



# WATAMU TREEHOUSE

The Treehouse Effect | Guest brochure | 2023





# KARIBU - WELCOME!

Treehouse is a handcrafted home built in synthesis with the stunning natural surrounds of Watamu Beach and the mangrove forest. Every aspect of the beautiful and unique features has been infused with care, sensitivity to nature and love.

We welcome solo travellers, families, couples, adventure-seekers, kilters, yogis and yoga retreat groups. We seek to share the best we know of a sustainably healthy and vital lifestyle with our guests. We call this 'The Treehouse Effect'. This is a combination of factors that fuse together to make your time with us enriching, joyful and energizing. We offer:

- Open-to-the-elements-inspired-architecture and rooms
- Delicious and nutritious food
- Yoga and massage in serene settings
- A tropical beach within 5 minutes walk (paradise!)
- Gentle adventures in nature, and many activities
- Time to sit back and take in the sunrise and sunset.



*"Watamu Treehouse is not a hotel, a resort, or a yoga retreat. It is a total experience! You will be hard-pressed to find a more unique and relaxing atmosphere, from the architecture, to the staff, to the location. Had such a relaxing and wonderful four days at Treehouse and came back feeling truly relaxed, and with memories to last a lifetime." – H.G, Trip Advisor Oct 2018*







## OUR MISSION

WATAMU TREEHOUSE IS A PEACEFUL HOME FOR WELL-BEING ON THE KENYA COAST WHERE GUESTS CAN BE ALIVE, BE STRONG, BE FIT, BE RELAXED, BE HAPPY, BE THEMSELVES, BE PRESENT. JUST BE

OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE GUESTS ON THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEY OF HEALTH - PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL. WE EXIST TO SHARE THE BEST WE KNOW WITH OTHERS, WHICH IS A LIFESTYLE IN HARMONY WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.



# HOW WE LIVE



## Treehouse accommodation

Situated on the nicest and quietest part of Watamu Beach, we offer you unforgettable accommodation spread out over two towers rising out of the forest: Spacious open rooms, unique architecture, beauty and nature everywhere you look. We have seven unique guest bedrooms, all en-suite with shower, toilet and balcony. There are also additional beds on the roof and verandahs. All rooms but one look to the sunrise and the sea. Most also view the sunset. If you stay with us at certain times of the month, you can watch the moon rise and set from numerous vantage points. All rooms are equipped with everything you need (towels, mosquito nets, bathrobes, toiletries, drinking water, etc). Simply bring your personal items and let the relaxation begin.



# Upper Level Rooms

Our upper level rooms are on Levels 4 and 5 of the two towers.

Some of the rooms have multiple beds and can be triples and are suited to groups of friends or families. Some have one double bed and are more suited to singles or couples. Some of the upper rooms are very open and can get windy July – November.

All rooms are unique and during the booking process we will do our best to help you choose the accommodation that best suits your needs.





## Lower Rooms

Our lower rooms are on level 3. They are all unique and stunning. They are less high than the upper rooms, so do not have the same views, but each room makes up for that in its own special way.

All of the lower rooms can be set up as doubles (1 bed) or twins (2 beds) and all can take 3 if necessary, with 2 people sharing one double bed and the 3<sup>rd</sup> person on a sofa-bed.





# Treehouse yoga classes

Treehouse was built with yoga retreats in mind. We host a number of retreats throughout the year. In addition, we host daily classes open to the Watamu community and our guests, year-round. Classes are not included in your stay, unless specified. [The yoga schedule is found on our website here](#), and is normally updated a week in advance. Costs of classes are shown

We have two main yoga spaces - one studio on the roof with 360 degree views of nature, and one nestled in the forest adjacent to the main treehouse towers. Both rooms can be used for special functions and events, although they are vegan/vegetarian only spaces.

We also offer yoga classes on stand up paddleboards (SUP). Everyone can do SUP and the yoga is challenging and fun!



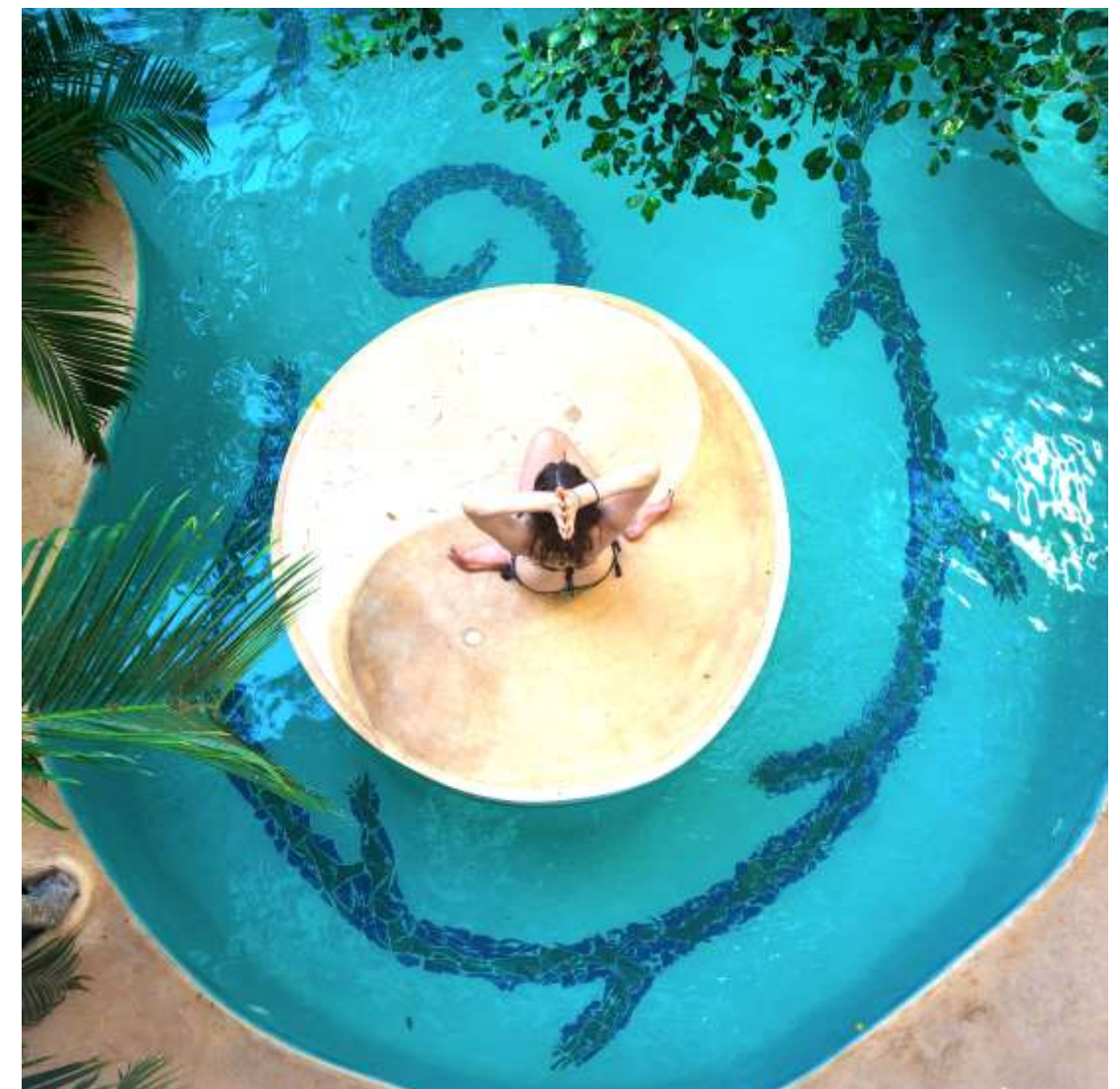


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## Relaxation: massages and the cool pool

Our natural cool-pool is always under the canopy of natural forest and remains at a refreshing temperature year-round. There are plenty of chill spots around the pool and dotted over the Treehouse towers. Grab a smoothie and take in the view at leisure!

Just beyond and above our cool-pool is the massage and pedicure room. Book treatments whilst you stay with us.









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# HOW WE PLAY



## Gentle adventures

Treehouse organizes a number of gentle adventures for our guests. These are all experiences in nature that energize you and are facilitated in a way that allows you to connect meaningfully with your surroundings whilst having fun! All ages are welcome! Our most popular activities are kayaking, SUP (standup paddle board), walks in the mangrove forest and on the beach, snorkeling, dolphin watching and dhow trips at sunset. If you come on or just after a Full Moon or New Moon, it may be possible to do an adventure that only happens two times a month, and that is to float in the water through the Mangrove Forest down Mida Creek and have Swahili breakfast on the most beautiful peaceful beach early in the morning. Totally unique and amazing! You can book these on arrival – (not included in room cost)







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# HOW WE EAT



## Delicious and nutritious

We take care to source only the freshest and finest local ingredients. Our food is healthy and flavourful. Best of all, it's prepared in a mindful way with love. We focus on vegan and vegetarian food, although we do also serve fresh seafood, caught fresh in Watamu. Whether you are staying with us on a half-board, bed and breakfast or full-board basis you'll feel light and energized. Don't miss out on the fruit smoothies we prepare at sunset for you to sip on, seated in a chill-spot with a view.

We cater to all dietary requirements. We also offer vegetarian suppers on Wednesdays & Saturdays to those not staying with us after sunset yoga class – with a pre-booking required a day in advance.



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## Sample menu

A day at Treehouse is full of tastes to savour. Here is a sample menu, giving you an idea of what we serve:

- Early morning fruit and freshly squeezed juice / green drink.
- Breakfast includes home-made muesli and coconut yoghurt, eggs any-style, teas, coffee and a daily special such as, buckwheat/coconut pancakes, quinoa or ayurvedic porridge, avocado toast, and many more!
- Lunch – delicious and nutritious soup, salads and main courses including whole grains and proteins – and a daily glass of madafu - FRESH coconut water or other natural juice.
- Sundowner - healthy, light snacks such as roasted coconut flakes and a fresh fruit smoothie bursting with vitamins as you enjoy the magic of sunset.
- Supper – again a healthy and light dinner – vegetarian and seafood. Mostly sugar-free, wheat-free, nutrient-rich, very fresh, very energizing.

Our guests tend to adore the food. Here's an example of the feedback we get:

*“Of course everything is beautiful. Even the ocean with its many moods from bright blue to thunderous storms. BUT my stay was made spectacularly memorable thanks to the generosity and hospitality of the staff. I experienced genuine LOVE in the food that gentle Jackson prepared. I loved being at his kitchen table. Home away from home :- ) Thank you to all the gentle and generous spirits that make the Treehouse an incomparable experience –a spiritual delight”. - S.R. USA, 2015*



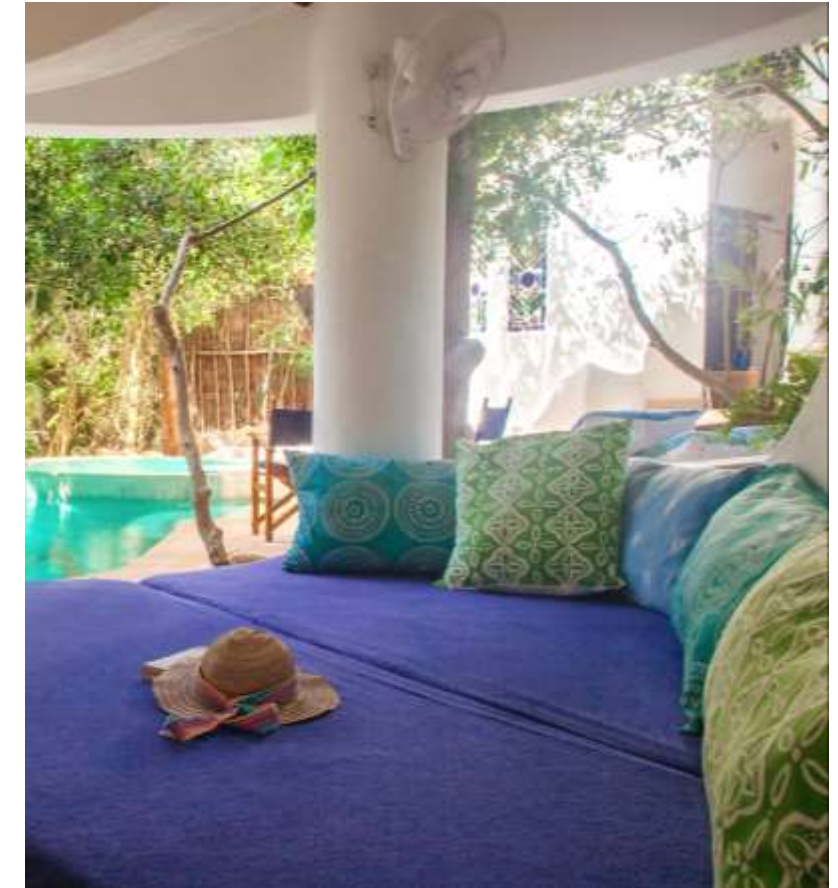






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# OTHER INFORMATION



## Chill Spots and Walks

Treehouse has a number of luxurious sofa beds for relaxing during the day and even sleeping at night with a mosquito net.

Although there is so much to do and experience at Treehouse, we also encourage 'down-time'.

We also like to take our guests on walks – through the forests and villages surrounding Treehouse... Maybe to the creek for a swim or walk to a quiet cove beach overlooking the creek for sundowners at sunset.

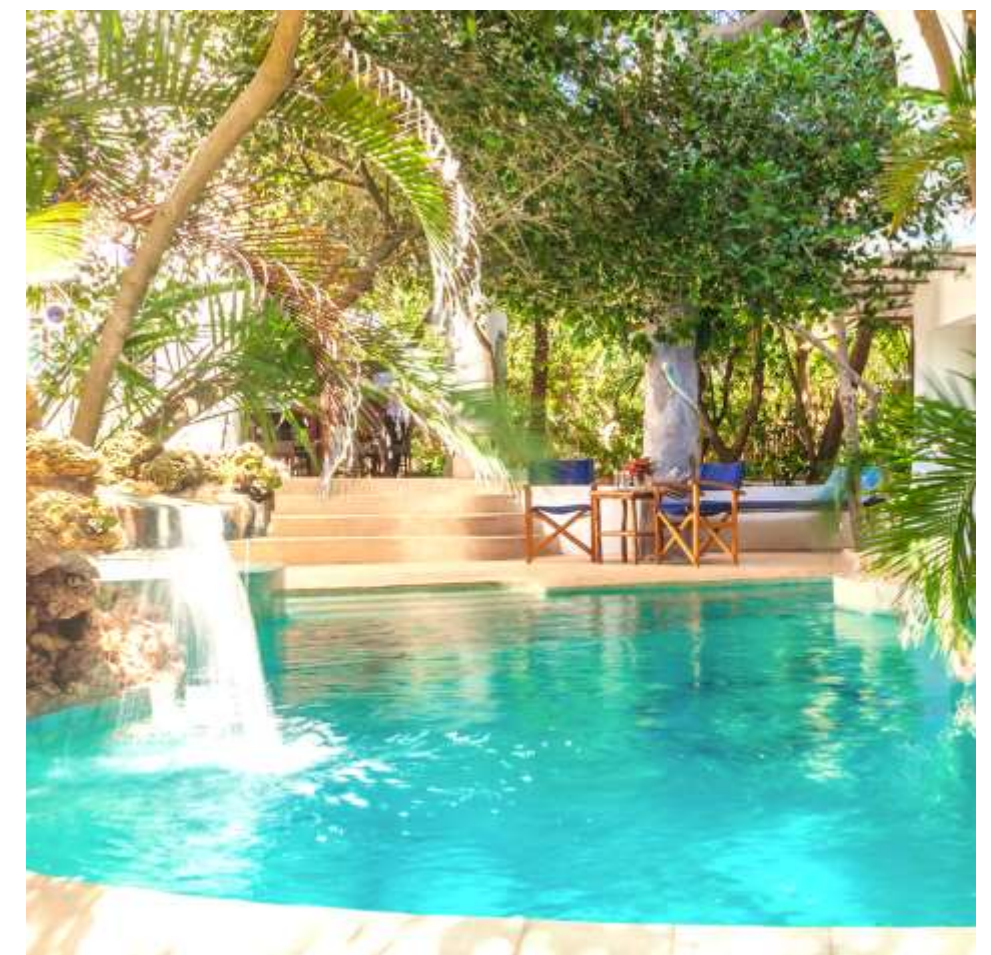
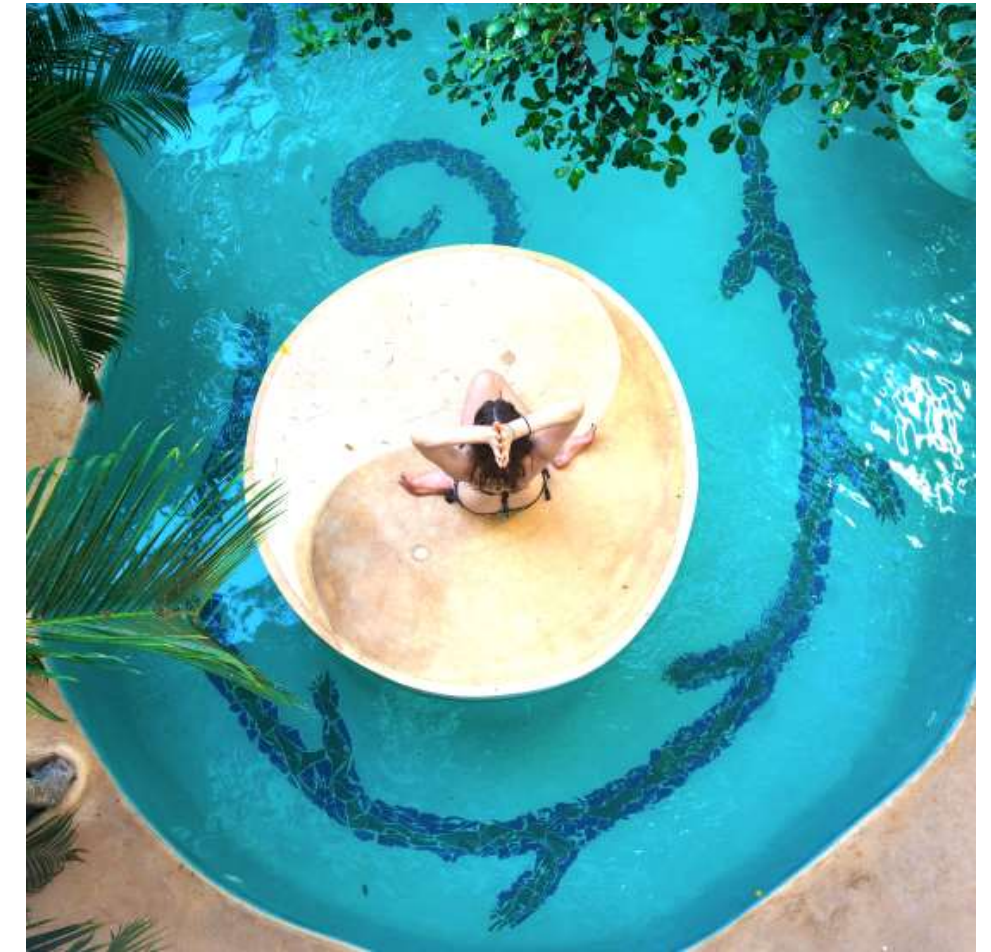
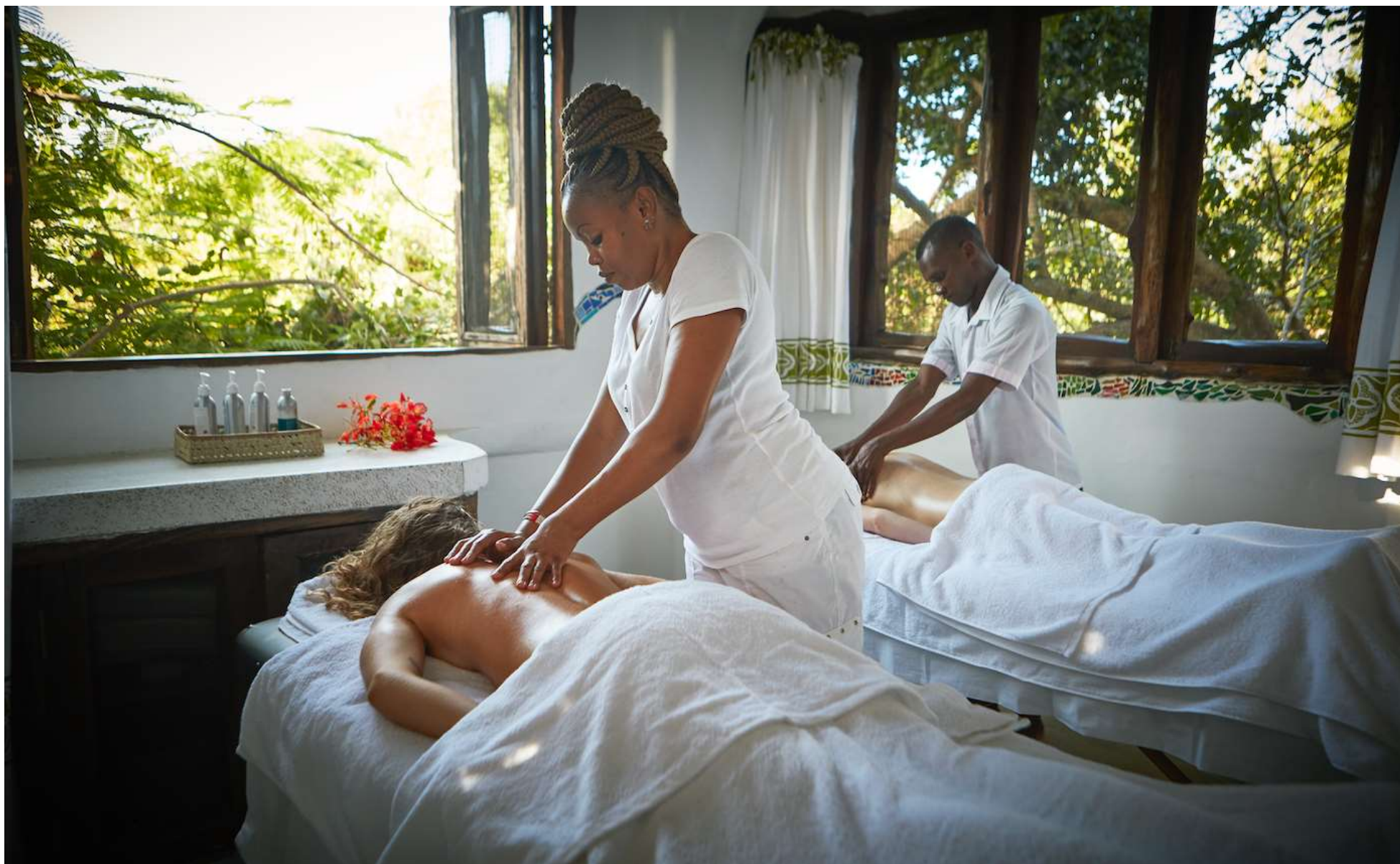




## The cool-pool & massage/ pedicure room

Our natural cool-pool is always under the canopy of natural forest and remains at a refreshing temperature year-round. There are plenty of chill spots around the pool.

Just beyond and above our cool-pool is the massage and pedicure room. Our yoga retreat package can include one or more massage(s) per guest per retreat at a discounted rate if pre-booked. All guests are welcome to 'top up' their treatment and book additional appointments at their own cost





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## Accessibility and WiFi

Although being in Treehouse feels as if you have stepped into a dream, Treehouse is very accessible.

- From Nairobi, take a one hour flight to Malindi Airport and then a 25 minute taxi ride.
- If your international flight takes you to Mombasa, this is 2 hour taxi ride to Treehouse through a beautiful landscape.
- There is a SGR train from Nairobi to Mombasa. Take a taxi from there.
- There is reliable WiFi in all the public areas and the rooms.



## The Beach

The photos say it all! It doesn't get better than this.





## Opportunities to serve in Watamu (seva)

Watamu Treehouse supports local schools, children's homes, environmental organizations and has initiated a number of other community-based projects. When you stay with us, you have many opportunities to serve and get involved. Examples A favourite activity on retreats is karma yoga at one of the schools or homes. Commonly, we hand over books that Treehouse donations have bought. We spend time with children while they read. We also do yoga with the children. There are plenty of amazing community initiatives in the Watamu area that we feel are well suited to incorporate as Seva components on yoga retreats.





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# TREEHOUSE HISTORY

The first version of Treehouse was created in 1992 by Nani Croze of Kitengela Glass as a single-room home where the Krystall family came for their school holidays. They would spend ‘endless summers’ on the beach and in the forest, full of nature adventures, healthy-food, and yoga. Eric Krystall – the mzee (‘family elder’) – would swim 4 hours a day even up to the age of 88.

Whenever funds were available, Paul Krystall extended and expanded the house to make room for friends and guests. The house was always filled – first with children, and later with teenagers. We organised activities, yoga, and meditation in remote parts of Watamu, and perfected our ability to deliver drinks and delicacies wherever guests would explore.

Building has taken place on the small footprint in the forest that was cleared for utility use by the previous owners. No trees were cut down in the process. The unique building style of using local materials to create a direct connection with nature was perfected by Sala Terrena Creative Construction, and it complemented the recycled hand-blown glass from Kitengela Glass and Anslem’s Hot Glass.

In 2014 the pool and yoga studio were added and Treehouse became a year-round boutique hotel and retreat centre. Paul started running Dru Yoga and Meditation retreats with his daughter Aja, and partner Vera. In 2017 Treehouse started hosting other teachers’ retreats as a core-business. In 2018, a second yoga room and massage room were added to meet the demand. And so it continues....





# 2023 PRICES

## Watamu Treehouse

### Accommodation Rates 2023 - Regular Season



8th Jan - 22nd Dec 2023		Kenya Residents		Non Residents	
		Daily Rate Single Occupancy ***	Daily Rate Double Occupancy	Daily Rate Single Occupancy ***	Daily Rate Double Occupancy
HIGHER LEVEL ROOMS		KShs	KShs	US \$	US \$
Bed and Breakfast		25,000	33,000	260	340
Half Board *		27,400	37,800	283	385
Full Board **		29,800	42,600	306	430
LOWER LEVEL ROOMS		KShs	KShs	US \$	US \$
Bed and Breakfast		18,000	25,000	195	260
Half Board *		20,400	29,800	218	305
Full Board **		22,800	34,600	241	350

#### Meals and Inclusions

\* Half Board is Breakfast plus one other meal per day – you choose each day the meal

\*\* Full Board is three meals a day plus sundowner snacks

Prices include water and tea throughout the day and a glass of fresh juice or coconut water with meals. Alcohol and sodas not provided - guests can bring/buy their own and consume at no charge. Activities and airport transfers are not included.

#### Booking Policy and Payments

50% payment with booking and 50% balance 30 days before occupation.

Minimum stay of two nights on weekends

Payment by MPESA, bank deposit or transfer, or major credit cards

MPESA PAYBILL 866101 with your name as Account Number

Credit Card Payments: Please request secure credit card link and add 3% card fee.

#### General

Prices are inclusive and contain VAT and Tourism Fund

Prices do not include peak season dates of 22/12/22 – 05/01/23

Kenya residents to bring proof of residency

Prices subject to change without notice.



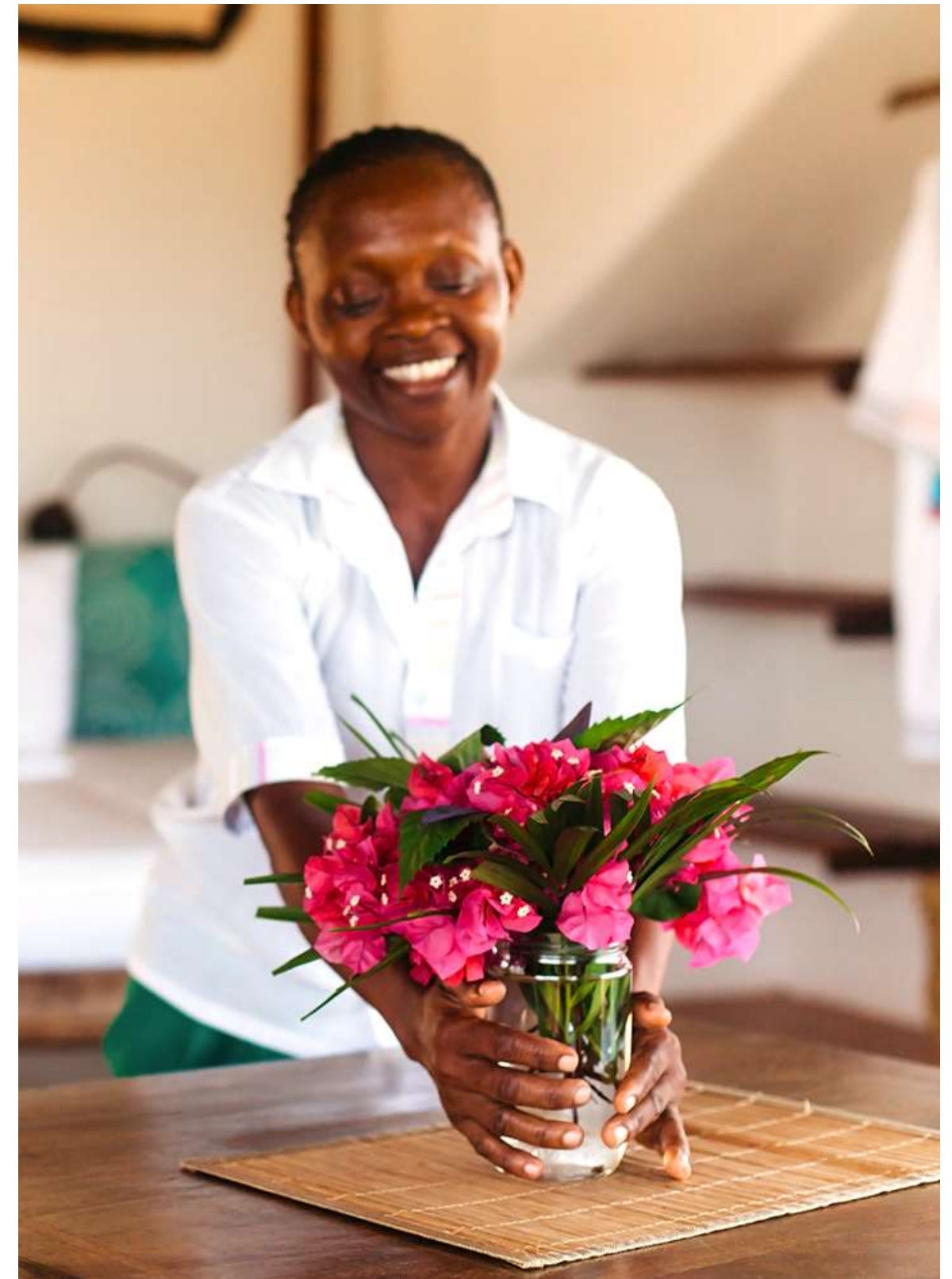


# TREEHOUSE IN THE PRESS AND AWARDS

Treehouse features prominently and social media and in the local and international press. In 2020, 2021 and 2022, we received “**Best of the Best**” from Trip Advisor – putting us in the top 1% of over a million properties worldwide, based on guest reviews. In 2022, Trip Advisor ranked us in the “**Top 25 B&B’s in Africa**” – number 11 !

In 2021 the readers of Nomad Travel Magazine voted Treehouse the “**Most Unique Property in Kenya**”. And three of our activities – the mangrove float, the sunset kayak expedition, and yoga in our studio – were selected by the Kenya Tourism Board as 3 of the 29 “**Magical Kenya Signature Experiences**” in the country.

## LATEST TREEHOUSE PRESS







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# Top 25 B&Bs and Inns – Africa

Sweet, serene stays that mellowed out travelers.

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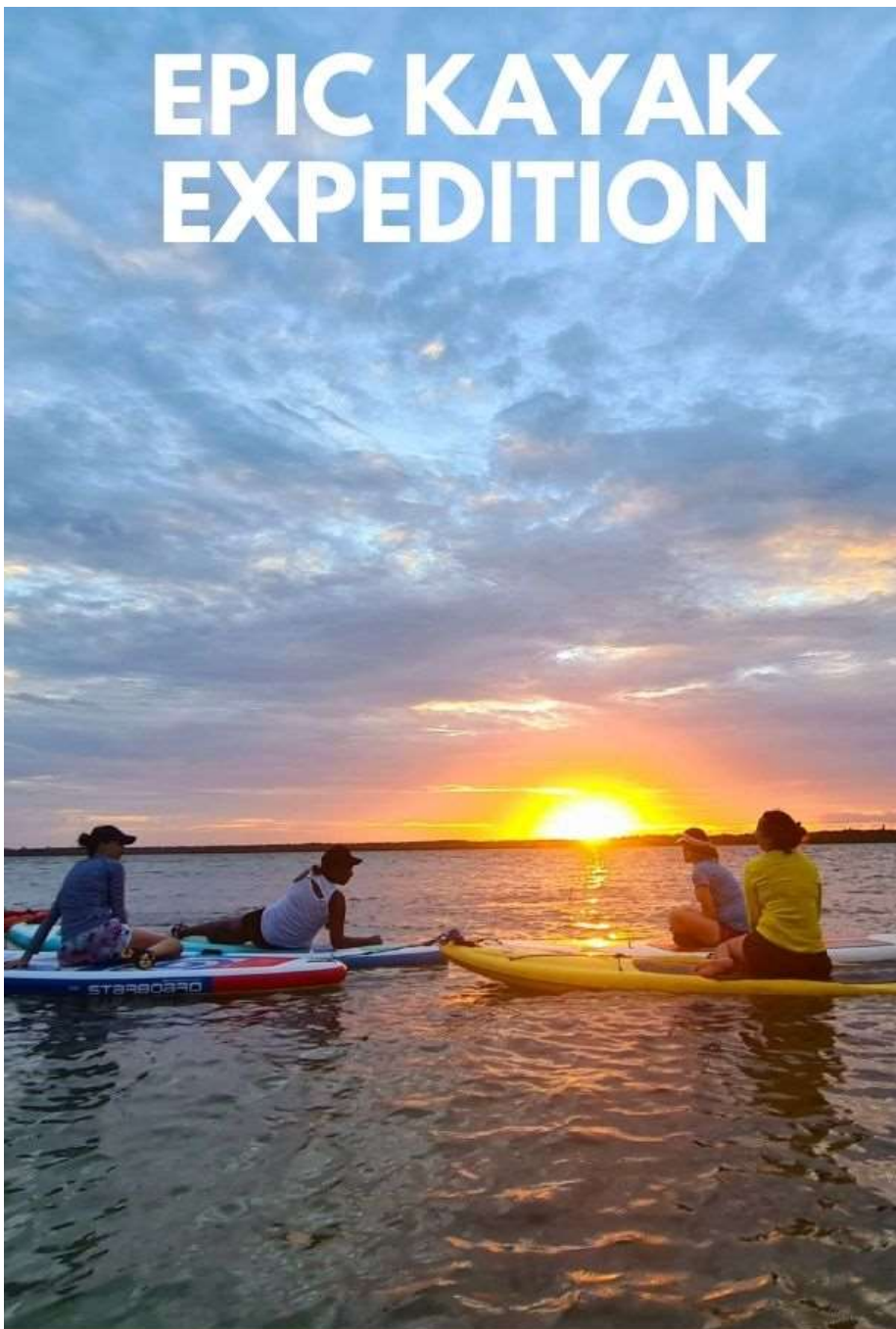
📍 Watamu, Kenya

★★★★★ 470 Reviews

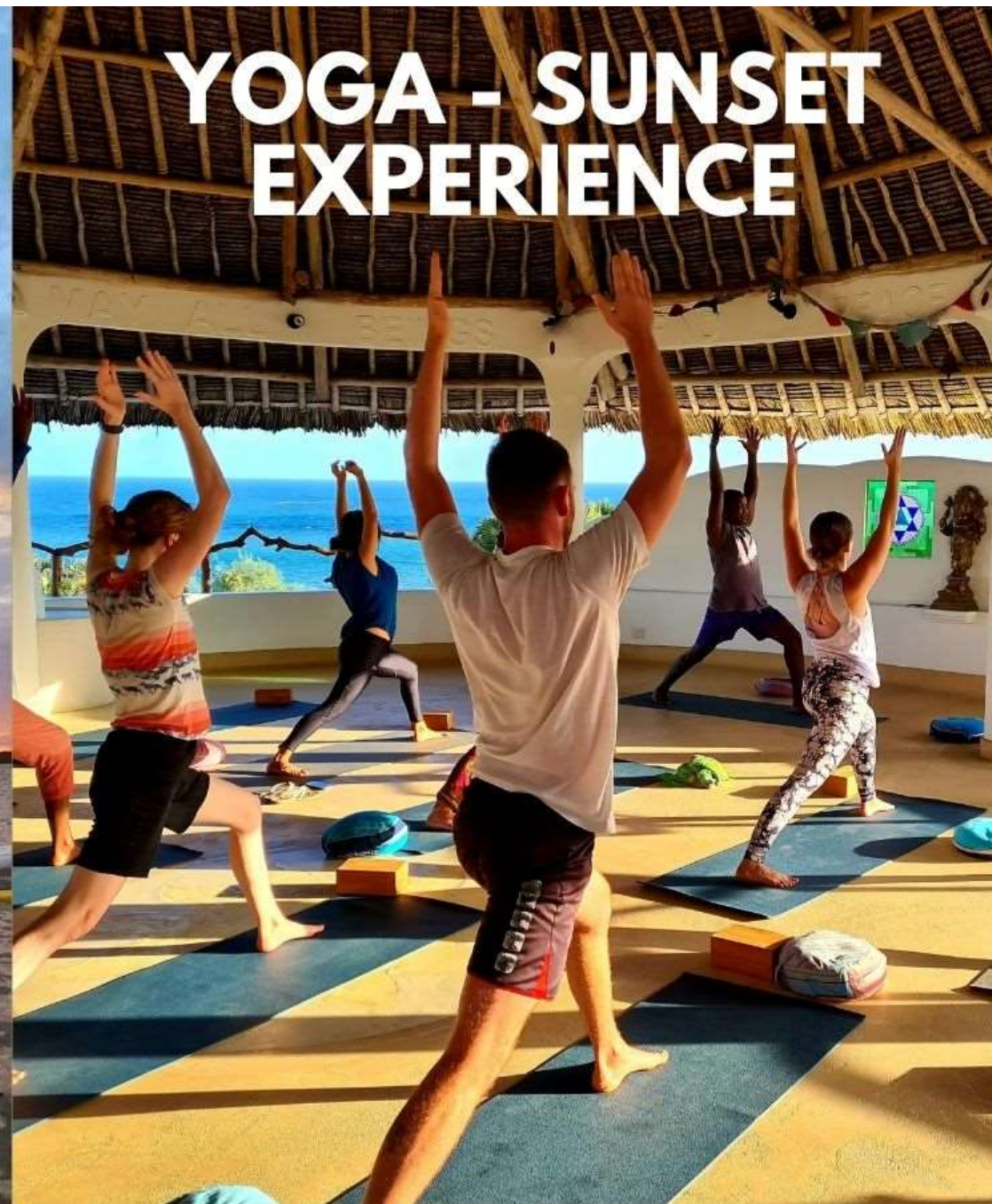
Watamu Treehouse is situated on one of the most picturesque stretches of Watamu beach, ideally located right opposite the Coral Gardens of the Marine Park. There are no large hotels nearby, only private... [Show more](#)



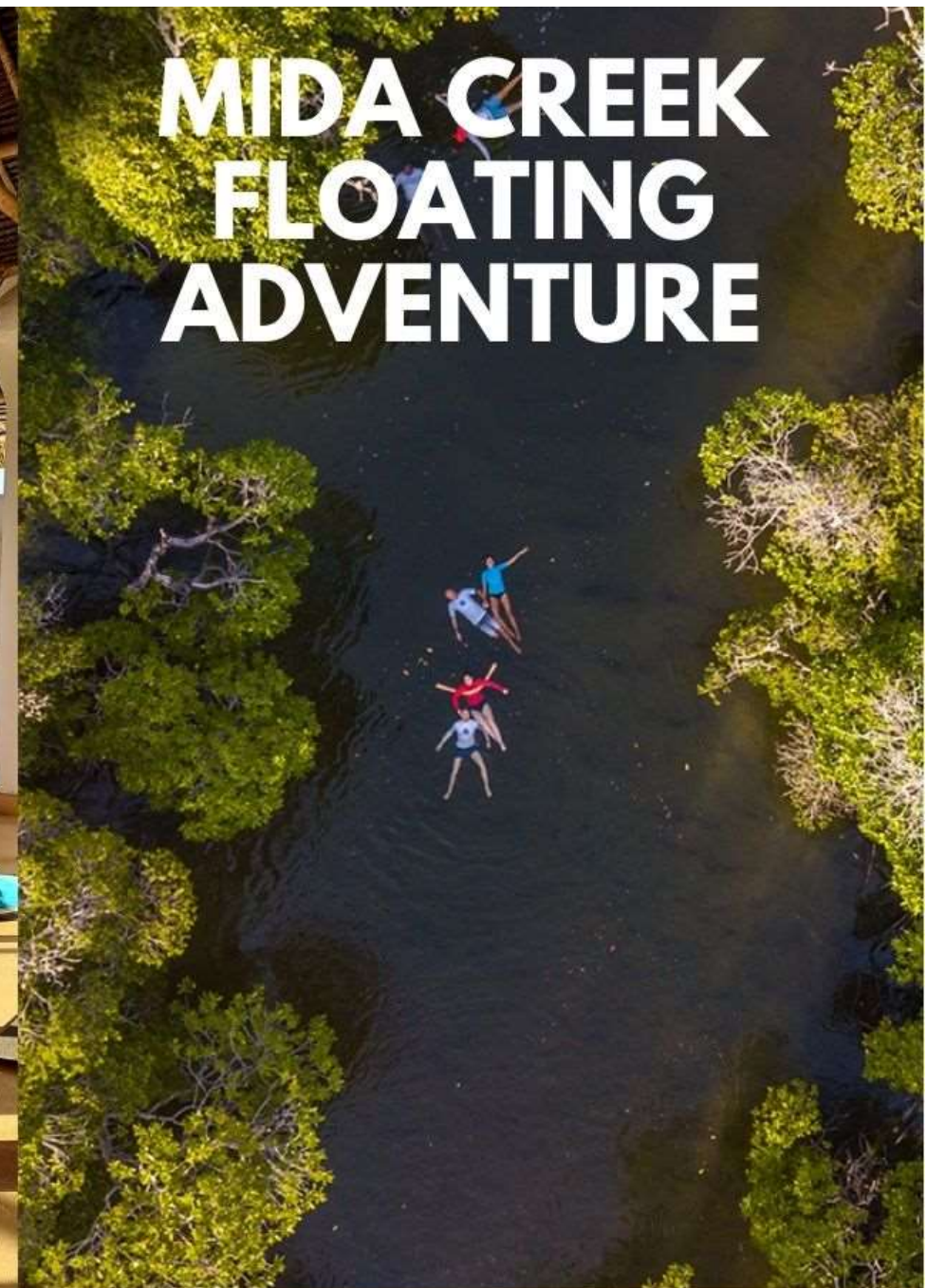
## EPIC KAYAK EXPEDITION



## YOGA - SUNSET EXPERIENCE



## MIDA CREEK FLOATING ADVENTURE



## *Watamu Treehouse*

Home of 3 of the 29 experiences in the  
Kenya Signature Experience Collection  
awarded by the Kenya Tourism Board 2021

[www.treehouse.co.ke](http://www.treehouse.co.ke)  
[www.magicalkenya.com/mkse](http://www.magicalkenya.com/mkse)



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EXPERIENCES



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# OUR HOLIDAY PACKAGES

All the activities we offer - our gentle adventures - can be integrated into your overall booking as an inclusive package. We have pre-determined packages, focusing on either yoga, or adventures, or both. You can also customize a package based on your preferences. Please contact us to enquire! A list of upcoming retreats is found at <https://www.treehouse.co.ke/yoga-retreats-at-treehouse>



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A woman with long brown hair is sitting on a bed with white linens, looking out a large window. The room has a tropical feel with a thatched roof visible outside. A wooden table with a glass pitcher and glasses sits on a balcony. A small cabinet with colorful drawers is next to the bed.

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radiant self  
in the perfect location