



# DELTA DUNES LODGE

## “THE WILD PLACE BY THE SEA”

### FACT SHEET

Delta Dunes, “The Wild place by the Sea” is a lodge uniquely combining beach, river and bush to give you an unforgettable experience.

Perched on top of miles of rolling rippling sand dunes with fabulous views overlooking the old delta of the Tana River on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other, alfresco accommodation and mess area are built in a castaway style but with all the ultimate comforts.

This is the only wetland of its type in Eastern Africa. Explore this phenomenon with incredible birdlife; aquatic life and wildlife coupled with endless miles of vast uninhabited beach that is wild, exciting and extremely beautiful.....all to yourself!



# Facts at a glance

Location	North of Mombasa and Malindi, at the confluence of the old Tana River's estuary and the Indian Ocean.
Setting	The Lodge is situated atop enormous white sand dunes shaded by doum palm and baobabs trees. It looks out to sea across a 50km stretch of wide, empty, surf-kissed beach and inland over the extensive delta of the Tana River; a vast playground for hippo, crocodile and other wildlife. An international Important Bird Area, there are literally hundreds of species of bird to be found. The swimming pool has a spectacular position a hundred feet up in the dunes and is a deliciously cool refuge from the strong equatorial sun.
How to get there	The best option is by air (using charter aircraft from Nairobi, Lamu or Malindi) as our personal airstrip is a 20 minute boat ride from the lodge. Otherwise catch a scheduled flight to Malindi followed by a road transfer of 2 ½ hours and a short boat trip. You can also drive to the lodge yourself– 4wheel drive only!
Accommodation	Seven „dune“ cottages built from driftwood, mangrove poles and thatch. All are open and have spectacular views of sea or river; they are cool and shaded and mosquito nets enclose the double beds at night. The family cottage accommodates 4 people (plus room for extra bed). The cottages are accessed by many steps up the sand dunes so guests have to reasonably mobile! Power is available in all rooms, but not for hairdryers.
Bathrooms	Large open sun-filled areas; all en-suite with flush toilets, hot and cold running water and powerful showers.
Activities	Boat cruises for sun-downers and bird and game spotting, bush walks with armed & experienced guides, creek fishing, water skiing, kayaking, tubing, swimming, surfing & sand yachting. Boat trips with the local community on the fresh water river to see hundreds of birds, crocodiles and hippos.
Highlights	Exceptional resident and migrant bird life. Pods of hippos & crocodile. Endemic Tana River bushbuck. Buffalo, lion, leopard and elephant can occasionally be seen and tracks usually found on game walks. Cultural visits and dances by the local indigenous Pokomo and Orma tribes.
Seasons	
High season	15 <sup>th</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> October – the coolest time and the sea can be a little rough in July and December – March.
Low Season	15 <sup>th</sup> April – 15 <sup>th</sup> July and November Closed – 1 <sup>st</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> June



# The Tana River Delta

## Tranquil Wetlands

The delta and its associated flora and fauna provide Kenya with wetlands that are one of a kind in Eastern Africa. We are privileged to be able to explore this beautiful and unique place with its shade dappled creeks composed of endangered mangrove species, full of aquatic life and pods of hippos and basking crocodiles. There are not too many places left today where you can sip tea with a 360° view of rolling lush untouched wetland, eye-level with fish-eagles gliding on warm air above the dunes calling out to their mates.

## Vast uninterrupted beaches

50km of vast uninhabited beach that is wild, exciting and obviously stunning to behold... and all to yourself! No crowded beaches here; at low tide the beach is serene and relaxing. Miles of rippling, rolling sand dunes stand majestically overlooking the creek on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other; fantastic views and exciting game tracking through the sand in the early mornings.

## The Community

Delta Dunes works closely with the community and the people of this area. The 50,000ha community conservation Trust is owned and managed by the local indigenous communities, and is a partner of Delta Dunes Lodge. Together we aim to improve the standard of living, education, employment & medical assistance in the area whilst seeking to conserve the beautiful, fragile wetland habitat. A conservation fee is paid to the Trust for every guest that stays at the lodge.





## Activities Included

- Full board accommodation
- Mineral water, tea and coffee
- Laundry
- Kayaking
- Sand yachting
- Bush-walking
- Cultural visits to the Orma villages
- Sundowners, boat rides and bird watching
- River tubing

## Activities Excluded

- Conservancy fees - Adult: \$50  
Children: \$25
- Sundowner drinks and any drinks from the bar
- Boat trips with the community boat to Kipini and surroundings
- Airfield transfers
- Transfers by road from Malindi \$40 per person each way – min 2 pax
- Deep sea and channel fishing
- Water skiing