

La Joya House Shela Village

Lamu is unique and fascinating, in fact the oldest living city in East Africa. The fact of having been the first port of call flourishing East-Africa and colonized by diverse cultures, it has marked its traditional Swahili style resulting in a unique and personal Arabic culture.

Lamu Island is accessed via plane from Nairobi, landing in a nice airport on the island of Manda. After a short boat ride you get off the town of Lamu, capital of the island, which offers the most interesting cultural choice. To stay and enjoy the beaches and the relaxation it is advisable to move to the village of Shela, just 10 min. boat and 45 min. walk while enjoying a nice walk to the sea. www.crocodileracers.com

La Joya House, situated on Shela Village, is a traditional coastal Swahilli House made of lime and coral. The full house has 5 double bedrooms offering the most relaxing swahili stay along the beach.

Accommodation & Room Types

The house has 5 bedrooms (4 en suite double and 1 single), spread over 3 floors each with a separate living area. The master suite with beautiful views over the sea of Lamu, occupies the entire top floor, covered only by a cane roof, and has an open terrace for unforgettable dinner under the stars.

Welcome the passage of time and enjoy the luxury of the simple and the natural in an authentic and unique paradise. Please Respect the local culture and customs.

Dining & Staff

Our cooks, Frederic and James, considered one of the best on the island, will prepare whenever you wish, delicious local fresh produce market.

Activities

Lamu is magnetic and very interesting. Your character has helped island conservation. The various influences that have left through centuries Portuguese, Persian, Indian and English, mixed with Bantu culture, Lamu have given an architectural style and a unique culture.

Wandering around the narrow streets looking buildings with local materials, lime, coral and wood carvings, take a ginseng tea on their roofs turned into terraces, stroll through the markets (especially interesting the meat), visiting mosques and museums, shopping crafts, go fishing dhow, yoga or just lie on the sand dunes of a beach break to sunset, hearing the call to prayer and letting time pass while we prepare the most delicious crab imaginable ... are some of the options offered by this unique island where no cars and motorbikes are allowed, where no modern technology has come and the time to finally ...relax!