



ACCOMODATION

What is the type of accommodation?

Mafia Island Lodge has 30 comfortable rooms that are located among the coconut trees. All rooms have their own veranda overlooking the bay or the large park that surrounds us, hot water available in every room.

Single and double beds are available.

The different categories are:

- 10 standard rooms that can be either twin or double, connecting the beds, with air conditioning and fan.
- 3 families composed of two connected rooms, one double and one twin with two separate bathrooms, fan and communicating veranda.
- 14 superior rooms, double or twin, all with air conditioning and fan.
- 3 suites, privileged in the seafront location, with large private and equipped garden, air conditioning and fan, large bathroom and walk-in closet, minibar on payment, hairdryer, makeup console, safety box and coffee and infusions corner.

What is the recommended length of stay?

You can enjoy the beauty of Mafia even in the space of a weekend but generally, our guests spend at least 4 to 5 days. If you would like to enjoy all the aquatic activities and inland excursions, we recommend you to stay between 5 and 10 days. If you intend to do a scuba diving course for beginners or advanced, 5 dedicated days are required.

Do you have a swimming pool?

No.

KITCHEN

How is your kitchen?

Our kitchen is a fusion of different tastes, first of all the imprint that everyone expects to find with Swahili cuisine, we give space to traditional Indian dishes and, thanks to the Italian management, we have a great influence of Mediterranean dishes exclusively made in traditional and with the pursuit of the highest quality.

Do you cater for special diets?

You may inform the manager of any special dietary requirements and we will accommodate where possible.

ACCESS & TRANSPORT

How does one reach the island?

The only way to reach the island is by light aircraft either from Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar or Selous Game Reserve. There are no boat services to Mafia Island.

How long does it take to reach the island?

35 minutes from Dar es Salaam and 45 minutes from either Zanzibar or the Selous Game Reserve.

How far is the lodge from the airport in Mafia?

12km or 20 minutes by car.



ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

What are the activities & excursions?

Activities in the marine park are diving, snorkelling and sailing. The Dive Center provides PADI Federations certifications. Mafia Island Lodge organises boat excursions and picnics to isolated islets almost every day, according to the tide, as well as road safaris and trekking.

Other activities at the lodge include beach volley, pool table and table tennis

Do we need to bring our own diving or snorkelling equipment?

Equipment is available from the Dive Center at a cost. You may bring your own if you prefer.

AVAILABILITY

Is the lodge available all year?

The lodge is available all year round, even during the rainy season months, from April to June.

BROCHURES

Do you have brochures?

Yes

CLOTHING

What type of clothing do you suggest?

There is no particular dress code at the lodge and everybody can feel free to wear what he/she likes. We require our clients to respect local communities however, by dressing modestly and decently when visiting the villages. Topless suntanning is not permitted. Shoes: suitable and comfortable for walking or light trekking, useful for people that want to 'explore' the surrounding areas. No special shoes necessary on the beach.

Hot Season (November – February) short sleeves, light clothes

Cool Season (June- September) a light jumper is recommended for evenings.

CHILDREN

Are children welcome?

Yes.

What age of child is allowed?

All ages welcome.

HEALTH & TRAVEL INFORMATIONS

What health precautions are needed?

Yellow fever vaccine is no longer compulsory for Tanzania. However, please check the latest health precautions from your doctor or health department. It is advisable to take malaria prophylactics though the risk is not very high. Please be advised by your doctor or health department on the appropriate medication.

Is a visa needed?

For most nationalities, a tourist visa for Tanzania can be obtained at any point of entry in the country upon arrival, but it is advisable to check with a relevant authority before traveling. Payment of US \$50.00 required for the visa to be paid in cash.



CULTURE

Who are the people of Mafia?

There are no dominant tribes on Mafia. The population is a typical Swahili melting pot as most locals are descendants of people who were brought over as slaves or who came as traders. The main activity is fishing and agriculture.

What religion is dominant in Mafia?

Predominantly Muslim with Christian communities living peacefully and in harmony.

SEASONS

What are the seasons in Mafia?

Hot Season: October – March

Rainy Season: April & May

Cool Season: July - September

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Do you have cancellation charges?

- Non shows 100%
- 48 hours 75%
- 72hours 50%

Do you accept credit cards?

We accept VISA, MasterCard, JCB, American Express and China Unionpay.

Do you accept Travellers Cheques and bank transfers?

We accept bank transfers. Travellers cheques are not recommended. Acceptance depends on local bank regulations at the time of visit and are subject to change without prior notification.