

Mombasa and Kenya Coast



Further Links

- Sandy, palm-fringed beaches.
- Excellent snorkelling and diving at the marine parks.
- Lots of water sports.
- Fantastic seafood and fruits
- Interesting cultural sites and ruins

Situation

Mombasa is towards the southern end of Kenya's Indian Ocean coast.

Activities

Sailing; diving; snorkelling; waterskiing; parasailing, or simply relaxing on gorgeous beaches.

The gateway to the Kenyan coast is the island city of Mombasa. Connected to the mainland by bridges and ferries, the town is set on a busy harbour. The massive 16th century Fort Jesus, with its gun turrets and battlements stands over the harbour.

Mombasa is a fascinating mix of ancient and modern - the historic buildings and traditions have been preserved, but modern life is also much in evidence. The ancient heart of Mombasa has narrow winding alleyways and striking Arab architecture. Its a bustling, multi-cultural city, where mosques, Hindu temples and Christian churches have stood side by side for hundreds of years. The spice-filled air and bright colours of the traditional clothes - khanga and kikoy - intoxicating

The coast north of Mombasa has perfect, palm-fringed beaches. Nyali, Vipingo, Kikambala and Shanzu all have world-class resorts, and Kilifi Creek is a popular stopping off point for international yachtsmen. The reefs teem with coral, endless varieties of fish, sea turtles and dolphins, making it a favourite spot for divers. A full range of water sports is on offer, including sailing, waterskiing, jetskiing, kite surfing and parasailing and more.

The coast south of Mombasa features tropical forests, mangroves, white sand beaches and coral reefs, and is equally popular with watersports lovers and those looking simply to get away from it all. Some of the best dive sites are found around Kisite Mpungani Marine Reserve, which is home to manta rays, and those diving in the outer reefs along the coast in February and March are virtually guaranteed to spot whale

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