



USEFUL TIPS FOR A PEACEFUL & COOL HOLIDAY

Even if Kenya is awesome and provides us a warm welcome, we shouldn't forget the basic rules of caution and the regulations that exist here as in any other country.

Just because we witness certain actions or behaviors every day, we must not think that they are permitted by law or that they are safe for us.

THE MARINE PARK

Almost the entire coast that extends from Casuarina to Mida Creek is part of the Marine Park. In short, the most of the beaches of Malindi and all the beaches of Watamu, including the waters in front "our" Sardegna Due, are part of it.

We must therefore know that the boats and small boats offered by the various beach operators right in front of our beach too, are required to have a license and to pay an entrance ticket for the boat and for each passenger on it. The vessel must be equipped with life jackets too.

The KWS (Kenya Wildlife Service) rangers are around to ensure that the mentioned basic rules are followed. Boats or passengers who are not in compliance (lacking an entrance ticket to the park) are often fined for not adhering to the current regulations, causing inconvenience to unsuspecting holidaymakers who were not properly informed by the operator they chose to trust.

What to do then?

Let's ask our guide if he has a license and if he paid the entrance fee to the marine park.

Keeping the topic, we should remember another law that is valid all over Kenyan beaches: marine fauna, like shells, cannot be removed from their habitat. Puffer fish and starfish cannot be touched. In addition to the risk of being fined, we cause mortal harm to those living creatures. So, let's try to politely decline offers of a cool selfie with the starfish in our hand, even if the "guide" on duty will assure us otherwise.

GOING OUT IN THE EVENING WITHOUT STRESS

is possible, if we stick to a minimum care and common sense. The urban centers of Watamu and Malindi are close, however to reach them it is necessary to travel through isolated areas and small stretches of unlit and dirt roads.

To go out in the evening we advise to take a taxi to take us out and then take us back (the reception can help to call a taxi). Let's keep tuk tuk and motorcycles for daytime trips.

We should also remember the Kenyan Highway code, which exists, even if one might have the impression that everything is permitted. This is not the case!

Like everywhere else in the world, the helmet is mandatory to ride a motorcycle and 2 people only can share the same bike. In a car it is mandatory to fasten seat belts and respect the number of passengers allowed.

The bajaj, I.E. motorcycles, which carries an entire local family and even a couple of chickens could be funny to spot, but should not be imitated by us, because before the law the passenger is responsible.

