



DIVING IN MAFIA

Mafia Island Marine Park, a pristine and unspoilt paradise for divers and sea lovers, hosts a magical and untouched ecosystem of beautiful coral reefs and sandbanks... A place where non divers too can have amazing experiences such as swimming with whale sharks, watching turtle hatching, snorkeling in the shallow and sheltered waters of the bay, and sailing with traditional dhows.

Part of what makes diving Mafia so exceptional is the spectacular diversity of its coral reefs, flourishing under the protection of the Marine Park, which is home to most kinds of tropical marine habitat. So far, over 400 species of fish and 48 genera of coral have been identified, and Mafia's adjacent position in relation to the Rufiji River flowing outward from the Tanzanian mainland makes for a unique and fascinating biodiversity, also partly responsible for one of the longest whaleshark spotting seasons in the world, in the channel between Mafia and Tanzania. 15 years of Marine Park protection and supervision has ensured noticeable effects in terms of large, healthy corals and big schools of fish, and it is common for divers to comment on the size of our pelagic species, namely groupers.

Mafia's most spectacular dive sites are situated within the sheltered cove of Chole Bay, at depths ranging from 5 to 30 meters, making it ideal for novices and experienced divers alike. The bay provides a natural shield from monsoon winds which, from June to September and in December and January, usually prevent divers from venturing past the reef in most Tanzanian and Zanzibari destinations – but the conveniently situated islets in the Mafia archipelago guarantee all-year-round diving.

The bay is emptied out and refilled again on a six-hourly tidal basis, which enriches and refreshes the aquatic

environment, and also guaranteed excellent protection against coral damage inflicted by 'El Nino'. Most dives are planned as drift dives in accordance with the current, and a wide variety of underwater spots offer the dive enthusiast a chance to truly explore the bay, from coral reef, to wall dives. Because Mafia is such a well-kept secret, it is not uncommon to be the only boat on a particular site, and to truly experience the underwater beauty in peace and solitude. The marine life is similarly unperturbed, and turtles especially show remarkably little notice of divers.

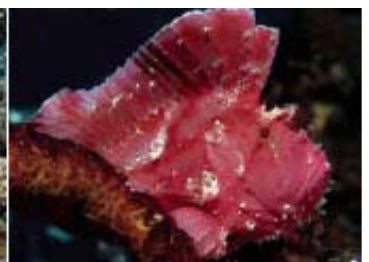
Mafia Island Sea Point, directly affiliated with PADI, offers top range scuba diving with state of the art rental equipment. Dive instructors fluent in English, French and Italian, working closely with knowledgeable and experienced dive masters, are committed to ensuring an unforgettable dive experience for everyone.

DIVE SITES INSIDE THE BAY

- KINASI WALL: depth 8-21m - running 800m in width
- CHOLE WALL: depth up to 15m - Joins Kinasi Wall
- CORAL GARDENS: Shallow water dive
excellent for snorkelling
- CORAL PATCHES: depth 9-17m
- THE PINNACLE: depth up to 24m
- KINASI PASS: depth 6-26m
- MILIMANI REEF: depth 7-19m

DIVE SITES OUTSIDE THE BAY

- DINDINI WALL: depth 8-28m
- JINA PASS: depth 8-20m
- JINA REEF: depth up to 26m
- JJINA WALL: depth 6-23m
- JUANI REEF: depth up to 24m
- MANGE REEF: depth up to 20m



Pole Pole

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GUIDED DIVES

- Single Dive
- Double Dive
- 6-dive Package
- 8-dive Package
- 10-dive Package

Prices include use of tanks, weights and guide.

EXTRAS

- Check Dive
- Night Dive
- Mangle
- Bwejuu
- Private Guide p/day

Supplement to be added to guided dives rates.

TRY DIVES & SKIN DIVING

- Introductory dive
- Discover scuba diving
- PADI Bubblemaker
- Skin diving lesson

Prices include all the necessary equipment.

PADI Learn to Dive Courses

- PADI scuba diver

First step of certification level

- Open Water Diver Course

Confined water practice, 4 open water dives and classroom lessons. Minimum Age is 10 years.

US\$

48

80

230

290

340

US\$

15

20

30

45

80

US\$

75

120

50

45

US\$

250

390

MORE PADI COURSES

- Adventure Dive
- Advanced Open Water Diver
- Speciality 1 Day
- Speciality 2 Day
- Rescue Diver
- EFR (included materials & certification)
- Dive Master

Equipment rental included on all courses

Extras: PADI educational material \$50 and PADI certification \$40

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

- Jacket/BCD
- Regulator with Octopus and Gauge
- Wet suit
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Fins
- Computer
- Torch (diving lamp)
- Complete equipment (Computer & Torch not included)

US\$

75

350

120

240

500

230

900

US\$

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20

Prices per day

Mineral water, tea and coffee always on board and complimentary.

