

# Chole Mjini



Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Remote, unspoilt island location away from the distractions of modern life</li><li>● Simple, rustic accommodation.</li><li>● Diving and snorkelling in Mafia Island Marine Park.</li><li>● Beautiful sunsets.</li><li>● Al fresco dining.</li></ul>
Situation	Mafia Island
Activities	Diving; snorkelling; swimming; sunbathing; village visits; island excursions; sunset cruises; star gazing; guided forest walks

Chole Mjini is a unique destination. The treehouses and groundhouse offer simple, rustic accommodation on Mafia Island some 100kms south of Zanzibar. Staying here guests have the opportunity to explore the island, visit local villages, dive, snorkel and sunbathe on sandbars, returning in time to enjoy sundowners in the bar. Chole Mjini can accommodate a maximum of 23 guests, so has an intimate atmosphere.

This is a real island hideaway. The 6 treehouses are set on thatched platforms in large baobab trees, open to the cool sea breezes and with views of the sea. Each treehouse has a king-size bed and most have a second level to accommodate children. They are set well apart to ensure privacy. The private bathing area is located at the base of the tree, in the treehouse's own garden and includes an open air shower and composting toilet. There is plenty of hot water. The large groundhouse is ideal for families with young children or anyone not keen on the idea of sleeping in a treehouse. It is built on several levels and has an ensuite bathroom with a sunken mosaic bath. There is a large private garden. Accommodation at Chole is comfortable but rustic rather than luxurious. Creature comforts of the 21st century, such as air conditioning, TV, electricity, are not to be found here, so this may not be for all tastes, but for those with a spirit of adventure and desire to sample island life, this is the perfect location.

The main banda houses the lounge, dining area and bar. There are day beds and cushions in the lounge, where guests can browse through books and magazines or play board games, while enjoying the 270 degree sea views. This is also an ideal spot to watch the sunset. The rooftop bar serves a range of soft

and alcoholic drinks.

Dinner is usually served outdoors, either within the atmospheric ruins or by the sea. The table is lit by candles. The food has a strong Swahili influence, using a range of spices to produce intense but delicate flavours. Locally caught fish is delivered daily and figures prominently on the menu and the vegetables are all grown on the island.

There are many activities to be enjoyed at Chole. Diving and snorkelling are excellent. Mafia Island Marine Park has some of the most unspoilt coral reefs in the world. For pure relaxation, guests can be taken to a nearby sandbar for a day's sunbathing and swimming, complete with picnic lunch and refreshments, collected in time to enjoy a sundowner back at the bar. Chole has strong links with the local community so village visits are encouraged. There are also opportunities to visit neighbouring islands, go fishing, bird watching, swim with whale sharks (November to mid-April) and watch turtles hatching (July to November). Sunset dhow cruises are also popular. Relax and enjoy the pace of island life!

