

DOUM PALM & ECO TOWER – Private Houses 2013

YOU ARE STAYING IN AN ARTIST'S HOUSEHOLD – THERE ARE ANIMALS (DOGS, CATS, GECKOS, DUCKS & GEESE, MONKEYS AND THE ODD CRAB SHARING YOUR STAY. PLEASE BE KIND TO THEM.

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

From Malindi turn at Gede, pass Timboni to T junction Watamu Rd. Go right 4km at the **Krystall/Croze sculpture (sign plot 31)**, observe old Baobab on left through the coastal forest. Top of the hill after 300m at the **Nani** sign turn left by the lion sculpture.

The house sits in original coastal forest with direct access to the sea, about a hundred metres down an unswept path to one of the best and least populated beaches in Africa. Duom Palm-Eco Tower is on 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 a parks permit if you go further towards the reef).



DOUM 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 has a hammock. Upstairs one 4 poster-Swahili double bed with en suite toilet and laundry room, beautiful mosaic balcony with sea view and coconut palms. The house, once derelict is continually being upgraded; glass, murals and sculptures abound.



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 ECO TOWER:

Ground floor:

Glass shop, fish pond, bathroom and toilet.

First floor: Tree level hanging bed in the tree canopy.

Second floor : Look over the tree tops to the ocean. Hanging bed.



Third and top floor: SKY BED can push out to sleep under the stars. Loft sleeping space for kids, mosaic floor, shower, toilet and a cool breeze.

Sleep in sky bed over forest



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



Resident Dogs : We have Giriama dogs:- Linda & Coral and cats, geese, ducks, fish; *If you do not like animals, this is not for you.*

Taxi On or before your flight arrival in Malindi you can contact Paul (0729 503 800) who will take

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you to Plot 31. Cost is Kshs. 3,500/-. Make arrangements with him to collect you in time for your return flight.

Food is provided on demand. You can purchase all your supplies at Watamu Supermarket. Paul will stop there on the way from the airport (or a tuk tuk can be called to come)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.

Rates

Low Season: Kshs. 8000/- for 2 people per night plus Kshs. 2,000/- per additional person per night. High season: Kshs. 13,000/- for 2 people per night plus Kshs.2,000/- per additional person per night. Children above 8 yrs. – 14 yrs. - half price.

N/B -Low season: Mid Jan, Feb, March, May, June, July & Sept.

High Season: April, Aug, Oct, Nov & Dec

Services included in the above rates:

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

Please tip, if your stay was pleasant. May we suggest for Innocent Khs. 150/- pp. per day and Katana & maid 100/-pp per day.

Restaurants: Lots of new restaurants and bars are springing up all the time. Try Turtle Bay, Hemingways, or Ocean Sports. Pilipan is just in walking distance, open air looking across the Mida creek. There is an Italian ice-cream cafeteria in town.

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



Visit the ancient Gede Ruins, which includes the Kipepeo Butterfly Project. Walk in the Arabuko Sokoke 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: Doum Palm and Eco Tower are a private home, you will be our guests and family while here. Please respect Nature, do not use pesticides, admire the Forest and magnificent green beach and Indian Ocean. Please conserve 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. Get a receipt from Innocent. And visit the Kitengela Studios and shops in Nairobi.

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