



What is an Eco-Lodge?

Shamba Kilole Eco-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 liquids, 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 and ecosystem process conservation, which is the safeguard of the our global patrimony.

Divulging conservation of a biological diversity hotspot, like Mafia Archipelago is.

Every toilet and liquid waste systems : **Dry Phytodepuration Management System** maintained with an endemic plant: the *Phragmites Australis*, is used in **Shamba Kilole Eco-Lodge**.

Phytodepuration is a natural wastewater treatment system very reliable even in extreme operation conditions. No loose drainage septic tank is used.

A **Chlorination System used in our Swimming-pool**, that is the most functional option for environmental protection.

No chemicals other than ordinary salt are used throughout the process.

Chlorination System is a simple and proven technology to convert ordinary salt by means of electrolysis into sodium hypochlorine .The saline water is electrolysed as it passes through the Chlorinator cell and produces sodium hypochlorite (liquid chlorine). Sodium hypochlorite is chlorine in an usable form, which sanitize the water.

Below 1%, hypochlorine is classified as a non-hazardously chemical, although still a very effective disinfectant.

Is the Eco-Lodge open all year long?

The Eco-Lodge is open all year long. It might be closed on April and May, not every year. Please, consult us.

What is the kind of accommodation offered by the Eco- Lodge?

Shamba Kilole Eco-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.

Four with a king size bed and two with large twins beds, 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.

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Do the Eco-Lodge has 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 analysed by University College of Lands and Architectural Studies (UCLAS) of Dar es Salaam. Mineral water is also available.

Which kind of electrical socket is available?

British and European 230V sockets.

Do the Eco-Lodge has 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.

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

Our 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.

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 bush side.

Special dietary are 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 island 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 1 in the afternoon.

How far is the Eco-Lodge from the airport?

About half an hour drive.

How can we spend our time in Mafia?

Diving, snorkelling 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.

Are diving and snorkelling equipment available at the Eco-Lodge?

Yes. Please, download the "Diving Facility File" for details.

Which are the tide effects on diving and other activities?

Diving, snorkelling 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 Tanzania entry VISA?

Depending on the Citizenship from USD 50 to USD 200.



How much is the Mafia Marine Park entry fees?

USD 20 per adult per day, USD 10 per children under 16 years old per day and free for children under 3 years old. Fees could change, please, consult us for update. From January 2014 we have also the Tourist Levy, USD 1.50 per person per day.

Are Credit Card accepted in Mafia island?

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

What is the main Religion in Mafia Archipelago?

Muslin Religion, followed by Christian Religion.

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