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News

Clinton In Kenya - KTB Statement

News Overview

"Former US President Bill Clinton stopped off in Kenya recently for both business and pleasure, during his 6 country African tour. He pledged further charitable support from the Clinton Foundation and also found time to relax and enjoy his stay in Nairobi. Clinton met with Kenyan President Kibaki in Nairobi. Without doubt the most popular US President among Kenyans; he also took time to meet with many locals, especially those involved with projects supported by his charitable foundation. He pledged to help Kenya expand HIV/AIDS care and treatment, particularly for children and people in rural areas who traditionally receive the fewest services. Mr. Clinton said his foundation had received grants worth \$1.5 million to help train medical workers for rural areas. During his stay in Nairobi, he stayed at the **Serena Hotel**. He visited several schools and took time out to meet with children. Speaking of the warmth of his welcome, he expressed a desire to continue developing his relationship with Kenya in order to "reinvigorate political will" towards AIDS treatment programmes.



Kenya is a popular destination with former Presidents, especially Jimmy Carter, who has visited Kenya numerous times both for charitable work and safaris."

Safari Destination Guide

Selous Game Reserve

The Selous Game Reserve lies in a region that is too familiar to us. It is a reserve, which is just a hop, skip and jump away from our maternal grandparents homeland in Southern Tanzania. From a non-scientific perspective, the Selous Game Reserve and some of the regions surrounding it, are in the same pristine conditions they had been decades back, as we recall, with dense forests, wildlife seeping out to homesteads, impressive concentrations of wildlife in the Selous Game Reserve as well in the pockets surrounding it, and diverse vegetation types which included tall palm trees on the Rufiji River, acacia, and savannah grassland scattered all over the reserve. I remember our mother telling stories of how during the good old days when they had to go fetch water from the well in the middle of night, the bushes would produce two small watchful eyes reflected by the light from her lantern, which was quite normal to encounter such moments.

The term Selous, pronounced *Se-l-ooou* without including the letter "s" as suffix, was named after an Englishman by the name of Frederick Courteney Selous. The game reserve has one word to describe it: Unique. Selous Game Reserve has an area of 48,000 square kilometers, which is 5% of Tanzania's surface area, and bigger than Switzerland or Denmark. Although Selous being so full-sized, only



less than 16% of the game reserve is accessible to visitors who are interested in nature, wildlife and photographic safaris. This fact is not revealed commonly when Selous Game Reserve is being discussed as a destination for nature and wildlife lovers. Regardless of the size, the wildlife and nature resource opportunities are endless, superb as well in pristine conditions. The area accessible to AfricanMecca guests includes everything north of the Rufiji River; everything below the Rufiji River is accessible only to professional hunters and game controllers.

Time of the Year to Visit Selous Game Reserve

The best times to visit Selous Game Reserves are from the late-May to beginning of November with short rains that include some dry spells occurring on and off to the end of February. From March through the mid or late May, depending, are the long rains. The time of the year which gives the best botanical experience is between the months of January and February during the short dry spells, which gives the vegetation an opportunity to soak up some sunshine and lets them pride their beautiful colors and lush greenery.

[Click here for a complete guide to Selous Game Reserve including videos.](#)

Selous Safari Camp

AfricanMecca Tier 1 Accommodation. [Click here](#) for details on Safari Tier™

The Selous Safari Camp has the prime position at the center of the unique riverine and lake complex, with the highest concentration of African wildlife and myriad birdlife. There are no fences and no artificial modifications to the natural fauna where animals wander freely through the camp. His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, and his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry were guests at the Selous Safari Camp in 1997.

[Click here for complete information on Selous Safari Camp](#)
[Indian Ocean Beach Destination Guide](#)

Zanzibar Island - Indian Ocean's Serene & Romantic Destination

The paradisiacal shores of Zanzibar are as exotic as its name. Rugged coral and limestone scarps form a sheltered backdrop to tranquil, castor-sugar beaches that slope gently down into crystal-clear waters, abundant with marine life. Tall coconut palms and stalking Pandanus cast their wandering shadows over the white sands and swaying hammocks, while Green Wood Hoopoes and Weaverbirds flit and flutter between the green leaves and pendulous fruit high above.

Pristine beach locations of Zanzibar include areas such as: Mangapwani, a rather remote and therefore more peaceful and less visited beach location, and its golden sands fringed with Palm trees and Screw Pines have the tranquil atmosphere of a lost paradise. Further up, on the northern tip of the island, is the popular Nungwi Peninsular, with its boat building industry, coral lagoons and Turtle Aquarium. On the northeastern coast are the seemingly endless crystalline shores of Matemwe and Mchangani. It is down this eastern



seaboard that most of the luxury resort hotels are located, although there are also wonderful locations further south at Michamvi, Bwejuu and Jambiani. On the Southern tip of the Island are some remote and rugged beaches, yet there are adventures and activities like dolphin watching.

[Click here for more information on Zanzibar Island](#)



Ocean Paradise Resort - Zanzibar

AfricanMecca Five Star Experience. [Click here](#) for details on AfricanMecca

Rating

Located on the picturesque North East coast, overlooking the turquoise Indian Ocean, Ocean Paradise as the name suggests, is a little piece of heaven. At Ocean Paradise Resort, you will be greeted by a blaze of color as you sweep down the imposing driveway, saluted by a Maasai warrior as you pass through the entrance gate and be captivated as you arrive in reception and look out over the resort and the azure blue sea. Tall coconut palms swinging in the breeze, white sandy beach, beautiful landscaped gardens, traditional style round chalets with pitched makuti roof, a stunning waterfall feature and the largest swimming pool in Zanzibar are just some of the sights that await you. A big smile and the greeting of "Jambo" will be the first words you hear, as you begin to feel the warmth that the people of Zanzibar are famed for.



[Click here](#) for complete details on Ocean Paradise Resort

Recommended Zanzibar Beach & Cultural Program

Overnight Prices

Ocean Paradise Resort: From US \$105 or GBP 64 per person sharing.

Programs Inclusions: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and all taxes.

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