

DOUM PALM & ECO TOWER – Private Houses

Doum Palm - Eco Tower is situated at Plot 31 in Watamu, 5 km South from center with direct beach access.

From Malindi, go south to Gedi, turn left, pass Timboni with the violent speed bumps and go right on the main Watamu road. At the Krystall/Croze sculpture (sign plot 31) turn left through the coastal forest. Top of the hill after 300 m at the Nani sign turn right by the drunkard sculpture.

The house sits in original coastal forest with direct access to the sea, about a hundred metres unswept path down to one of the best and least populated beaches in Kenya. Duom Palm-Eco Tower is by the Marine Park which contains wonderful coral gardens which are protected by a reef, therefore no sharks. Many species of coral fish can be seen if you snorkel or wear goggles as you swim. (You should get then a parks pass if you go further out to the reef).



Duom Palm contains three double bedrooms and several other places where single guests can sleep. There is a living room, dining room, three bathrooms, a kitchen and sleepy verandah for outdoor relaxation. The Gazebo contains a hammock. Upstairs one 4-poster-Swahili double bed with en suite toilet and laundry room, beautiful mosaic balcony with sea view. The house, once derelict is continually being upgraded; glass, murals and sculptures abound.

The Eco Tower : At the Ground floor: kitchen, fish pond, bathroom and composting toilet.

First floor : Tree level hanging bed in the tree canopy

Second floor : Over the tops see the ocean hanging bed.

Third floor : Loft sleeping space, mosaic floor, sky bed in progress, toilet – windy atmosphere



The garden is now stunning, plants and trees are added all the time. (Please comment and make suggestions for further improvement, both aesthetically and for your comfort).

The house is managed by **Innocent** who also is your wonderful cook. He will answer all your questions. **Katana** is the gardener. Remind staff to water the garden, should they forget whilst looking after you!



Taxi. On or before your flight arrival in Malindi you can contact Mr. Kariuki (0723-206814) who will take you to Plot 31. Cost is KES 1,500. Make arrangements with him to collect you in time for your return flight.

Food is provided on demand. You can purchase all our supplies at either Mama Lucy or the Watamu Supermarket. Kariuki (local open moped taxi) will stop at either or both on the way so that you can buy food, water, and other supplies. To replenish,



Innocent, the houseman and cook, will order you a local taxi or stores will deliver. Local fishermen bring fish, prawns, crab and lobster, seafood right to the door and Innocent will advise on purchase.

Service charge for provision of lunch and dinner: 200 KSH for 2 and 100 KSH for every add. pp day.

Rates

Low Season KSH 6,000 2 people per night plus KSH 1,000 per additional person per night

High season KSH 9,000 2 people per night plus KSH 1,000 per additional person per night.

Services included in the above rates:

Laundry; preparation of breakfast as well as coffee/tea in the afternoon and the obligatory NEEM tea brew at night to protect you against Malaria.

Please tip as you like, if your stay was pleasant. May we suggest for Innocent KSH 100 pp per day and Katana 50 KSH.



Restaurants: Lots of new restaurants and bars are springing up all the time. Try Turtle Bay, Hemingways, or Ocean Sports our old hang-out. Pilipan just in walking distance is a new favorite. A short walk across on the tarmac road, open air looking across the Mida creek (you take the torch). There is an Italian ice-cream cafeteria in town. is A wonderful German run coffee and cake



bistro outside the Watamu supermarket is highly recommended by Eric.

Activities: A glass – bottomed boat to view the coral reef and fish can be hired. They even pick you up at the beach, if asked for by the house personal. A dhow can take you up to Mida Creek to see the mangroves and birds.

Visit the ancient Gedi Ruins, which includes the Kipepeo Butterfly Project. Walk in the Arabuko Sukoko Forest, guided walks every Saturday. Call Nature Kenya. About Turtle Watch one can be called to find out if any hatching is taking place on the beach during your stay (04232118, 07212275818). I recommend for the daring, Che Shale just 20 km north of Malindi, a remarkable pink beach renowned for kite surfing (0722230931).

Mission: The mission of Duom Palm is to offer comfortably, peaceful accommodation in a creative and ecological environment while conserving and enhancing the beauty of the forest and the shore. Please save water and protect the plants.

We have now started the **first glass furnace** at the coast.

Feel free to purchase any glass items offered in the house for sale. A receipt you get by Innocent. And visit the

Kitengela Studios and shops in Nairobi. Get a receipt please

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