



## Kenyan kaleidoscope

If you wish to combine a wildlife safari for your children, a stress free spa stint for your wife and a round of golf for yourself then Kenya provides the perfect holiday





**E**xploring Kenya is like probing an environmental treasure chest. Its tourist magnetism lies in the fact that it has something for everyone — national parks, grand mountain landscapes, marvellous beaches, coral reefs, stunning lagoons and wastelands, and wide-ranging savannah pastures. So whether it is the thrilling wildlife or the tribal culture or the rugged beauty of the place that sends your adrenaline racing — the memories of your trip to Kenya will be unforgettable.

The Diani Reef Beach Resort and Spa is a retreat that offers its guests a wide spectrum of services including a casino, Padi Water Sports Centre and a world class spa that provides everything from tranquillity to rejuvenation. Overlooking the turquoise ocean, amidst soft white sands, the resort is a true haven. Scuba diving and snorkelling provide wonderful experiences. The marine life that you see under water provides intoxicating visuals and if you have the inclination and the time sign up for a boat safari.

Once you land at Nairobi, a short chartered flight to Ukunda (feels like a toy ride across the ocean) and then a brief drive takes you to bliss in just forty five minutes. Once at the resort, the fatigue of the flight disappears in a jiffy.

With a private loggia of its own, the penthouse suite lodgings at the resort overlook the wide ocean. Subtle decor and fine interiors redefine luxury. The suite provides a spacious lounge area, a dining room and a bedroom. The bathroom glass vanity and jacuzzi are part of the features of the room.

Evenings at the restaurant that faces the sea can be extremely relaxing and peaceful. The Diani Reef Beach Resort and Spa offers the ideal setting for tranquil dining, presenting a selection of mouth-watering local and intercontinental fare. The pub and bar are well stocked. Though vegetarians could be restricted in their choice on the menu, the chefs will go all out to help you enjoy your meal — even if you are a Jain.

Whilst the men get busy with business conferences, the wives make a bee line for the spa. They cater to your different needs with steams, facials, hydro thermal capsules, jacuzzi spa baths and Maya aromatherapy massages.

At the resort, the different themes presented provide great entertainment. Like the African theme night, where one is offered African cuisine in the front lawns or the Mediterranean theme set up at the pool side with delicious Mediterranean cuisine or the Sunday Barbeque on the beach front with its extravagant culinary fare and live music.

Witnessing the sub aqua life is appealing if you are on the beach or in the sea. Flora and fauna are ubiquitous in Kenya. The





Relax and rejuvenate at the gorgeous Kenyan beaches taking in the serene environment that is eager to encompass you into it. Experience a perfect holiday in one of the world's most exotic and beautiful destinations



woodlands are home to wildlife like monkeys, rhinos, lions, tigers, birds and butterflies. A desert camel is a familiar sight, while herds of elephants reside in the backwoods of Marasabit National Park.

A trip to Wasini Island is a must for all adventurers. Board a traditional dhow from the south coast and sail to Kisite Marine National Park to snorkel in the coral gardens, cruise in a glass-bottomed boat or sunbathe on the tropical islands. Return under full sail to an isolated restaurant for a hearty lunch, and if you are lucky you might even get to swim with the playful dolphins.

For shopaholics, there is an ample array of local merchandise that makes for perfect mementos. Kenyan products are as diverse and unique as the country itself. The Bizarre Bazaar, Biashara Street, Marco Polo and Libra House are particularly good places to shop. There are customary object d'art, artistic jewellery, gorgeous carvings, valuable stones, furnishings and attractive fabrics to choose from.

Business trips never provided this much pleasure before. You can hit the 18-hole golf course at the resort as soon as you get done with your meetings. And with the luxury bar around, if you're not too adventurous and want to simply relax, just lazing at the resort will make just the idyllic vacation. 25

#### Top 5 places

- The Masai Mara
- Lamu
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Mount Kenya
- Amboseli National Park

#### Sights and tours

- Karen Blixen Museum, Nairobi
- Shimba Hills National Reserve
- Laikipia Plateau
- Aberdare National Park