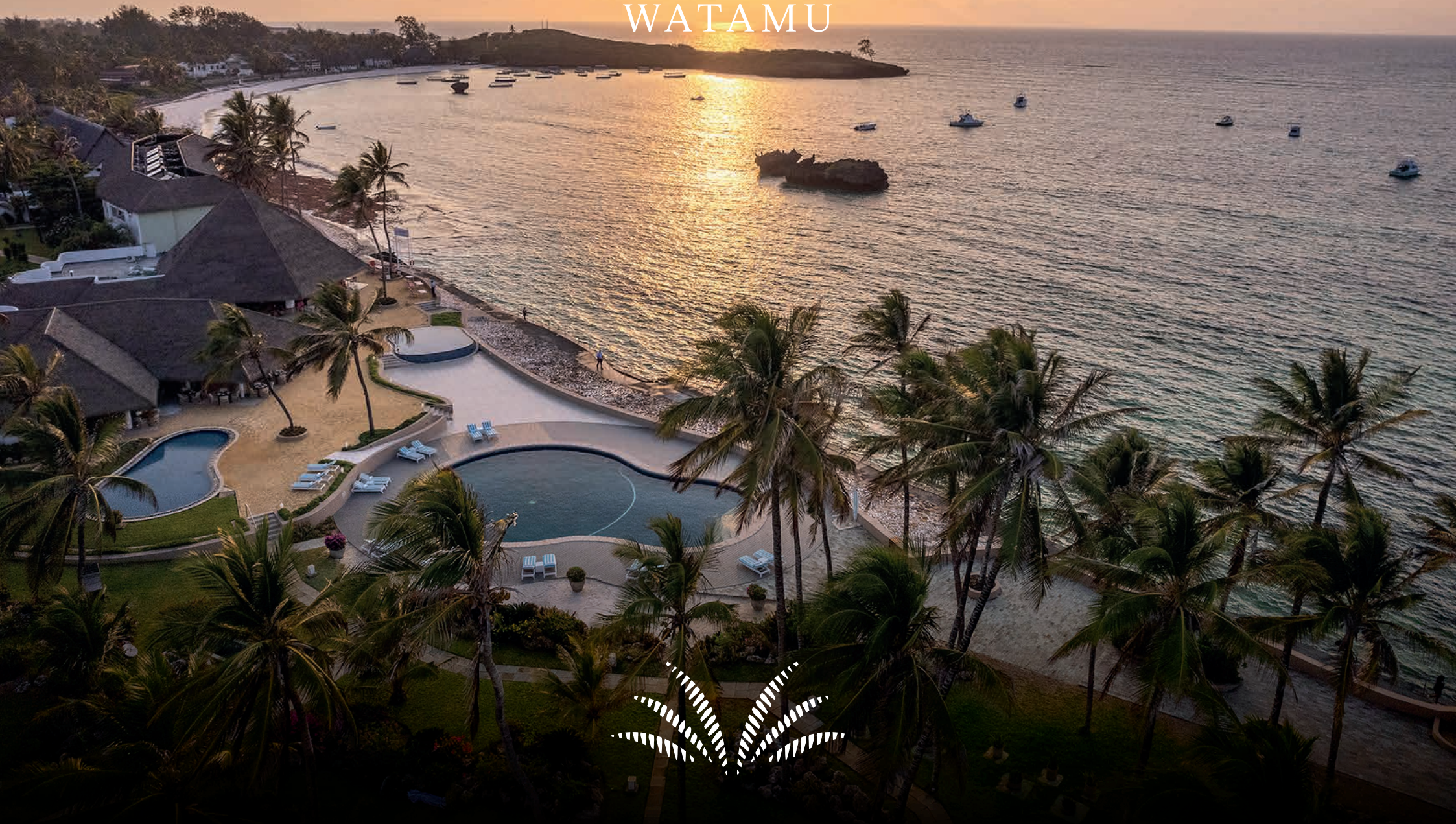


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An iconic beachfront retreat at the edge of a protected marine park, where barefoot luxury, five-star service, and timeless charm meet the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

Hemingways Watamu

Set within the protected Watamu Marine National Park, Hemingways Watamu enjoys an unrivalled setting on one of Kenya's most iconic beaches - a sweep of soft white sand, lapped by turquoise waters and framed by swaying palms. Just a short flight from Nairobi to Malindi, followed by a scenic coastal drive, the journey is seamless and sets the perfect tone for the days ahead.

For nearly three decades, this landmark property has defined relaxed coastal luxury on Kenya's shores. With 39 elegantly appointed rooms and 21 contemporary residences, all overlooking the Indian Ocean, it offers a sense of space, light, and effortless style. Interiors blend modern comfort with a refined coastal aesthetic, creating the feel of a private beach retreat.





Life here flows to the rhythm of the ocean. Dine al fresco with sweeping sea views, where fresh, locally inspired dishes are complemented by international flavours and the easy charm of the iconic Hemingways Bar. Unwind at the spa with organic, African-sourced treatments by Terres d'Afrique, or keep active in the gym, at the pool, or with water-based adventures, from kite surfing and snorkelling to PADI-certified diving.

Beyond the beach, discover Watamu's treasures: sail on a sunset dhow across Mida Creek, watch elephants in the nearby Arabuko Sokoke Forest or even venture on a day safari to Tsavo National Park. And for those who simply wish to slow down, a lounge, a good book and a perfectly mixed cocktail are always close at hand.

Breezy rooms and private residences with sweeping ocean views offer barefoot luxury and calm, coastal living.

Stay in our Suites

Wake each morning to uninterrupted views of the Indian Ocean, where light-filled rooms and private residences capture the calm rhythm of the coast. At Hemingways Watamu, every stay is defined by barefoot luxury, contemporary comfort, and the timeless charm of life by the sea.

Ocean View Rooms set the tone for easy coastal living, with generous space, private balconies or terraces, and sweeping sea vistas. Deluxe Ocean View Rooms share the same layout and outlook yet have been recently refreshed with softer furnishings and upgraded finishes, bringing a plusher and more contemporary feel. Both categories include king-size beds and spa-style bathrooms.

For those seeking more space, the Residences are available in one-, two- and four-bedroom layouts. They combine the feel of a private beach home with the service of a five-star hotel, featuring expansive living and dining areas, fully equipped kitchens, and private terraces.

While the Residences offer the option of self-catering, they also benefit from daily housekeeping, full access to the hotel's dining venues, and room service on request. Whether for a romantic escape, a family holiday, or an extended retreat, Hemingways Watamu offers space to unwind on one of Kenya's most beautiful shores.





Inside, the aesthetic is breezy and refined, natural textures, crisp linens, and carefully chosen coastal accents that mirror the serenity of the setting. Every room and residence features a private balcony or terrace, king-size beds, and spa-style bathrooms.

Whether you're here for a romantic escape, a family getaway, or an extended coastal retreat, Hemingways Watamu offers a space to truly unwind, where barefoot luxury meets thoughtful detail on one of Kenya's most beautiful shores.





Set against the soothing rhythm of the Indian Ocean, Hemingways Watamu offers a wellness experience designed to restore balance, calm, and vitality. Here, wellness unfolds as a gentle journey, guided by nature, tailored to you.

Experience Wellness



Drawing inspiration from Kenya's natural beauty and healing heritage, our treatments blend traditional African therapies with modern holistic practices to create a deeply restorative escape.

At the heart of it all is our serene spa, where expert therapists deliver soothing massages, rejuvenating facials, and bespoke rituals using Terres d'Afrique products, a luxury organic

range celebrated for its African-sourced, plant-based ingredients.

Guests are invited to begin or end the day with a private yoga session on the beach, accompanied by the sound of waves and the warmth of the early sun or setting light.

For those looking to stay active, our fully equipped gym provides a peaceful space for strength and movement. Or enjoy a more natural rhythm of exercise with a gentle walk or run along the white sandy beach, just steps from your door, the perfect way to start the day or unwind at sunset.

Whether you're seeking gentle renewal or a complete reset, Hemingways Watamu invites you to pause, breathe, and reconnect, all within a setting of quiet coastal beauty.



Curated Dining



Flavourful, fresh, and effortlessly elegant, dining at Hemingways Watamu captures the very best of Kenya's coast.



Meals here are unhurried and elevated, shaped by the rhythm of the ocean and the abundance of seasonal ingredients. Menus celebrate the freshest local produce, with a special focus on seafood and vibrant coastal flavours.

Begin your day with breakfast al fresco, a relaxed spread of tropical fruits, freshly baked pastries, and made-to-order favourites, all enjoyed with uninterrupted views of the Indian Ocean. Lunch is light and leisurely, from wood-fired pizzas and crisp salads to grilled catch of the day, while evenings take on a slower pace with refined à la carte dishes and elegant seafood specialities.



Forodhani Restaurant adds variety with its vibrant Lebanese menu, where mezze platters, grilled meats, and warm flatbreads are served in a relaxed garden setting beneath the palms. And throughout the day, Hemingways Bar offers the perfect place to unwind with a classic cocktail, a crisp glass of wine, or a refreshing sundowner as the sea glows at dusk. A scoop of creamy homemade gelato makes the ideal finishing touch.

Whether it's a laid-back lunch on the terrace, a romantic dinner under the stars, or a cocktail by the pool as the sun sets, every dining experience is thoughtfully prepared, beautifully presented and always savoured at a slower coastal pace.



For corporate gatherings, Hemingways Watamu offers a dedicated conference suite for up to 70 guests, with flexible layouts, high-speed Wi-Fi, and full technical support.

Business & Events



Indoor–outdoor breakout spaces and bespoke catering make it an exceptional setting for executive retreats, board meetings, and strategy sessions.

For weddings and celebrations, the resort presents oceanfront, garden, and poolside venues for up to 200 guests. Packages include curated menus, bar service, and coordination support, while décor, sound systems, and optional extras such as a bridal suite, spa treatments, floral styling, and entertainment are available at an additional cost.



At Hemingways Watamu, every detail is designed to make your stay seamless, with our team on hand to arrange everything from airport transfers and marine excursions to guided tours and day safaris, always delivered with warmth, care, and personal attention.

Activities

Watamu is more than its white sand beaches, it is a place of endless discovery where ocean adventures and inland journeys reveal something new each day.

Set sail on a traditional dhow across the mangrove-fringed waters of Mida Creek, head into the Indian Ocean for deep-sea fishing, or snorkel vibrant reefs in search of tropical fish and dolphins. The crystal-clear shallows of the marine park are perfect for swimming, paddleboarding, and kayaking just steps from the beach, while kitesurfing, golf at Vipingo Ridge, and padel at nearby Ocean Sports offer more active pursuits.



For nature lovers, the Arabuko Sokoke Forest provides a peaceful contrast to the coast. This ancient woodland is home to rare birdlife and one of the last remaining habitats of Kenya's smallest elephant population. Guests can also venture further afield on a day safari to Tsavo National Park, where sweeping red-dusted landscapes dotted with baobabs set the scene for encounters with elephants, lions, giraffes, and hippos along the Galana River.





Families are warmly welcomed, with plenty of opportunities to discover and explore together. Younger guests can enjoy the beach, swim in the pool, or play in the children's area, while visits to the Bio-Ken Snake Farm, turtle conservation projects, hatchling releases, and a local rehabilitation centre inspire a sense of wonder. Spacious rooms and residences, child-friendly menus, and the freedom to roam make Hemingways Watamu the perfect base for relaxed coastal adventures.





At Hemingways Watamu, sustainability is not an initiative but a way of life, shaped by our unique coastal setting.

Conservation & Community Impact

We work closely with the Watamu Marine Association and EcoWorld to restore coral reefs, reduce marine pollution, and champion ocean education.

Within the hotel, solar water heating, eco-friendly amenities, and the support of local artisans all reflect our mindful approach. Through in-house training and development, we also invest in our team, ensuring that our commitment extends beyond the environment to the community we are proud to be part of.





*"The sea is the same as it has been
since before men ever went on it."*

Ernest Hemingway









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