

HEMINGWAYS

WATAMU

FESTIVE
PROGRAMME

24 DEC 2025 - 1 JAN 2026





Celebrate the Season at Hemingways Watamu

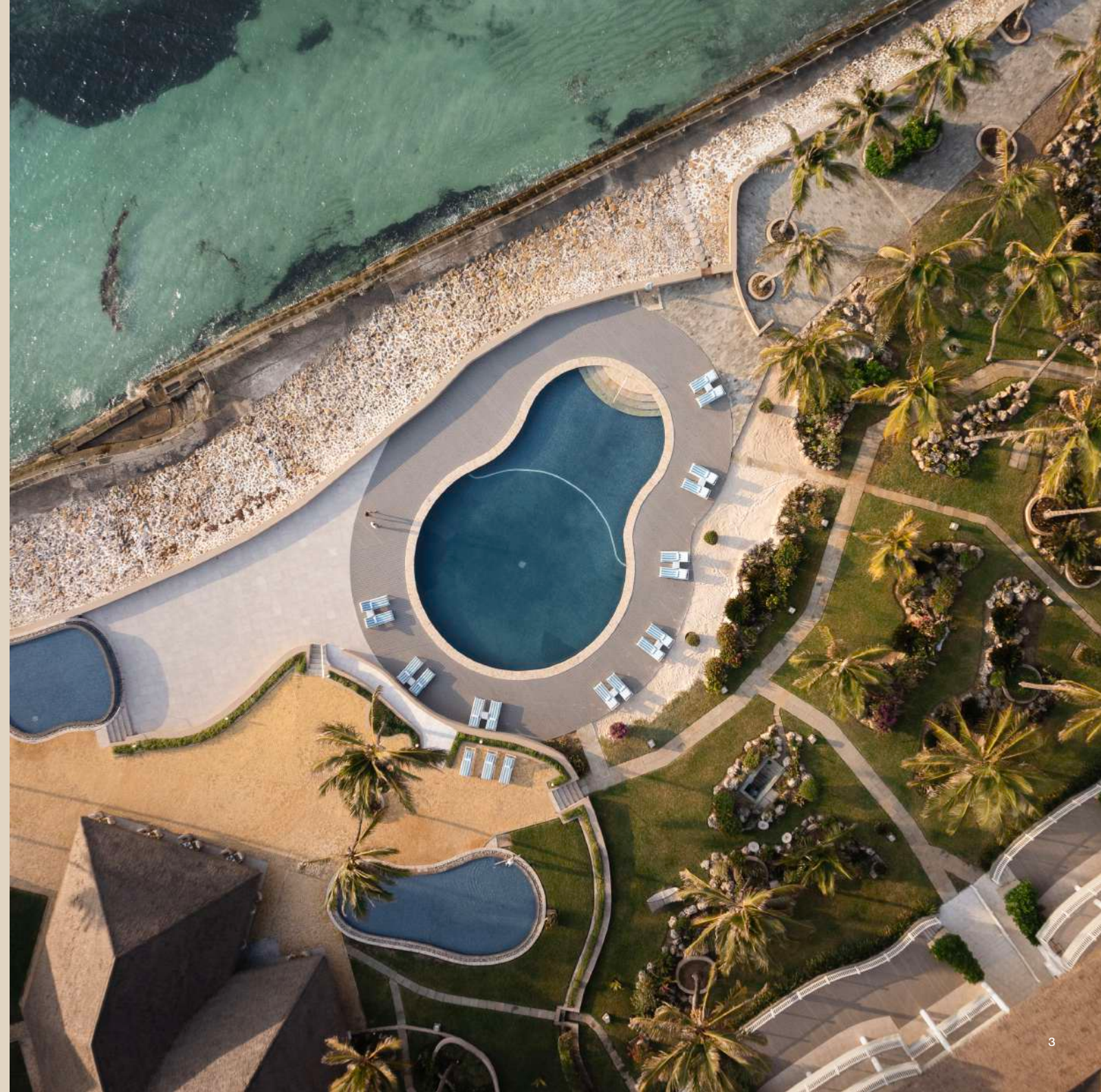
There's something magical about Christmas on the Kenyan coast, the warmth of the ocean breeze, the golden evenings, and the laughter that fills every corner of our hotel. This festive season, Hemingways Watamu invites you to share in that spirit.

From oceanfront celebrations and live music under the stars to indulgent feasts and timeless traditions, our festive calendar is designed to bring people together.

Whether you're joining us for a sunset dhow cruise, a beachside game, or a black-tie New Year's Eve party, every moment is crafted with the care, warmth, and authenticity that define the Hemingways experience.

We invite you to make this Christmas your own story, one of connection, joy, and celebration by the sea.

Every stay a story





FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

SUDI PRIVATE ISLAND BBQ DINNER

Enjoy a magical evening on a secluded sand island at the southern tip of Mida Creek.

Dine by bonfire light as our chef grills freshly barbecued meats with salads, sauces, and dips.

With live music, dancing, and starlit skies, it's an unforgettable night on the creek.

Cost: KES 15,000 per person (KWS entrance fees not included). Minimum 10 people

FISHING & YACHTING

Catch your Special Catch of the Day, tag your first billfish, or enjoy a dolphin-watching adventure on the turquoise waters. Create unforgettable memories with family or friends aboard our private charter boats.

Special Offer:
Half Day / Full Day –
From KES 97,500 per boat
(max 4–8 people)

THE HEMINGWAYS DHOW SUNDOWNER CRUISE

Sail into the sunset on a traditional Swahili dhow and witness the beauty of Mida Creek as the African sky turns gold.

Our chef and bartender serve freshly grilled dishes, refreshing cocktails, and chilled beverages as you relax, swim, or spot migratory birds at dusk.

Cost: KES 10,000 per person (KWS entrance fees not included)

OTHER WATERSPORTS

Make the most of the ocean with kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, windsurfing, snorkelling, and scuba diving.

Visit the Activities Centre to learn more or make a booking.



THE WATAMU ASHES BEACH CRICKET 30 December 2025

Join the Hemingways Team from 04:00 PM for a friendly, spirited beach match as Hemingways takes on Ocean Sports.

Cheer from the sidelines or grab a bat and be part of the fun!

MAMBRUI SAND DUNES

Discover the breathtaking golden dunes of Mamburi, a serene blend of adventure and peace. Walk barefoot on the soft sand and capture sweeping coastal views that make for the perfect photo moment.

ELEPHANT WATCHING AT ARABUKO SOKOKE FOREST

Experience the magic of twilight as elephants gather at the Arabuko swamp. Watch them graze, bathe, and roam freely in this untouched landscape, a moment of pure wonder.

(KWS entrance fees not included).



BOOKINGS

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FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

THE SPA

Relax, Rejuvenate, Recharge

Indulge in bespoke spa treatments designed to restore balance and wellbeing. Choose from massages, facials, and festive pampering packages for you and your loved ones.

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full spa menus



CHRISTMAS GIFT - THE BOUTIQUE SHOP

Celebrate the Season in Style

Find the perfect gift this festive season at the Hemingways Watamu Boutique. Browse unique African-inspired pieces, artisanal home décor, and resort wear that capture the spirit of Watamu.



FESTIVE EVENTS

Savour the season with unforgettable, culinary themed dinners and live entertainment.

CHRISTMAS EVE
BUFFET
24 December 2025

Entertainment:
Scott the Violinist

Dine under the stars to the sounds of Scott's enchanting violin melodies.

OPULENCE CHRISTMAS
DINNER BUFFET
25 December 2025

Entertainment:
Richie the Saxophonist

Celebrate Christmas Day in true Hemingways style with rich flavours, elegant ambience, and soulful saxophone tunes.

THYMED
FESTIVE BUFFET
26 December 2025

Entertainment:
Stanley the Duo

A garden-inspired buffet bursting with fresh seasonal ingredients and mellow live music.

KENYAN SPECIAL
DINNER BUFFET
27 December 2025

Entertainment: Live Band

Savour authentic Kenyan flavours and vibrant local rhythms under the warm coastal sky.

MONGOLIAN
DINNER BUFFET
28 December 2025

Entertainment: Sail Wind

Experience Mongolian-style grill stations and exotic aromas with uplifting live music.

ZANZIBAR
DINNER BUFFET
29 December 2025

Entertainment: Alfred Jazz

Journey through the spices of Zanzibar with smooth jazz and a relaxed evening atmosphere.

MOROCCAN
DINNER BUFFET
30 December 2025

Flavours of the Steppes
A celebration where the wild spirit of the Mongolian steppe meets festive indulgence. Step into a world of Moroccan-inspired décor, fragrant tagines, and the uplifting rhythm of live music.



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FESTIVE EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE BLACK TIE PARTY 31 December 2025

Entertainment:
Safari Sounds Band & DJ
Protégé

Ring in the New Year in timeless Hemingways style with gourmet dining, live music, and a spectacular fireworks display over the Indian Ocean. Toast to new beginnings beneath the stars as music, laughter, and fireworks light up the night sky.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SPECIAL CURRY LUNCH 1 January 2026

Entertainment:
Stanley The Duo

Ease into the New Year with flavourful curries and coastal charm. A relaxed afternoon of comfort food, sea breeze, and live music.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEDITERRANEAN DINNER BUFFET 1 January 2026

Savour the bright, xfresh flavours of the Mediterranean to close out the festive season. Enjoy ocean-fresh dishes and a breezy coastal ambience as the celebrations come to a close.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE LAST BITES OF THE YEAR 31 December 2025

Entertainment:
Safari Sounds Band & DJ
Protégé

End the night with cocktails, canapés, and smooth beats. Savour the final flavours of the year before dancing your way into 2026.

NEW YEAR'S DAY KARAOKE & LIVE MUSIC 1 January 2026

Entertainment:
Stanley The Duo

Sing in the New Year. Join us at the main bar from midday for karaoke and live performances complemented by fresh Bloody Marys and our annual charity fundraiser in support of Gede Special School.



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LOCATION & CONTACT

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