

# Pole Pole

## FACT SHEET

Pole Pole is located in the Chole Bay area, near Utende village on the southeast coast of the Mafia Island Marine Park. It lies on the beach, within a tropical garden, overlooking a spectacular view of the Mafia Archipelago and the Indian Ocean.

### ACCOMMODATION

7 'Luxury bungalow suites', elegant and spacious, are set among the coconut palms overlooking the bay. The rooms are furnished with carved and antique pieces.

Twin and double beds are available and an extra bed can be provided. Two bungalows are 'family' type with two rooms separated by the bathroom and a small corridor for privacy. The large private verandahs are furnished with a Zanzibari bed, chairs, table and an armchair. Each bungalow is self-contained, the bathroom is spacious and comfortable. There are two ceiling fans, one on the verandah and one in the bedroom above the bed.

We are a low environmental impact resort with a state-of-the-art phyto-purification plant which is a special process of treating wastewater to prevent environmental pollution.

### CUISINE

The cuisine is a combination of diverse culinary traditions and cultures, with an Italian style touch of class. Swahili dinners are served once a week or on request. The resort caters for special dietary requirements whenever possible. Most of the food we serve is organically grown and bought on the island to help fishermen and farmers benefit from tourism development.

### DRINKS

A selection of alcoholic beverages, wines, beers, juices and cold drinks are always available at the bar.

The bar remains open until all guests have retired. The ice served with drinks is safe and drinkable.

Bottled water, served every day in jugs in the bungalows and available at the bar/restaurant, is drinkable and safe.

### MEAL TIMES

Breakfast is served from 07:30am onwards

Lunch is served from 12:30am

Dinner is served from 8:00pm

Early or late breakfast and/or lunch are served according to the diving and excursion programmes.

### VOLTAGE

220

### LIBRARY

Books, magazines and articles about nature, archeology, history, anthropology, wildlife, underwater life and photographs and diving information are available. Playing cards and board games are also available.

### MASSAGE

You can enjoy a relaxing body massage using essential oils in our peaceful massage centre overlooking the beach. Our masseuse has been trained in lymphatic drainage style massage and aromatherapy. Manicure and pedicure are also available.

### COMMUNICATION

You can roam with your cellular phone in Mafia.

To preserve the tranquility of the resort and in respect of other guests' peace, the use of mobile phones is limited to the rooms and ring tone in silent mode.



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### OTHER SERVICES

- Laundry service is available and complimentary.
- Beach kitenge (or local cloth) are provided for your use on the boats and on the beach.
- Hot and cold water is available 24 hours.
- A hair dryer can be borrowed from the reception.
- A few useful items (shampoo, suntan lotions, sanitary absorbents, Kodak films etc.) as well as local fabrics, carvings and beach items are for sale at the bar & restaurant .
- VISA and Mastercard credit cards are accepted (authorisation costs are involved)
- A safety box is available and located at the reception.

### HOW TO REACH POLE POLE

Mafia Island is approximately 30 miles off the Tanzanian coast, about 30 minutes by air from Dar es Salaam and 45 minutes from the Selous Game Reserve and Zanzibar Island. Mafia is reachable by light aircraft only. The resort is a 20 minute drive from Kilindoni, the main village and airstrip. The transfer to and from the airport is included in the accommodation cost.

### THE MARINE PARK

The Mafia Archipelago and the delta of the Rufiji River form one of the most interesting marine ecosystems and coral reefs in the world. The area has a high bio-diversity and is considered an important habitat for endangered species. There are over 400 species of fish. On land the rich vegetation is dominated by large palm groves, baobabs, mangroves and fruit trees. The wildlife is extremely varied; monkeys, small antelopes, wild pigs, bushbabies as well as a small colony of elusive hippos. There are also countless types of birds. The warm, safe

waters of the inland bays and lagoons are a paradise for both expert and beginner scuba divers as well as those simply wishing to snorkel. Mafia Island Marine Park was established as the first Marine Park in Tanzania and covers a surface of 821 km<sup>2</sup>.

### EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

There are different types of activities or excursions: by boat, by 4x4 car or walking and light trekking.

The activities in the marine park are: scuba diving, snorkeling, sailing and visiting the local villages. Pole Pole organises boat excursions and picnics to isolated islets, sandbanks or islands every day, according to the tide.

The Diving Centre provides PADI Federations' certificates (medical certificates are mandatory to do a beginners course).

The excursions by 4x4 car take you right across the island through villages and changing landscapes up to the northern tip where a lighthouse stands.

### CANCELLATION CHARGES

Up to 45 days prior to arrival: no charges

44 - 30 days: 25%

29 - 15 days: 50%

14 - 7 days: 75%

Under 7 days: no refund

For the period of 1st August – 31st August and 20th December – 10th January cancellation policy is no refund under 45 days.

