The darkest thing about Africa has always been our ignorance of it.

George Kimble
The great safari lands of Kenya and Tanzania are without doubt the stuff of legend, not just for their mighty tribes and proud warriors, or the intrepid explorers and fearless pioneers of days gone by, but also the magnificence of their landscape and wildlife. It is here that names ring out with a strange and haunting familiarity - Masai Mara, Samburu, Ngorongoro, Naivasha, Serengeti, Amboseli, Selous, Zanzibar, Lamu…

The breadth of landscape is awesome - from the jagged escarpments and volcanic ridges of the Great Rift Valley, to the lush vegetation of the highlands where the chatter of monkeys echoes through the trees, and rolling grasslands where lion rest in the shade of acacia trees. Endless barren plains 'where the sky touches the earth' contrast with crystal lakes teeming with birds, and the silver sand beaches and coral reefs washed by the Indian Ocean. It is here also that Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest mountain, lies.

Both countries abound with an infinite variety of wildlife, and some of the world’s greatest game reserves and parks play host to an abundance of animals including zebra, antelope, elephant, giraffe, cheetah, leopard and mighty prides of lion. Kenya and Tanzania are also the site of the magnificent annual wildebeest migration.

Wherever you go in these beautiful neighbouring countries - from bush to beach, from highland to lowland, East Africa will captivate you with its rare and natural splendour.

the safari concept

Our East African safaris can be broadly divided into two different styles:

1) A safari based on accommodation in lodges, private ranches and permanently sited tented camps with en suite facilities.

2) A traditional safari led by a fully licensed guide, based on luxury accommodation in large, walk-in tents with full bedding. Camps are ‘mobile’, but are professionally staffed and equipped with all amenities.
Those who wish to witness the awe-inspiring spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration from late July to mid-September should look no further than this delightful camp. Nestling in riverine forest on the banks of the Talek River within the Masai Mara Reserve, Rekero has just seven spacious and comfortable en suite tents. Prolific wildlife in this part of the Mara is guaranteed, whenever you choose to visit, as is the unfailing hospitality of Rekero’s owners, Gerard and Rainee Beaton and their partner Jackson Ole Looseyia - no one looks after their guests better! Game viewing and bird watching can be done on foot with experienced Il Dorobo and Masai guides, or in 4WD vehicles, which allow close yet unobtrusive access to the animals.

It is a delight to stay in a privately owned Kenyan lodge or camp. They range from up-country ranches and farmsteads set in vast acres of land where domestic cattle co-exist happily with wild animals, to colonial lakeside villas and intimate tented camps in remote settings teeming with wildlife. Many are owned by families who have been settled here for generations, and will share their knowledge and passion for the country with a varied programme of game drives, walks, riding safaris and other activities. Here are just a few of these unique lodges and camps for you to consider...

The most rewarding way to experience the magic of the Masai Mara is from the secluded comfort of a traditional tented camp. Unfenced and hidden away in a thicket of olive trees on the edge of the reserve, Kicheche impinges so little on the natural environment that animals wander freely through the camp at any time. There are just 11 spacious en suite tents, and a range of activities that include night game drives and bush walks. Kicheche has opened a satellite bush camp in the Olare Orok Conservancy bordering the Mara. The wildlife is so prolific here that game viewing starts right outside your tent, and the camp is also well located for the annual wildebeest migration.

This small, exclusive and traditional camp on the north-western boundary of the Masai Mara has just six very individual tents. Here, guests have the opportunity to experience real Africa - days of enthralling game viewing, evenings by a cosy campfire and delicious meals under an awe-inspiring canopy of stars. Richard’s Camp is owned and operated by Richard Roberts and his partner, Liz Fusco. Richard, whose parents Willy and Sue were instrumental in bringing together the Masai communities and forming the wildlife conservation association that exists in the area today, was raised in the Mara, and his intimate knowledge of the area, together with Liz and a warm and welcoming staff, ensure guests a very special stay.

Nestled in lush riverine forest along a 12km private concession on the winding banks of the Mara River, the three Governors’ camps in the Masai Mara provide traditional hospitality in superb surroundings. The camps lie in some of East Africa’s most spectacular landscape and in the heart of Kenya’s best wildlife areas. Each camp offers spacious luxury en-suite tents with a central dining tent and open bar. Governor’s Camp has 37 nestled on the river bank of the Mara, Little Governor’s has 17 tucked around a large waterhole, and the intimate Il Moran Camp deep in the forest has just 10. Game viewing from each, either in 4x4s or on foot, is exceptional, and optional hot air balloon safaris offer a unique perspective.
A wide variety of game and birds can be found at Ol Malo and in the surrounding views, there are numerous other activities available for guests of all ages, including camel and bushwalks, canoe walks and visits to a local Samburu market.

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Il’Ngwesi Eco Lodge, Laikipia

Set in an unusually wild location on the edge of the Northern Frontier District, the community lodge of Il’Ngwesi is the inspiration of the local Masai, who built and now manage it. Profits are divided among the community and provide financial support for local schools and vital engineering projects. Beautifully designed, the six spacious bandas are built on a hillside with stilts at the front, giving guests unobstructed views of the surrounding landscape. The lodge has two waterholes, one with viewing platform, for close encounters with the animals while they drink. Also a variety of game drives, bush walks and camel safaris to neighbouring reserves are available.

Lewa Wilderness, Lewa Downs

This 62,000-acre ranch on the northern slopes of Mount Kenya is one of Kenya’s oldest and most popular homesteads, and has been the Craig family home since 1924. It offers unparalleled comfort for up to 18 guests in beautifully furnished cottages with shaded verandas and spectacular views, with a range of excellent facilities.

The camp has 12 luxurious custom-made permanent tents, each with full bathroom and stunning views over Lewa. There is a dining room and bar in the main camp, along with a saltwater pool. A wide variety of activities include game drives and walks in search of the 41 different mammals and over 448 species of birds on the Conservancy, horse and camel rides, fly fishing and Masai cultural excursions.

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Situated on the 75,000-hectare Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Trust, in the shadow of the famed Mathews Mountains in northern Kenya, Sarara Camp is a unique place. Not only does it offer spectacular surroundings and prolific wildlife, but is a testament to the fine conservation work of the Trust and the Samburu tribe.

Saruni Camp, Samburu

Located on the 95,000-hectare Kaisa Conservancy next to the Samburu National Reserve in Kenya’s wild north, Saruni offers a unique experience in an unspoiled environment far from the beaten track. Its spectacular setting, the magnificent landscape and the remarkable variety of wildlife make this a very special place.

There are four spacious and stylish ‘bandas’, including two suitable for families, each with large deck and wonderful views of the surroundings. The pool overlooks waterholes where the famous Samburu elephant, leopard, reitenated giraffe and Grevy zebra gather. Activities include day and night game drives, both locally and those to other reserves, fly fishing and cultural excursions. Activities include day and night game drives, both locally and those to other reserves, fly fishing and cultural excursions.

Loisaba, Laikipia

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Loisaba Ranch, Laikipia

Nestled into a rugged escarpment at the northern end of the Laikipia Plateau, Loisaba is in a beautiful and untamed landscape. Just four beautiful guest cottages sit on the cliff edge. Built of natural rock, ancient olive wood and thatch, they have an en suite bathroom and huge glass windows with spectacular views towards Mount Kenya.

Borana Ranch, Laikipia

This idyllic retreat is on a private game ranch on the edge of the Namanga Valley, which runs from the Loisaba Plateau down to the Samburu Plains. There are eight cottages built of local materials, each with private bathroom and a veranda commanding spectacular views across the plains to Mount Kenya.

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Loldia House, Lake Nakivasha

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Sample itinerary:

Day 1:
Depart London.

2/3:
Arrive Nairobi and fly to the Meru National Park. Game viewing and bush walks. Overnights Offbeat Meru.

4/6:

7:
Fly to Nairobi. Overnight Norfolk Hotel.

8/9:
Fly to the Seychelles. Overnight The Northolme, Mahé.

10/14:
Fly to Praslin Island. Overnights L’Archipel.

15:
Fly to London.

Dates:
To suit individual requirements.

Price:
From £3,395 per person (based on 2 people travelling).

Ultimate Kenya
The perfect bush and beach safari

This journey combines the best that Kenya has to offer, from two of the country's leading game reserves to the idyllic beaches of the Indian Ocean. Throughout, accommodation will be in exclusive and impressive properties, offering luxurious comfort, exceptional game viewing and a wide variety of activities.

Beginning in the beautiful surroundings of the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy - a 62,000-acre ranch on the northern slopes of Mount Kenya, you explore the rolling hills and game-rich savannah by 4WD, horseback or on foot, before flying to the Masai Mara, Kenya’s finest game reserve. From a well-sited tented camp you enjoy spectacular game drives, viewing the profusion of wildlife that abounds here and, perhaps, even the annual wildebeest migration.

Your journey concludes with a relaxing stay at one of the superb resorts on the Indian Ocean, renowned for the variety of water sports on offer.

Sample itinerary:

Day 1:
Depart London. 3/4: Arrive Nairobi and fly to Lewa. Game viewing.

Overnights Lewa Wilderness.

5/7:
Fly to Masai Mara. Game viewing.

Overnights Kicheche Mara. 8/10:
Fly to Mombasa via Nairobi. Overnight Hemingways Kenia. 13/14:
Fly to London via Nairobi.

Dates:
To suit individual requirements.

Price:
From £14,430 per person (based on 2 people travelling).

Kenya Safari
The ideal family safari

A safari in Africa has all the right ingredients for a truly memorable family holiday, not least the excitement of seeing big game in the wild and absorbing local customs and traditions. Educational and informative, but also hugely enjoyable, this safari has been designed around camps and hotels which actively welcome, and cater to, families.

Set in idyllic surroundings on the shores of Lake Naivasha, Loldia House retains an old-fashioned elegance and charm, reflecting the Kenyan lifestyle of times gone by. Guests can explore the 6,500-acre ranch, enjoy game drives to Lake Nakuru and Hell’s Gate National Parks, or visiting the surrounding lakes with their profusion of birds. Lying on the banks of the Mara River, it’s waters teeming with hippo, crocodile and bird life, Governors’ Camp is possibly one of the most exclusive in the Masai Mara. It has a refined yet natural ambiance, combining comfort with the spirit of a traditional camping safari under canvas. 4X4 game drives and bush walks in search of the Mara’s prolific wildlife, hot air balloon safaris and cultural visit to Masai villages are just some of the many activities on offer here. The safari ends with a few days of sun, sea and sand at one of the finest hotels on the Kenyan coast.

Sample itinerary:

Day 1:
Depart London. 2/4:
Arrive Nairobi and drive to Lake Naivasha. Bird watching, walking and riding. Overnights Loldia House. 5/7:
Fly to Masai Mara. Game viewing.

Overnights Governors’ Camp. 8/10:

13/14:
Fly to London via Nairobi.

Dates:
To suit individual requirements.

Price:
From £6,695 per family (based on 2 adults + 2 children under 12 travelling).

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To suit individual requirements.

Price:
From £13,395 per person (based on 2 people travelling).
Ndutu Safari Lodge, Serengeti

Ndutu is renowned as the heartland of the great wildebeest migration, when millions of wildebeest and zebra leave the Serengeti short grass plains for the southern Serengeti and Etosha National Park. The lodge is located at the famous Mombo Concession, which is a key migration area, with a good variety of other wildlife. The lodge has 12 double and twin rooms, each with en-suite bathroom and private veranda. There is a pool, a bar, a restaurant and a lounge area.

Sasakwa Lodge, Serengeti

Sasakwa Lodge is situated high above the rolling plains with unrivalled panoramic views. It has eight luxurious colonial-style guest cottages. The lodge is ideally placed to see the migration and to experience the classic African safari experience.

Sawara Tented Camp, Serengeti

Sawara Tented Camp is located on the edge of the Serengeti short grass plains, and is situated in a remote and secluded area. The camp has six twin tents, each with en-suite bathroom and private veranda. There is a pool, a bar, and a lounge area.

Singita Grumeti Reserves, Serengeti

Singita Grumeti Reserves is located in the western corridor of the vast Serengeti. The reserve is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including the great wildebeest migration. The reserve has three luxurious lodges, each with its own private location.

Serengeti Safari Camp, Serengeti

Serengeti Safari Camp is a mobile tented camp that moves every few weeks to follow the migration. The camp has 12 tents, each with en-suite bathroom and private veranda. There is a pool, a bar, and a lounge area.

Oliver’s Camp, Tarangire

Oliver’s Camp is located in the remote southeastern part of the Tarangire National Park. The camp has 10 en-suite tents, each with private veranda and a private 4WD vehicle. There is a pool, a bar, and a lounge area.

Plantation Lodge, Ngorongoro

Plantation Lodge is located in the lush, green coffee growing area of the Ngorongoro Highlands. The lodge has 16 rooms, 4 suites, and a Garden House (ideal for families or small groups) set in beautiful grounds. There is a pool, a bar, and a lounge area.

Ngorongoro Crater Lodge

Ngorongoro Crater Lodge overlooks one of the most beautiful wildlife sanctuaries in the world. The lodge has 30 cottage suites, each with private veranda and a personal butler. There is a pool, a bar, and a lounge area.

From the vast expanse of the Serengeti to the incomparable Ngorongoro Crater, the great parks of Tanzania are Africa at its wildest and most exciting. The properties featured here offer the perfect blend of accommodation, location and game viewing, but represent just a small selection from the wide choice available.
lodges & camps of southern tanzania

The Selous and Ruaha, two of Africa’s largest and least exploited wildlife sanctuaries, define the isolated beauty of southern Tanzania. Herds of elephant, buffalo and roan antelope roam the rolling hills and rock-strewn landscape of the Selous, while the Great Ruaha River teems with hippo and crocodile in a truly wild environment that has changed little since the days of the early European explorers.

Mwagusi, Ruaha

Lying in a remote wilderness area and nestled into a bank of the Mwagusi Sand River, this simple but very comfortable tented camp overlooks a watering hole in the riverbed, and is situated in probably the best part of the Ruaha National Park for dry season game viewing.

There are 10 spacious sleeping tents housed in stone and grass thatch bandas, furnished in traditional style with a private veranda, from which there are lovely views of the sand river and game viewing can be enjoyed. In addition there is the opportunity for game drives, bush walks or visits to Lake Tagalala and the Maji Moto hot springs.

Saadani Safari Lodge, Saadani

There is nothing to compare with Saadani Safari Lodge on the east coast of Africa. It is the only lodge in Saadani, Tanzania’s newest National Park, and lies in a unique wilderness of beach, bush and river – you can hear both the bush and the Indian Ocean from your bed at night. The perfect place to begin or end a tour.

The lodge has nine spacious luxury tents set on a wooden platform with palm canopy and two verandas affording wonderful views. The river and lake systems around the camp attract a huge diversity of animals, and the area is also home to one of the few remaining wild dog populations in the world. Activities here include game drives, solitude safaris, river safaris by boat, fishing and fly-camping.

Beho Beho, Selous

Beho Beho was the first camp to be sited in the cooler highlands of the Selous so as to take advantage of the breezes from which its name derives. The camp is the true essence of a luxurious safari lodge and the perfect base from which to explore one of the greatest game reserves in the world.

Each of the eight very spacious and airy bandas has a veranda with panoramic views across the wilderness of the Selous, whilst the main house with its open rooms provides a sophisticated setting for post safari relaxation. Experienced guides plan activities specifically to guest’s requirements, with day and night game drives, bush walks or visits to Lake Tagalala and the Maji Moto hot springs.

Selous Safari Camp, Selous

The Selous Safari Camp is a classic luxury tented camp set amongst trees on the banks of Lake Nsumbwa, one of the eastern lakes in the north-eastern sector of the Selous, and is designed to blend in with the spectacular natural scenery in one of the most photogenic parts of the game reserve.

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Sand Rivers, Selous

Lying on a rocky peninsula with magnificent views over the mighty Rufiji River in the western sector of the Selous, Sand Rivers is at the heart of a variety of diverse habitats, from gorges to open plains, woodlands and lakes. It is a special blend of safari elegance and bush adventure.

The camp was completely refurbished in 2007. Each of the eight large and airy cottages is beautifully furnished and open fronted with a veranda affording stunning views. Nearby is Kilwa Point, a small private camp with four cottages that can only be booked on an exclusive basis – perfect for a small party of family or friends. Whether enjoying game drives, walking safaris, fishing, boating on the river, working by the pool, or a combination of all these, the variety of wildlife and the beauty of the landscape make Sand Rivers a very special place.

Mugashi, Ruaha

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There are 10 spacious sleeping tents housed in stone and grass thatch bandas, furnished in traditional style with a private veranda, from which there are lovely views of the sand river and game viewing can be enjoyed. In addition there is the opportunity for game drives, bush walks and boating on the river – the lodge is particularly famous for its exceptional team of guides, led by owner Chris Fox.

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The lodge has nine attractive en-suite luxury tents set along the beach with verandas and unobstructed views of the ocean. Amenities include al fresco dining, a pool and a hide overlooking a waterhole. A wide variety of wildlife is to be found in the diverse ecosystems here - elephants have been known to cavort on the beach nearby - and activities include game drives, river safaris, walks, boat trips and snorkeling.
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Ultimate Tanzania
A safari through the wilderness

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Sample itinerary:

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Southern Tanzania Safari
From the wilds of the Selous and Ruaha to the coast

Southern Tanzania is a quintessential East African wilderness, untamed by man and teeming with game. This journey focuses on the region, along with the Indian Ocean coast, offering a choice of camps ranging from the simple to the sophisticated.

The Selous has a diverse landscape, from the mixed habitat of the western sector - forested hills and open woodlands to marshland lakes linked by ‘vlei rivers’, to the game-rich plains bordering Lake Nyerere in the north-eastern sector. Each supports a great diversity of wildlife. Many overlook the beautiful and unspoiled Ruaha National Park, but its red-ochre earth, waving grasslands scattered with massive baobabs, wide sand rivers, panoramic views and abundant wildlife are hugely rewarding. The safari ends with a few days on a beautiful stretch of Tanzania’s unspoilt coastline.

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Chada Katavi
Chada Kwara is hidden on a dry, sparsely vegetated landscape of acacia trees and termite mounds in the heart of one of Africa’s most remote, wild and least visited national parks. From its elevated position the camp has panoramic views over the vast Chada plains, and has six spacious, beautifully furnished tents, verandahs of a bygone era. Katavi’s Katavi River and floodplains are seasonally a sanctuary to a huge variety of wildlife. The game is unbelievable, some rarely seen in such quantity elsewhere in Tanzania. Game drives, and especially walks, bring to life this untamed world. For the truly intrepid, fly camps can be arranged.

Sample itinerary:
Day 1: Depart London via Dar es Salaam. 2/5: Arrive Arusha and fly to Katavi. Game viewing and bush walks. Overnights Chada Katavi. 6/9: The safari begins at Katavi, one of Africa’s most remote and least visited national parks in the far reaches of western Tanzania. Katavi’s Katavi River and floodplains are seasonally a sanctuary to a huge variety of wildlife, from hippo and crocodile to herds of antelope, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and elephant, rarely seen in such quantity elsewhere in Tanzania. You continue to the eastern shores of Lake Tanganyika, in the shadow of the Mahale Mountains, where the days are split between tracking chimpanzees through lush tropical forest, and fishing or snorkelling in the clear inviting waters of the lake, or simply soaking up the sun on a private beach.

Sample itinerary:

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Price: From £3,305 per person (based on 2 people travelling, ex Arusha).

Western Tanzania
The ‘wild west’ of Tanzania is an utterly pristine, untouched wilderness so far removed from the country’s more popular areas that it attracts few visitors. However, those who do make the journey will discover such rare gems as the Katavi National Park and the tropical forests of Mahale - sanctuary to nine different species of primate.

Chada Camp, Katavi

Greystoke, Mahale

Wildest Tanzania

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Price: From £5,425 per person (based on 2 people travelling).
Mount Kilimanjaro
To the summit of Africa’s highest peak

We use the Machame Route for our ascent of Kilimanjaro, a remote and spectacular trail, which follows the south-west ridge of the mountain. From the forested lower flanks of the mountain the route climbs steeply to the alpine moorlands in the shadow of the Barranco Wall, then on across the Karanga Valley for the final push up some slopes to the Ushua Summit.

Physical effort at these rarefied altitudes is rewarded by breathtaking summit views, which on a clear day can extend as far north as Mount Kenya. The expedition has been graded ‘4’ as this is a walk and does not require any climbing or mountaineering skill. However, given the sustained altitude and quite steep terrain it is preferable that expedition members are experienced walkers (and fit!).

Sample itinerary (Trek Grade 4):

Day 1: Depart London.
Day 2: Arrive Arusha. Overnight Marangu Hotel, Kilimanjaro.
Day 3: Begin 6-day trek. Machame Camp.
Day 4: Shira Camp.
Day 5: Barranco Camp.
Day 6: Barafu Camp.
Day 7: Summit attempt. Overnight Mweka Camp.
Day 8/9: End trek. Return by road to Arusha and fly to London.

Dates: Group and private departures – please ask for further information.
Price: From £1,895 per person (based on 2 people travelling).

Mount Kenya & Mount Kilimanjaro
The roof of Africa trek

The rugged traverse of Mount Kenya is an ideal way to acclimatize before tackling Kilimanjaro. Mount Kenya’s magnificent peaks are permanently snow-clad despite its location on the Equator. The trail follows a remote route through scenic forest and more land to a subsidiary summit - Point Lenana (16,795 feet) - from where there are magnificent views at dawn across the Rift Valley towards Kilimanjaro.

We descend on the Naro Moru trail through the Teleki Valley with its ‘vertical bog’ and dense forests of eerie, moss-laden trees. Before returning to Nairobi and the onward journey to Kilimanjaro there are two days at the delightful Naro Moru River Lodge, which is located at the foot of Mount Kenya and offers a whole range of activities from mountain biking to trout fishing.

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Day 3/7: Begin 6-day trek to Point Lenana on Mount Kenya for the final push up some slopes to the Ushua Summit.
Day 8/9: End trek at Met Station road head. Overnight Naro Moru River Lodge.
Day 10: Return by road to Nairobi. Overnight New Stanley Hotel.
Day 11: Drive across border into Tanzania. Overnight Marangu Hotel, Kilimanjaro.
Day 12/16: Kilimanjaro trek.
Day 17/18: End trek. Return by road to Arusha and fly to London.

Dates: Group and private departures – please ask for further information.
Price: From £3,045 per person (based on 2 people travelling).
beach resorts of east africa

Whether you are extending a safari to soak up the sun and unwind for a few days by the sea, or enjoying a longer stay, the relaxed atmosphere and natural beauty of the Indian Ocean coast is an irresistible mix. Some 200 miles of white-sand beaches shaded by palms and cooled by gentle sea breezes, remote island hideaways, and an endless variety of water sports such as sailing and water-skiing in crystal clear water, scuba diving on spectacular coral reefs, or abundant deep-sea fishing, provide the perfect recipe for an unforgettable sojourn.

We have selected our favourite hotels here but there are many others, so please ask us for further suggestions if required.

The Funzi Keys, Funzi Island
Set on an unspoiled island in the Indian Ocean, this remote and exclusive hideaway in its beautiful beachfront setting is the perfect place to escape from the outside world in style. Just nine spacious stone and thatch cottages are set along the shore line, each with four-poster beds and nine rooms have Jacuzzis with spectacular sea views. Activities include snorkelling, windsurfing, sailing, canoeing and fishing, or you can perhaps take a boat trip up the Ramisi River or Funzi Creek for an unforgettable glimpse of kingfishers, crocodiles and even dolphins, which regularly visit these waters.

Price: From £185 per person per night (sea view room on a full board basis).
From £265 per person per night (beach front room on a full board basis).

Hemingways Resort, Watamu
Hemingways, with its ambience of relaxed sophistication, is one of the finest hotels on the Kenyan coast. Occupying a magnificent position on the beach at Watamu 20 miles south of Malindi, the newly refurbished hotel has 51 attractively decorated and well-appointed rooms, each with a sea-facing veranda or balcony. Excellent facilities and activities include a spacious dining room, a well stocked bar, two swimming pools elevated above the beach, a variety of water sports, web-skiing, big game fishing and tennis. In addition, excursions such as walks in the Arabuko-Sokoke coastal rain forest, bird watching and dolphin cruises may also be arranged.

Price: From £195 per person per night (sea view room on a full board basis).
From £285 per person per night (beach front room on a full board basis).

Kinondo Kwetu, Ukunda
Lying on Kenya’s south coast, Kinondo Kwetu is a luxurious small resort and a haven of peace and quiet in a beautiful setting on the Indian Ocean. Suitable for couples and families alike, the resort accommodates just 38 guests in attractively decorated individual rooms and cottages. Delight of fives a meals feature local fish and seafood, whilst two pools and unspoiled white sand beach ensure guests of privacy. For the more energetic a variety of exciting activities include snorkelling, diving, sailing, kite boating, deep-sea fishing, horse riding, tennis and a spa. There is also a golf course nearby.

Price: From £285 per person per night (full board basis).

Peponi Hotel, Lamu Island
This small, informal, family-run hotel has become a well-established landmark on Lamu’s best beach, and is the perfect place to relax after a safari or to escape from every day life. None of its 24 rooms are alike, but all are beautifully appointed and have views of the ocean or lush gardens, some being right on the beach. The food here is both varied and delicious and the bar is a popular local watering hole. A free form swimming pool has under two Baobab trees, and the Indian Ocean is only yards away with dhow sailing, fishing and snorkelling on tap.

Price: From £122 per person per night (bed & breakfast basis).
Mnemba Island Lodge, Zanzibar
Situated on an exclusive island just 2½ miles off the north eastern tip of Zanzibar in the azure waters of the Indian Ocean, Mnemba is the ultimate ‘barefoot paradise’ and is renowned as one of the most romantic ocean destinations in the world, offering a privacy and rustic exclusivity unparalleled on the African coastline.

The ten secluded and beautifully appointed bandas each have spacious verandas and sea views, and guests can depend on faultless service and exceptional food. This is the perfect setting for sailing and windsurfing, and the breathtaking coral reef, which surrounds the island, offers some of Africa’s finest diving.

Price: From £665 per person per night (inclusive basis).

Ras Kutani Beach Resort, Swahali Coast
This simple yet very comfortable lodge is set on a crescent of white sandy beach, on a magnificent stretch of Tanzania’s unspoiled coastline a few miles south of Dar es Salaam. There are just nine spacious and charming cottages and four new suites built entirely of local materials, each with a large veranda and views of the ocean. While relaxation is the keynote, there are a variety of activities for the more energetic, including sailing, horse riding, deep sea fishing and walks in the tropical coastal forest. Ras Kutani is a perfect haven of peace and tranquillity, far from the madding crowd.

Price: From £150 per person per night (full board basis).

Fundu Lagoon Resort, Pemba Island
This highly acclaimed resort is set on a beautiful beach in the south west of Pemba Island. Only accessible by boat, it is remote, peaceful, and the epitome of shabby chic – stylish, indulgent and totally relaxed. Wooden walkways and sandy paths lead to sixteen spacious Makuti thatched tented rooms and suites, each with breathtaking ocean views. There are three bars, an excellent restaurant, an infinity pool and a calming spa with a range of self-indulgent treatments. The resort also offers a variety of water sports, sailing, fishing, dhow cruises and Fundu Lagoon is surrounded by some of the world’s leading dive sites.

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Kizingo, Lamu Island
Simple, rustic and remote, Kizingo is the ultimate ‘no news, no shoes’ beach resort and offers a complete escape from the modern world. Set at one end of a spectacular 12-kilometre beach, the lodge has eight beautifully appointed bandas (thatched cottages) with en suite facilities and wonderful ocean views. Owners Mary Jo and Louis Van Aardt will make you feel truly at home, but will also find time to take you on bush walks, cycle rides African villages on the mainland, drive expeditions to watch newly-hatched turtles find their way to the ocean, and even swimming with dolphins – a life enhancing experience?

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Manda Bay Resort, Manda Island
Andy and Caragh Roberts’ private lodge on Manda Island in northern Kenya’s archipelago is set on a secluded peninsula surrounded by empty beaches and woodland, and is the perfect retreat for families and honeymooners alike. There are 11 beachside cottages and five sea view cottages, each spacious with private verandas overlooking the glorious sweep of Manda Bay. The reef-protected waters and sheltered mangrove creeks of the bay are a water sports paradise – sailing, windsurfing, kite surfing and water-skiing are all available – but the resort’s fleet of motorboats can also take you bird watching and deep-sea fishing.

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Ras Nungwi, Zanzibar

Set on the northern tip of Zanzibar on an idyllic beach fringed by palms on the crystal clear Indian Ocean, Ras Nungwi is perfect for those seeking luxurious accommodation in beautiful natural surroundings. There are 32 garden or sea view rooms, chalets and suites, each tastefully furnished with indigenous décor, and the hotel is renowned for its excellent cuisine. With coral reefs thriving with diverse marine life just offshore, snorkelling and scuba diving are a highlight – the hotel has a PADI Gold Palm 5 Star dive centre on site. Other water sports include water-skiing, windsurfing, traditional dhow cruises, kayaking and excellent deep-sea fishing.

Price: From £110 per person per night (full board basis).

Pongwe, Zanzibar

Situated in a secluded bay on the east coast of the exotic spice island of Zanzibar, the Pongwe Beach Hotel is a true paradise retreat offering intimate, laid back luxury. It has 16 comfortable, en-suite beachside suites, each built in traditional style with private terrace. Other amenities include delicious cuisine with fresh local ingredients, a large pool and a stylish palm-fringed beach lapped by azure waters. Whilst the emphasis at Pongwe is relaxation, activities here include snorkelling on the offshore reef or at Mnemba Atoll and game fishing from the resort’s own dhow. Snuba diving may also be arranged.

Price: From £55 per person per night (full board basis).

Matemwe Bungalows & Retreat, Zanzibar

Lying on Zanzibar’s wonderfully unspoiled north-east coastline just an hour’s drive from Stone Town, this secluded hideaway has its friendly staff, relaxed atmosphere, lush tropical gardens, fine white sand and excellent food make the perfect retreat for those who want to ‘get away from it all’. Twelve beautiful bungalows and three new villas are set on a low coral bluff just above the beach, each with wonderful views over the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean from a private veranda. There is a multi-level swimming pool and most non-motorised water sports are available, whilst snorkelling or scuba diving off the Mnemba Atoll can also be arranged.

Price: From £165 (Bungalows) & £325 (Retreat) per person per night (full board basis).

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As the properties described on this page can only be booked on an exclusive basis, regardless of numbers, a private beach house might be the ideal solution for a family or group of friends seeking something unique. All three houses come fully staffed and offer a variety of activities, allowing you to choose exactly the kind of holiday you want.