certified Eco-Lodge.

- ❖ To be a Certified Eco-Lodge means to ensure safe disposal of all types of waste, solid or liquid, in specified sites; to ensure environmental sustainability by avoiding any form of pollution, by using most viable management techniques, by using organic insecticide for farming purposes, fertilizers and compost only; avoiding machineries and chemicals; constantly liaise with authorities and local communities to implement our project plan activities, which are the following:
- ❖ raising awareness amongst visitors and local communities in sustainable tourism and sustainable conservation, divulging the concept of a linkage between sustainable development, which is a source of income and employment, and terrestrial and marine biodiversity as well as ecosystem process conservation, which is the safeguard of our global patrimony.
- ❖ Divulging conservation of a biological diversity hotspot, like Mafia Archipelago is.

- **What's accommodation is offered by the Eco- Lodge?**

Eco Shamba Kilole Lodge is a 6 bungalows Eco-Lodge surrounded by big trees and with the spectacular view of the sea and the Islands of the Archipelago.

Three Suites and three Chalets, large and comfortable, with en-suite bathroom and a covered verandah. King size and twins beds are available, all of them with a large walk-in mosquito net.

Contrasting the primitive style of the exteriors, the interiors shall express a sophisticated and comfortable test, though we shall not swerve from the Swahili impression.

These structures have been projected to be in symbiosis with the landscape, inspired by the simplicity of the local architectonic tradition. We try to create a spirit and serenity of a primitive place with a very low environmental impact, almost invisible, well integrated in the scenery.

The external of the houses are made in clay, stones and bricks according to the architectural beauties of the local houses.



- **Is the Eco-Lodge open all year long?**

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- **Do the Eco-Lodge have air conditioners, electricity and water on 24 hours?**

The insulation of Suites and Chalets is increased by an insulated chamber obtained in the building structure. Also, the premises are well ventilated and equipped with ceiling fan.

NO AIR CONDITIONER.

Electricity is available on 24 hours supplied by the Local Power Supply, with a stand-by generator.

Solar heaters for hot water.

Water is from our bore wells. Our water is perfectly pure and drinkable, periodically analyzed by University College of Lands and Architectural Studies (UCLAS) of Dar es Salaam.

Bottled water is also available.

- **Do the Eco-Lodge have a swimming-pool?**

Yes, we have a m16 x m7 swimming-pool, with three levels: 0,80m / 1,5m / 2,4m, projected according to the regulations need for training diving beginners.

The water of the pool is sanitized with a Chlorination System, purification and non-toxic waterproofing system.

The proven Chlorination System destroys algae, viruses and bacteria, keeping the pool sparkling clean, clear and sterile. Also enjoy other benefits of swimming in mild salt water, no sore, stinging red eyes and no smelly or itchy skin.



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- **What is your Cuisine like, and do you cater special diets?**

Our Eco Cuisine is a combination of diverse culinary traditions and cultures, with an Italian style touch of class.

Sea-food, grills, home-made pasta and condiments, home-made fruit jam, delicious fresh fruit are our favorite dishes.

The bread is homemade and even the sourdough (culture yeast) is made by us.

We do not buy packaged products, everything is freshly prepared: jam, fruit juices, biscuits, sauces and creams.

Swahili dinner is provided every week, or every time is requested.

Dinner every evening is served by the swimming-pool, on the terrace or on our boma (Maasai Head Quarter) bush side.

Special dietary is catered on request.

Bar is open until our guests have retired.

- **Which precautions are needed for health?**

The Island is breezy, and mosquitoes are quite a few.

It is advisable to use light but long trousers for the evening (after 06.00 pm mosquitoes are active) and repellent.

Of course, if you like to use a malaria prophylaxis, be advised of the most appropriate for your body by your Medical Centre.



- **Which kind of clothes and shoes are needed?**

Light clothes, long trousers for the evening, shorts or Bermuda and T-S, maybe a light jumper to be used on June, July and August.

Meanwhile in the Eco Lodge you can be bare foot, trekking shoes are advised for land excursions and **Hard Sole Beach Shoes** are very important for walking in the water on the shores when to islands excursions, in order to avoid the risk to be hurt by dead coral or shells.

As the dominant Religion is Muslim, we ask our guests to act modestly and dress appropriately when in the Villages, in order to respect the traditions of the local Communities.

Visiting the Villages in bikini is a non-respectful attitude, which may offend your village hosts.

TOPLESS AND NUDISM ARE NOT PERMITTED.

- **How can we reach Mafia Island?**

By Plane 40 min. from Dar es Salaam or about 1 hour from Zanzibar (via Dar es Salaam).

2 flights in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

- **How far is the Eco-Lodge from the airport?**

About half an hour drive.

- **How much is the Tanzania entry VISA?**

Depending on the Citizenship from USD 50 to USD 200.



- **How can we spend our time in Mafia?**

Diving, snorkeling and local boat sailing are the most outstanding activities in Mafia.

Boat excursions and picnics to isolated islets are organized nearly every day according to the tide situation.

Cultural and natural trails, as well as road safaris are arranged on request.

Seasonally Turtle hatching and Whale Shark experience.

- **Which are the tide effects on diving and other activities?**

Diving, snorkeling and boat excursions, planned according to the tides, are arranged at evening before dinner for the next day.

During the High Tide (1 hour before and 1 after high tide) is possible to swim in the Mangroves Creek.

During Low Tide you can walk (don't forget protection shoes!) in the tidal area to admire its incredible life.

- **How much is the Mafia Marine Park entry fees?**

USD 23.60 per adult per day, USD 11.80 per children under 16 years old per day and free for children under 5 years old. Fees must be paid directly at the Marine Park Entrance. Credit Card only (Visa, MasterCard or Amex).

Fees could change, please, consult us for update.

Tourist Levy is USD 1.50 per person per day.

- **Are Credit Card accepted in Mafia island?**

We have Credit Card Facility (Visa, MasterCard and Amex), but the system (POS) works via Telephone Mobile Network and it is not always available. For this reason, we suggest having cash with you, USD, Euro or Pounds are well accepted.



- **What is the main Religion in Mafia Archipelago?**

Muslim Religion followed by Christian Religion.

However, the local population still lives a quiet life according to the myths of the past and traditional habits.