

PERSONALLY ARRANGED. LOCALLY SUPPORTED.

EXPERIENCES ON MAFIA ISLAND

Excursions & diving with TAITA Company Ltd



Your island experience, shaped around you.

Tanzania is our destination. Mafia is our home.

Your Trusted Partner on Mafia Island.

01 / YOUR LOCAL PARTNER

Your guests. Our personal attention.

An island experience begins with the person taking it. Some guests want a private boat and a quiet picnic; others want a small group, time in the water or a closer look at village life. TAITA helps shape the day around those preferences.

Before the excursion

Tell us about interests, swimming confidence, diving experience, preferred pace and practical needs. We select the guide or captain, discuss the right format and confirm transfers, meals and inclusions.

While your guests are here

Your clients have a TAITA contact on Mafia for questions, requests and personal assistance. We coordinate with the people delivering the experience and help adapt arrangements when conditions change.

A programme that follows the island

Boat departures, sandbank visits and dive sites follow tides and weather. We plan around these rhythms and explain any changes, keeping both guests and their travel organiser informed when needed.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Explore the map on page 3, then browse boat days, wildlife, island visits, diving and big game fishing. Durations are indicative and depend on the departure point. Private arrangements and small-group options are discussed for each outing.

THE TAITA TOUCH

Each experience includes a practical planning note and our personal contribution. Agree the final programme and inclusions with TAITA before booking.

02 / FIND YOUR EXPERIENCE

An island of possibilities.



Illustrated orientation map supplied by TAITA; activity symbols are indicative, not exact departure points.

03 / SNORKELLING & ISLAND PICNICS

Inside Chole Bay



Snorkelling in the bay



Marimbani at low tide



Snorkelling in the bay

Explore the reef with a professional guide who helps guests notice the smaller details. Allow around two hours, with longer outings available. The site and timing are selected for the tide, conditions and swimming confidence.

Marimbani Sandbank

A low-tide sandbank visit can combine guided snorkelling with time under a shade canopy. A BBQ on the sand is possible when the tide window fits lunchtime; otherwise agree a different meal arrangement.

Fisherman Island

Combine a short snorkelling stop with a quiet islet visit, shade and a freshly prepared lunch. Allow around four hours. The pace can include a swim, a walk or simply time to rest.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We match the guide and outing to privacy preferences, group size and comfort in the water, then coordinate shade, lunch and transfers.

04 / A DAY BEYOND THE BAY

Mange Sandbank

A full day on the water, with time on the sand when the tide allows.



Mange from above



BBQ and shade prepared on the sand

A changing patch of sand

Explore Mange with snorkelling or diving arranged with the dive team, then enjoy the exposed sandbank. During the crossing, guests may encounter whale sharks in season, passing humpback whales or dolphins playing near the boat. Wildlife sightings are never guaranteed.

Time to allow: a full day. Allow around two hours each way by traditional dhow, or around one hour by a faster boat; the actual journey depends on conditions.

Planning: confirm a suitable low-tide window, sea conditions and the meal plan. A BBQ on the sand depends on lunchtime coinciding with the exposed sandbank.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We arrange the boat and crew, shade and refreshments, and discuss whether this longer sea day suits your guests. The tide shapes the final programme.

05 / SEASONAL ENCOUNTERS

Two different encounters.



Whale shark at the surface

Whale shark snorkelling

A guided search off the western side of Mafia, followed by an opportunity to enter the water when conditions and the guide allow. The outing begins with a briefing and follows the animals rather than a fixed route.

Typical window: October-March.

Time: allow a full day including transfers; confirm departure and return locally.

Best suited to: guests comfortable swimming in open water.



Humpback whale

Humpback whale watching

Observe migrating humpbacks from the boat. The experience may be combined with snorkelling or a sandbank stop when routing, conditions and tides permit. Wildlife behaviour cannot be scheduled.

Typical window: August-September in the TAITA programme.

Time: around half a day.

Best suited to: wildlife enthusiasts and photographers.

Both are wildlife experiences: sightings are never guaranteed. Follow the crew's instructions, allow animals space and do not chase or touch them.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We select the operator and captain around the guest brief, explain the sea conditions and organise transfers. Private or quieter formats can be discussed.

06 / TIME UNDER SAIL

Let the day slow down.



A dhow under sail at sunset

Dhow sailing

A traditional wooden boat, the bay and time to watch the coast pass by. Sail when the wind allows, with the captain choosing a suitable route. Allow roughly two to four hours; request drinks in advance.

Sunset cruise

A slower outing to enjoy the changing light from the water. Departures can be arranged in the bay or around Kilindoni, according to the stay. Allow around two hours. Tea, coffee and small snacks can be included as agreed.



A personal pace

A quiet trip for two, a family outing or more time for photography: tell us what would make the day right for your guests.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We choose the captain and departure arrangements to suit the experience, confirm refreshments and remain the local point of contact throughout the stay.

07 / NATURE & HERITAGE

Discover Juani



Juani landscape and lagoon from above



Blue Lagoon

A guided visit to the tidal lagoon and pools. Allow around 2-3 hours; the route and any swimming follow local conditions and the guide's advice.



Kua Ruins

Walk among the remains of a historic Swahili settlement on Juani. Allow around two hours for the visit, plus access and transfers.



Turtle hatching

Often possible June-September, with conservation teams monitoring nests. Attendance may be confirmed only at short notice; a hatch cannot be promised.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We coordinate boat access, guiding and timing, and pass on conservation updates. These are separate options; a combined day depends on tides and availability.

08 / A LIVING ISLAND

Chole, on foot.

Take time to discover history alongside everyday island life.



Exploring the historic remains on Chole



Chole from above

A walk with context

A local guide introduces the island through its paths, historic buildings and community life. The visit can include the remains of earlier settlements and colonial-era structures, with time to understand the maritime traditions that shaped Chole.

Time to allow: around 2-3 hours for the visit; transfers depend on the starting point and tide.

Best suited to: guests interested in Swahili heritage, local life and a gentle change of pace from boat activities.

Wear suitable walking footwear and dress respectfully. Ask before taking photographs of people; visits to community spaces should be arranged with local hosts.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We match the walk to guests' interests and pace, arrange the guide and boat connection, and discuss any specific interests before the visit.

09 / RAS MBISI & KANGA

Time on the western coast



Kanga Beach



Ras Mbisi

Kanga Beach

A beach day reached through the coconut-growing landscape, with time to walk, rest or swim when conditions suit. A shaded lunch can be arranged, or a meal at a local property by prior agreement.

Ras Mbisi

A quieter coastal outing for guests who enjoy open beach, photography and an unhurried day. Allow a full day for a relaxed excursion, with the route adapted to the starting point.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We arrange the excursion by 4x4, selecting the most suitable vehicles and our most trusted local drivers. Stops, pace and meals are tailored to your guests.

10 / BEYOND THE SHORE

A different side of Mafia



The lighthouse at the northern tip of Mafia



The northern lighthouse

Travel through villages towards the lighthouse at the far north of the island. Make space for the journey and coastal scenery: from Utende or Kilindoni, allow roughly two hours each way by road.

Hippo-viewing excursion

Explore an inland wetland area with a local guide. The animals can be elusive and sightings are not guaranteed. Allow around 2-3 hours for the excursion, with transfer time confirmed from the lodge.

Mafia Island Tour: your own route

A full-day excursion shaped around interests and pace. Discuss a selection of village stops, the northern coast, Kanga, local markets or shorter walks; the day is planned around realistic driving time.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We build the route with your guests, select the guide and organise lunch and stops. Your TAITA contact helps with personal requests and changes on the day.

11 / DIVING WITH TAITA

Small details. A whole underwater world.



Recreational diving on Mafia

Shore diving & macro life

Explore sites such as Nudi City, Frogfish Town and Chekechea, typically around 10 metres deep. A single, tide-dependent dive for guests interested in small marine life and photography. Night dives may be arranged.

Inside Chole Bay

Usually two dives over around 4.5 hours, often at 12-15 metres. Site selection follows certification and experience. Kinasi Pass requires Advanced Open Water certification for these outings.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We share each diver's certification, recent experience and interests with the dive team, coordinate the outing and provide personal assistance on the island.

12 / DIVING WITH TAITA

Beyond the bay



A closer look at marine life



Reef diving

Outside the bay

Wall and drift dives in more exposed water. These outings require Advanced Open Water certification. Two dives, up to around 6.5 hours; typical depths around 18 metres, up to 25 metres.

Sandbank diving

A full-day outing to southern reefs, with one or two dives according to the tide. Subject to suitable weather and a minimum number of participants. Snorkellers may join when appropriate; a sandbank BBQ depends on access.

Exploration diving

For experienced divers interested in less familiar sites and open-water exploration. These outings require Advanced Open Water and at least 80 logged dives. Availability and suitability need individual confirmation.

Before confirming: the dive operator assesses suitability, equipment and conditions. Agree current prerequisites and departure times, and leave an appropriate no-fly interval after diving.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We liaise with the dive team around experience, interests and the wider itinerary, and help coordinate practical arrangements before and during the stay.

13 / OFFSHORE FISHING

Big game fishing

A dedicated day on the water, shaped around the guest and the sea.



Fishing moments and boat details

An offshore experience

For guests who want to spend time fishing beyond the shore, TAITA can arrange a dedicated outing with a captain and crew. Tell us about their experience, interests and preferred pace so we can discuss a suitable trip.

Personalised before departure

We coordinate the boat and crew, agree the departure point and duration, and clarify equipment, refreshments and transfers. First-time anglers and experienced guests may want different arrangements; the brief starts with them.

A day that follows conditions

The captain selects the route according to the sea and weather. Fishing involves time searching and waiting; catches are never guaranteed. Confirm the fishing area, applicable rules and catch-handling arrangements before departure.

THE TAITA TOUCH

We match the outing to your guests, coordinate the practical details and remain their local contact on Mafia. Ask us for the current options and inclusions.

Your local partner, throughout the stay.

**Every guest is different.
Their island experience should be too.**

Share the dates, interests, preferred pace and any practical needs. We will help choose the experiences, personalise the arrangements and be the local point of contact for your guests on Mafia.

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