







# Kenya

Marine Conservation & PADI Scuba Diving

7 days fully guided dive tour

Camps International is an award winning social enterprise that balances profits with philanthropy. We operate a permanent network of international volunteer camps in the heart of rural communities and wildlife conservation areas through our wholly owned operations in Latin America, East Africa and Asia. Camps are located where poverty levels are high and there are significant environmental and wildlife conservation challenges.

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## **Overview**

## **Highlights**

- Learn amazing new skills through PADI Open Water & Advanced certifications
- R&R day at Diani Beach
- Whale / dolphin spotting

#### Included

- Comprehensive travel insurance
- PADI Open Water & Advanced courses
- Fully staffed camps and local guides
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Unlimited drinking water
- All transfers listed in itinerary in private vehicles
- Project costs and management
- 24 hours support through expedition
- Risk assessments for all activities and locations

#### Not included

- International flights
- Visa
- Vaccinations
- Spending money
- Additional food and drinks
- Personal equipment
- Additional dives outside of courses paid for

## Camp Kenya

In 2010, Camp Kenya won the East African Ecotourism Award for the most sustainable Community Based Tourism Enterprise. This recognition was gained from having established permanent camps alongside rural villages and wildlife conservation (terrestrial and marine) areas where poverty levels are high and there is virtually no form of income beyond small-scale subsistence farming, to create critical cash economies in areas that would otherwise never benefit from tourism.

### **Ocean Camp**

This is Camp Kenya's most exciting Ocean Camp for Scuba Diving. It is located right on the ocean front of a sleepy little fishing town called Shimoni. For centuries the caves were used as "Kayas" (shrines) and also as hiding places where local people would go to avoid attack by marauding tribes. A rare species of bat, the Flying Fox, which have made the caves their home. In addition, the Shimoni forest, coast, and marine ecosystems are an ever-present attraction. With fringing coral reefs and scattered with islands, Shimoni is a true reflection of Kenya's rural coastline and a haven for divers.



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## 7 Day Fully Guided Dive Tour Itinerary

# Day 1: Arrival & safety briefing (Overnight Ocean Camp)

Ocean Camp is situated approximately 74km south of Likoni and 53km from Diani Beach. Allow for an early Mombasa departure to arrive in camp by midday. After a full camp orientation and safety briefing, lunch will be served. This idyllic setting will be your dive centre for the next four days and you will be welcomed by the dive crew.

# Day 2: Theory Chapters (Overnight Ocean Camp)

Today you will cover theory chapters 1,2 & 3 and come to grips with the lingo and basic principles of scuba diving. This part of the course will prepare you for your first taste of life underwater! After lunch, there will be pool sessions 1,2 & 3. This is where you will be introduced to the basic skills of scuba diving.

# Day 3: Theory Pool Session (Overnight Ocean Camp)

Once again, you will be met by our dive instructors where you'll be briefed on the big day ahead of you. Today is where you fully experience the underwater adventure! In the morning session you will complete sea sessions 1 & 2. Then back on dry land for a well-deserved hour lunch break. In the afternoon back to the books for theory and understanding the all-important recreational dive table. Get a good rest. Exams tomorrow!

## Day 4: PADI Exams (Overnight Ocean Camp)

This morning, your dive instructors will cover the final 2 chapters in the theory section of the course, chapters 4 & 5. This is followed by a theoretical exam on all 5 chapters you have covered over the past two and a half days. Break for lunch and in the afternoon you will have your final pool session.

# Day 5: Final PADI Day & Wasini Dolphin / Whale spotting (Overnight Ocean Camp)

The big final day! This is where you will put into practice all you have learned over the past 3 days completing sessions 3&4. This is an excursion into Kisite Marine Park to complete your diving training. Hopefully get up close and personal with life under water: angel fish, star fish, turtles and if you are extremely lucky dolphin! In the afternoon, you will collect your final certification.

# Day 6: R&R Beach Day (Overnight Ocean Camp)

A well deserved rest and relaxation day! We have organised a fun and relaxed beach day in Diani which is only 45 mins drive. You deserve to let your hair down and relax on the beautiful white sandy beach of Diani and lunch at Nomads restaurant.

#### **Day 8: Departure**

Departure timings are flexible to suit your return transfer to Mombasa International Airport.



Although it is our intention to operate the itinerary as detailed above, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of climatic conditions, alterations to flight schedules, or other operational factors.