



# HEMINGWAYS

## WATAMU

Following a complete redesign, Hemingways Watamu re-opened in January 2018 reclaiming its position as Kenya's most iconic beach hotel. Located on Turtle Bay within the protected Marine National Park of Watamu, Hemingways Watamu is a tropical paradise for snorkelling and diving amongst breathtakingly beautiful coral and multi-coloured sea-life.

The USD11M refurbishment has transformed the classic and much-loved old hotel into an spectacular property unrivalled on the coast of Kenya. Designed by South African architectural firm DSA, Hemingways Watamu has 39 airy hotel rooms, all with direct ocean views. 21 spacious one, two and four-bedroom residences are also available, offering exceptional space and privacy.

In addition to the pristine white sand beach, Hemingways Watamu offers two swimming pools and a brand new spa. The restaurant is positioned overlooking the ocean and serves fresh local produce with a strong focus on seafood. Returning guests have been delighted to find the renowned 'Hemingways Bar' relatively untouched, continuing as a much-loved focal point in the hotel.

As with all properties in the Hemingways Collection, superb service is paramount. Hemingways Watamu reopens with many of the original Kenyan staff who have been part of the personality of the hotel over the last 30 years, ensuring the charm and warm hospitality of Hemingways Watamu remains the same as ever.



## ROOMS AND RESIDENCES

### ROOMS

Each of the 39 beautifully appointed rooms at Hemingways Watamu offers stunning views of the Indian Ocean and the endless white sandy beach of Watamu Marine Park. Measuring over 40m<sup>2</sup>, all rooms are bright and airy, reflecting the relaxed coastal location.

#### Ocean Rooms – 26

Spacious and with easy access to the beach and the botanical pool, Ocean Rooms are located in the North Wing of the hotel on the ground and first floor. En-suite bathrooms and a beautiful balcony overlooking the Marine Park provide guests with the utmost comfort and luxury. A green lawn lies in front of the rooms, offering a relaxing place to read and soak up the coastal sunshine.

#### Deluxe Ocean Rooms – 13

Located on the top floor of our North Wing, Deluxe Rooms offer a whole new level of laidback luxury. A bedroom view with nothing but sand, ocean and horizon. Marble tiled en-suite bathrooms, super comfortable four poster beds and private balconies with jaw dropping views of the bay and the magical Watamu breeze mean you may not want to leave your room.

#### Room Features

- En-suite bathrooms
- Air conditioning and ceiling fans
- Finest Egyptian cotton bed linen
- Mosquito nets
- Free wifi internet access
- Telephone
- In-room safe
- Tea & coffee making facilities
- Fully stocked mini bar with complimentary mineral water
- Flat screen TV
- Hairdryer

#### Additional Guest Services

- Airport transfers – charges apply
- 24 hour concierge and in room dining
- Business services
- Maid service twice daily
- Same day guest laundry service
- Dry cleaning service available
- Luggage storage
- Cots are available for children up to 3 years of age
- Baby sitting service available – charges apply

### HEMINGWAYS RESIDENCES

These spacious apartments are located in the South Wing of the property and offer 1, 2 and 4 bedroom configurations. The Residences have been designed and finished to the highest degree of modern coastal luxury and feature majestic open terraces with magical views of the beach and Marine Park, comfortable living and dining areas flooded with natural light, en-suite bathrooms and fully equipped contemporary kitchens. Guests of the Residences enjoy full access to all hotel facilities with the option to be completely self-sufficient if required.

#### One Bedroom Apartments – 3

Approaching 150 m<sup>2</sup> in size, these beautifully appointed apartments offer a large master bedroom with marble tiled en-suite bathroom adjoining a tastefully furnished living and dining area with a fully equipped modern kitchen. The large open terrace provides fantastic sea views and ample space to kick back and relax. These are perfect for couples seeking a little more space and privacy.

#### Two Bedroom Apartments – 16

With varying sizes ranging up to 400m<sup>2</sup>, each two bedroom apartment is soaked with natural light and offers a large master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and a second large twin bedroom with adjoining bathroom. These apartments are ideal for families. Both bedrooms have wonderful ocean views and direct access to the beautiful terrace. With both interior and exterior lounging and dining space and a fully equipped modern kitchen, the 2 bedroom apartments have ample room for socialising or retreating to a quiet spot.



### **Four Bedroom Apartments – 2**

From 400m<sup>2</sup> our Penthouse style duplex apartments featuring large living and dining areas and exquisite furnished terraces on both floors offer the perfect set up for groups of friends or large families. Offering two large master bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and two large twin bedrooms with adjoining bathrooms, all bedrooms provide wondrous ocean views and direct access to the beautiful terrace. These apartments offer both interior and exterior lounging and dining space and a fully equipped modern kitchen.

### **Residence Features**

- Separate living and dining areas with fully equipped kitchen
- En-suite bathrooms
- Air conditioning and ceiling fans
- Finest Egyptian cotton bed linen
- Mosquito nets
- Free wifi internet access
- Telephone
- In-room safe
- Tea & coffee making facilities
- Fully stocked mini bar with complimentary mineral water
- Flat screen TVs in every bedroom and living room
- Hairdryer

## **DINING**

### **Hemingways Restaurant**

An alfresco brasserie style restaurant featuring modern flavours with a focus on fresh local seafood with a hint of Swahili spices. The menu is supplemented with top of the range imported beef and lamb from South Africa.

### **Hemingways Bar**

Reflecting the traditions of big game fishing, the Hemingways Bar is iconic. Sensitively updated to retain the history and feel of the original Hemingways Watamu, the Bar offers abundant natural light and fantastic panoramic views of the bay.

### **Gede Café Bar**

A relaxed and informal café bar serving fresh pastries, paninis and pizzas and looking out over the botanical pool. The best Gelato outside of Italy is also a feature of the menu.

### **The Rock Bar**

A seasonal bar near the main swimming pool and overlooking the beach, the Rock Bar offers light bites.



## WELLBEING

### The Spa

Housed in its own wing overlooking the botanical pool, the spa features 4 treatment rooms, a salon and a gym. The treatments feature the finest oils from Terres D’Afrique to reinvigorate the skin after a long day at the beach.

### Pool

Hemingways Watamu has two swimming pools – one located on the beachfront overlooking the ocean, the other a botanical pool adjacent to the spa.

### Other Facilities

- Tennis court with equipment and coach
- Gift shop
- Library
- Business centre

## EXPERIENCES

Hemingways Watamu offers guests a range of experiences, with their own fleet of electric Tuk-Tuks on standby to whisk guests off on a local adventure, and air-conditioned vehicles for exploring further afield.

### Water Sports

- Snorkelling within the Marine Park
- Deep sea fishing
- Paddle Boarding
- Kite surfing
- PADI Open Water Diving courses

### Cultural

- Cultural visits to Gede ruins
- Shopping trips to Malindi Town with guide

### Romantic

- Sunset cruises on Mida Creek in an old fashioned Dhow
- Private dinner on the beach
- Sundowners and snacks at the Crabshack

### Wildlife

- Whale watching – seasonal
- Bird watching at Mida Creek
- Catch a glimpse of elephant and the rare Skops Owl in the Arabuko Sokoke Forest
- Safaris into Tsavo National Park



## RATES

A night at Hemingways Watamu starts from USD410 based on double occupancy of an Ocean view double room, inclusive of breakfast and dinner for two, and all taxes.

Hemingways Watamu Residences start from USD580 for a one bedroom, USD1075 for a two bedroom and USD2050 for a four bedroom, inclusive of breakfast and all taxes.

## LOCATION & CONTACT

Watamu is a small 7 km long peninsula that is a recognised UN biosphere with the Watamu Marine Park on one side, the Mida Creek Mangrove Reserve on the other and the Arabuko Sokoke Forest Reserve stretching along the edge of the Creek.

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Open year round

### Airport proximity

Malindi Airport – 20km

Vipingo Airport – 70km

Mombasa International Airport – 100km

