

Samawati House, Msambweni Beach, Kenya

General Information

- Self-Catering:** With our excellent cook, Garissa and house servant, Kitsau as permanent staff.
- Full board:** With all meals provided, can be arranged - please contact us for details.
- Telephone:** The number is Msambweni +254 (0)40 52060. Please make your calls through the Operator on 900 and record every call in the book to be billed to you later. Preferably, use your mobile phone.
- Security:** There is a night Askari employed at Chelsoon. Please check that he reports on duty every evening at dusk. Please make sure the gate to the beach and all doors and windows downstairs are bolted when retiring for the night. There is a small wall safe in the house in which to lock up valuables (cash, watches and jewellery). Do not take valuables to the beach.
- Fruit, Vegetables and Fresh Fish:** Brought to the back door and the staff will help with purchases. Otherwise, groceries can be purchased at Diani, 24 kms away. Basic supplies are available in the nearby village kiosks. When shopping, please let the staff help you on prices. Fruit and vegetables can be ordered through the cook.
- Electricity:** Supplied by mains power.
- Water:** From our private well.
- The House:** Fully furnished with electric fans, a refrigerator and gas oven. Gas for the oven is available at Ukunda Stores. Please leave some gas when you depart.
- All linen and towels are provided but please do not take our towels to the beach.
- Bed nets, tent style, with mosquito repellent, cover all the beds.
- The Samawati house does not sleep more than 8 people comfortably.
- Medical Services:** Dr. Rekhi at Diani Beach Surgery, Tel: Diani +254 (0)40 320 2207 or +254 (0)40 320 3354.
- Malaria:** Please take your anti-malaria drugs, as prescribed.
- Advice on Tipping:** Not obligatory, but greatly appreciated and the guidelines are as follows:
- House staff - shs 150/- to 200/- per day.
- Gardener and Askari - shs 100/- per day.
- Please report or replace any losses or breakages.
- Transport:** Saloon car and driver available for hire, but advance warning should be given.
- Travelling:** **Fly** to Moi International Airport Mombasa or air charter into Ukunda Airstrip, Diani.
- By road** from Nairobi. The highway is greatly improved.

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**Directions to the
Chelsoon property:**

Having crossed the Likoni ferry, drive south from Mombasa on the main tarmac road towards Tanzania for 56 kms. Here you will see the junction to Msambweni District Hospital (D544). Turn left onto a tarmac road for 6 kms. When reaching the hospital, drive through the gate and wind your way through the village, continuing on a much narrower dirt track, following the power lines for 2 kms until you see the sign 'Chelsoon' on your left.

Please refrain from buying merchandise and sea shells from the beach vendors. The house staff can assist with special viewing and purchases of coastal items (with the exclusion of sea shells).

There are two villas on the Chelsoon property. Besides Samawati House, the second 4 bedroomed villa, known as Chingwede House, allows us to book parties of family and friends up to 16 people.

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