Cohost Kenya Mombasa Guidebook

Food Scene

These are our local recommendations for food. There are plenty of others, but for your first visit, you should definitely try these out.

Roberto's

The wine and food are amazing, ambiance is fantastic. It's a go to when you visit Mombasa.

Tarboush Restaurant

7 locals recommend

Its a must go place when you visit Mombasa. It's always packed, so be there at 12:30pm, no reservations required. If you find it's full, you can always try Barka restaurant (not far from Tarboush) which has similar Swahili meals.

Cafesserie-Mombasa

8 locals recommend

When you are done with shopping in the mall and just want to take a cup of coffee or just take a breather, then Cafesserie is a great place. It is in City Mall in Nyali, one of 2 largest malls in the Nyali area and one of the best coffee shops in Mombasa.

Coston poa

Fancy some fast food? Coston Poa would be it, they serve great chicken shawarmas and chips, worth a visit.

Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach

This is street food at it's best. During the peak season which is in the months of April, August , November and December, Pirates beach is usually packed, the food place is in make shift stands. You can enjoy seafood mainly fish caught fresh from the ocean, there are Yucca fries, coconut water and more.

Aquadrom Yul's

21 locals recommend

This is among the best restaurants in Mombasa, there is an ice cream parlor, restaurant, water sports, motorbikes and there is a night club. They have the best seafood, its all the Mombasa fun rolled into one place.

Tamarind Dhow

7 locals recommend

Fancy a high end dinner? Make a reservation on tamarind.co.ke
Enjoy night cruises, evening sunsets and a high end dinner. The dhows or boats have a historical past.

Snack Attack @ Nyali Centre

Fast food restaurant

Java House - Nyali Centre

7 locals recommend

Has great coffee and great food

Drinks & Nightlife

Bars and Clubs are plenty in Mombasa, from the city centre to Nyali to Mtwapa.

Tapas Cielo Bar & Restaurant

8 locals recommend

Great music, there is a bit of room to dance but if you would like to catch up with the local nightlife scene, this is a nice place. Fridays and Saturdays are the busiest especially at the end of the month.

Anuba Lounge Bar and Restaurant

9 locals recommend

Great music, catch up with locals who like to party, its at Nyali Centre

Danka Lounge

Its a restaurant but at night, it really comes alive!!!!

Bunga Bunga Nyali

Great music and ambiance, meet the locals who like to party. Its in Nyali Area

Parks & Nature

Carry lots of drinking water and a camera for all these excursions, and also wear comfortable shoes.

Haller Park Mombasa

37 locals recommend

Variety of flora and fauna that represents Africa. There is a section for joggers and walkers. The feeding times are in the afternoon from around 2pm to 4pm, the feeding times are for the crocodiles and antelopes. There is an entrance fee to the park.
Tip: Make sure to carry lots of drinking water

Mamba Village Crocodile Farm

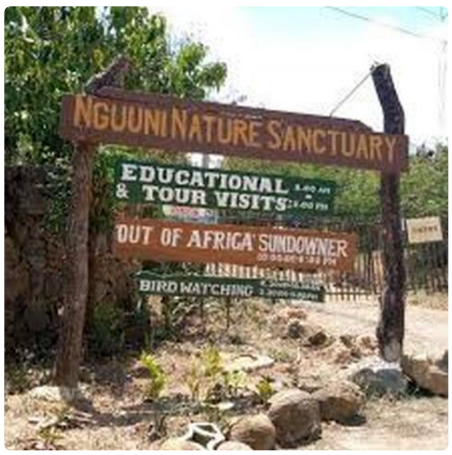
7 locals recommend

Crocodile feeding, the best time to visit is between 3-5pm so schedule your visit around that time. There is an entrance fee.

Mombasa Marine Park & Reserve

6 locals recommend

For water skiing, snorkeling, diving and kite surfing, if you do not like either of these water activities and would prefer to be high and dry then you can hire a glass bottom boat for a tour. It's cheaper if you hire as a group so if you are alone and notice others around you who would like to go for the tour then you can pool together and negotiate on the fee.



Nguuni Nature Sanctuary

Bird watching, feeding giraffes and ostriches, a picnic in a park, a wedding, anniversary or birthday. All the cash collected goes into the sanctuary. This is a BUCKET LIST ITEM!!!!

Mombasa Butterfly House

This is at Fort Jesus, once you are through with the Fort Jesus tour, head on over to the Mombasa Butterfly House. Charges of approx. US$ 5 for non-residents

Arts & Culture

The Swahili culture is from a mixture of Arab and Bantu African culture. Mombasa was a hub in the 12th century because of it's ports. This culture was also influenced by the Portuguese, you can learn more about the culture by visiting 2 historical places, Old Town and Fort Jesus.

Old Town

16 locals recommend

It represents the Swahili culture, they have beautiful carved doors. Its characterized by narrow streets and lovely intricate doors. If you love architecture, this is the time to unleash your camera, if you love shopping for antiques, there are shops and souvenirs.
Old Town is close to Fort Jesus.

Fort Jesus

27 locals recommend

It was built by the Portuguese in 1593, designed by Italian architect Joao Batista Cairato, the fort has stood the test of time. It was built to secure the safety of the Portuguese living in the east coast of Africa. Despite the historical attacks, it still stands and reveals its history to visitors. There is an entrance fee

Jumba La Mtwana

7 locals recommend

Jumba la Mtwana means the large house of slaves. Learn about slavery on the east coast of Africa

Shopping

City Mall and Nyali centre but there are various "mom and pop shops" also known as kiosks where you can buy small stuff.

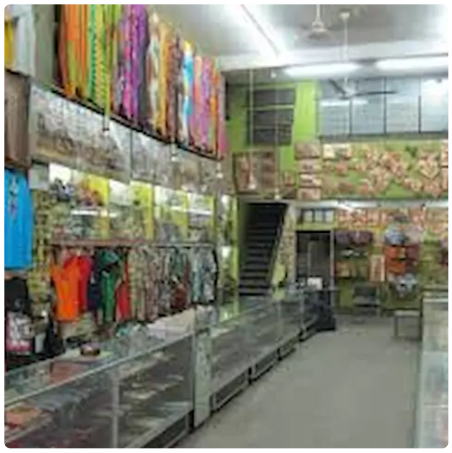
City Mall

19 locals recommend

Various shops including a supermarket

Mali Ya Abdulla

Mali ya Abdullah means "Wealth of Abdullah". A khanga or leso is a true swahili culture so be sure to pass by there to buy some for your friends and family back home. Beautiful colors with real swahili proverbs which will be translated for you. Be sure to call me in advance to escort you,it is in a hidden area. There are other shops but this one has authentic leso.



Habari Boutique Ltd

Souvenir shopping for fridge magnets, tshirts. Habari is Swahili for Hello

Essentials

Naivas Supermarket - Nyali

10 locals recommend

Purchase essentials and cooked meals.

Entertainment & Activities

Mombasa Go-Kart

7 locals recommend

Go-kart racing for adrenaline junkies, they introduced paintball recently, its a fun activity for the family, archery tag and a restaurant are part of the services offered.

Pirates Public Beach

Local public beach if you don't mind the crowds. Various activities include a walk on the beach, tubing, shop for khanga or leso, souvenirs, art and crafts made by local artisans.