Kenya is not just one but two cruise destinations: the major port of Mombasa and the exotic island of Lamu.

Kenya lies astride the equator on the East Coast of Africa, a medium-sized country by continental standards covering an area of about 586,600km sq. In Kenya, you will find savannahs rich with big game, timeless cultures unchanged by the modern world, pristine beaches and coral reef, equatorial forests and mighty snow-capped mountains, searing deserts and cool highland retreats and endless opportunities for adventure, discovery, relaxation; more than you would ever expect...
EXPERIENCE

MOMBASA

Mombasa is Kenya’s coastal capital and the largest port city on the East African coast; a world of enthralling history and natural beauty. Mombasa lays claim to one of the last surviving dhow harbours in the world, a labyrinth of ancient slave caves and the brooding 16th century Portuguese Fort.

At the Port of Mombasa, the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has allocated Berths 1 and 2 for Cruise ships, which have priority. Moi International Airport is just 15 minutes away from the port and the city has many hotels to cater for cruise passengers. Mombasa is ideally placed as a home or turnaround port and is one of the few ports of call in Africa where passengers can easily fit in a day visit (by road or by air) to a wildlife safari destination for an experience unlike any other. On arrival, most passengers are handled by the ships appointed handlers. Mombasa also boasts some of the most cosmopolitan resorts in Africa – ranging from family hotels to exclusive retreats; and from deluxe spas to five-star beach resorts.
GO ON A SAFARI

A favourite safari excursion from Mombasa is to the Tsavo National Park, a two-and-half-hour drive from the port of Mombasa. Tsavo National Park represents one of Africa’s largest game reserves. Apart from lions, the savannah landscape of Tsavo is renowned for its elephant herds. Even closer to Mombasa is Shimba Hills, just south of the Mombasa city, invoking a relatively short journey via the Likoni Ferry. Shimba is a more compact game park. This is the only place in Kenya where visitors can see the rare Sable Antelope in its natural habitat. Shimba also has buffalo and elephants.

Passengers also have the option of taking pre-booked flying safaris from Mombasa Airport to more distant parks such as Amboseli and the Maasai Mara Game Reserve famous for the annual wildebeest migration.

The warm, clear waters of the Indian Ocean also allow for superb year-round exploration of one of the most beautiful coral barrier reefs in the world. And for those in search of sun and sand, Mombasa offers tropical sunshine, blue skies, and endless silver-white beaches backed by waving palms and tranquil lagoons.
MOMBASA CITY TOUR

Mombasa’s main attraction is Fort Jesus, built by the Portuguese and dating back to 1596. The Fort, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is an important historical landmark in the East-African region, a national treasure managed by the National Museums of Kenya.

Another popular destination in Mombasa is the Haller Park (Lafage Ecosystems), a former disused quarry that has been reborn as a small private game sanctuary. A major initiative was made to ‘green’ the quarry which is now a thriving game sanctuary, fully stocked with game including Giraffe, Eland, Hippo, Oryx and more.
ACTIVE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

The Kenyan coast offers a diversity of water sports: from wreck-diving to snorkelling; sailing to kitesurfing; and from deep-sea-fishing to glass-bottom-boat safaris at the Mombasa Marine National Park.

Visitors to Mombasa can also enjoy a round of golf. The courses at the coast are beautifully presented with breathtaking views over the Indian Ocean and a stunning variety of exotic flora and fauna. Palm-fringed fairways give way to indigenous forest and coral cliffs, with spectacular birdlife and troops of Sykes and Colobus monkeys making regular appearances. Be sure not to miss playing at Africa’s first PGA accredited course at Vipingo. The PGA Baobab Course is located 50kms North-East of Mombasa.
VISIT LAMU, THE ISLAND OF FESTIVALS

Cruise lines also have the option of docking in Lamu, where visitors can explore Lamu Old Town, a UNESCO world Heritage Site and one of the best preserved Swahili settlements on Africa’s East Coast. Cruise ships calling at Lamu must anchor off the island and tender passengers ashore. Lamu’s narrow streets remain unchanged, and in the markets and squares around Lamu Fort, life moves at the same pace as it always has.

There are no vehicles on this island, and the donkey and dhow remain the dominant form of transport. Lamu is a hypnotically exotic experience, made even more enjoyable by the relaxed and welcoming attitudes of the locals. The people of Lamu are great believers in tradition and custom, and this is a strong society built on a respect for the past.

To visit Lamu is to enter another world. Life slows down, and long days are spent strolling along the waterfront, exploring the town or relaxing on the beach.
PORT OF MOMBASA

Accommodation: The Kenya Ports Authority has allocated berths 1 and 2 in Kilindini Harbour for cruise ships, which have priority. These are deepwater quays with depths alongside of 9.45meters to 10.8meters LWOST.
Bunkers: Available
Fresh Water: Available
Pilotage: Compulsory
Position: Latitudes 4°03’S - Longitudes 39°39’E
Provisions: Available
Ship Suppliers: Available
Ship Repair: Available
Stowaways: Available