

# Kisimani House



## Shela, Island of Lamu

**K**isimani House was originally built in the late 18th Century for the Caliph of Zanzibar when Lamu was in its Golden Age. The house is situated in Shela Village on the Southern tip of Lamu. A Swahili gem, nestled amongst an archipelago of islands off the tropical Kenyan coast. Beyond Shela there are 12 Kms of unspoiled sand dunes and beautiful white coastline. Here the sea is clean and safe for swimming, snorkelling, skiing, windsurfing, sailing and fishing. There's the Lamu archipelago to explore with its many exotic islands and their beautiful beaches.



**A**s you step through the beautiful carved wooden doors set in the traditional Lamu baraza entrance and down into the sunken courtyard, you travel back in time, with shades of Arabian nights, ensuring an exotic setting in total privacy. There are four en suite bedrooms, miscellaneous single beds, a large open air living/dining terrace and private verandas at each level. The two top levels have spectacular views of the ocean, archipelago and life in Shela.

**T**here are no cars on Lamu Island so, life moves at the pace of dhows and donkeys and to the tune of mosques. A family on holiday, honeymoon couple or exhausted executive, Kisimani house offers a perfect blend of adventure, tranquillity and romance and is the perfect base for a beach holiday. The house has been carefully restored, extended and beautifully furnished in the Swahili style. There is a plentiful supply of fresh water from its own deep well. There are either ceiling or standing fans in each room and treated mosquito nets. These cool spacious interiors provide a delicious contrast to the brilliant heat outside.



**S**taff - The rental includes the services of an experienced chef and room steward. Sammy the chef will prepare you the most delicious meals and together with Fred the house steward, will do your

shopping, keep accounts (which you are free to see any time) cook, clean and ensure you have a real holiday. Depending on the season, fresh fish, lobster, crab, prawns and oysters can be ordered and brought to the door. It is advisable to bring your own wines, spirits, meat, butter and cheese.

**F**acilities include a well equipped kitchen, power backup battery system, hot water, CD/tape/radio player, house telephone for receiving incoming calls only.



### Rates - 2009/10 (2-8 pax self catering)

**Standard Rate**

US\$ 300 per day

**Low Season** (May and June)

US\$ 200 per day

**Summer Season** (Mid July - Mid September)

US\$ 500 per day

**Christmas/New Year Season** (Mid December - Mid January)

US\$ 800 per day

**Full Board** (non commissionable) is available at an additional US\$60 per person per day and US\$30 per child under 12 years. Alcoholic beverages are not included.

**Terms:** Bookings are confirmed only on receipt of a 50% deposit. The balance to be paid before occupancy. Refunds are subject to owners' discretion. No refund is considered if cancellation occurs within 30 days, unless the house is re-let.