

A photograph of a traditional dhow sailboat on the water at sunset. The boat's large, light-colored sail is prominent on the right side, catching the low light. Two people are visible on the deck of the boat. The background shows a calm sea and a distant shoreline under a twilight sky with soft orange and blue hues.

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Tamarind Dhow Mombasa

A Sunset Dinner Cruise Experience for Delegates

Tamarind Dhow Jetty, Nyali · Evening Cruise for Delegates

Optional evening activity for the Uthabiti Africa ACF Mombasa 2026 planning team

About the Experience

Babulkher and Nawalilkher are two of the largest Jahazis in Kenya, built entirely by traditional methods — with no electrical tools — at Mtandoni, a small village near Lamu renowned for its dhow-building expertise.

The dhows once sailed between Lamu, Mombasa, Zanzibar, Saudi Arabia, Oman and the Persian Gulf, carrying cargoes of spices, mangrove poles, tea, carpets and coffee. Nawalilkher was converted to her present interior in 1986, and Babulkher in 1993, both by the same seventy-year-old master dhow builder, Fundi Bini, who originally built them at Mtandoni.

55

Guests — Babulkher

70

Guests — Nawalilkher

1986 / 93

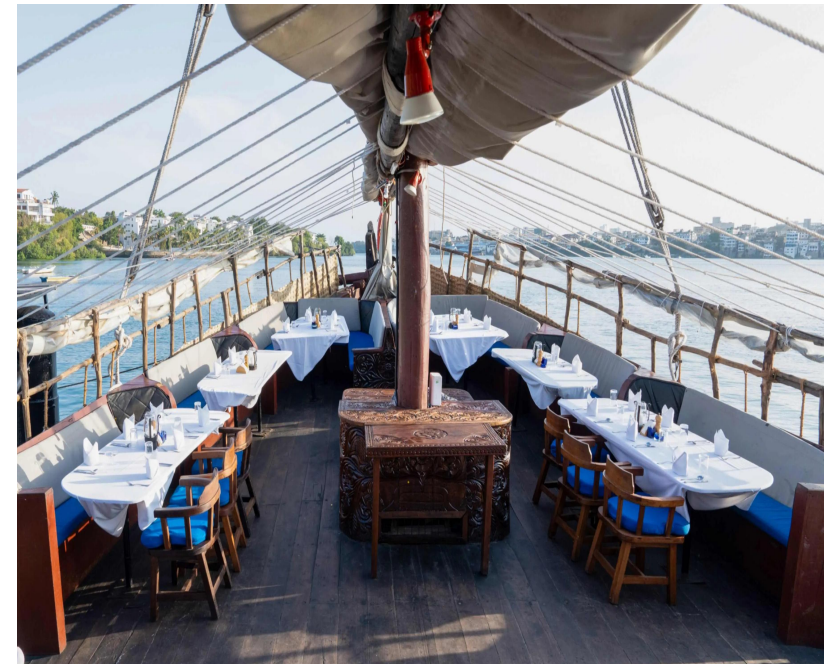
Refitted by Fundi Bini



The Cruise Route

Depending on tide. The dhow departs Tamarind Jetty toward Fort Jesus, passing the sites of Mombasa Old Town, then cruises into Tudor Creek, under Nyali Bridge, to the end of the creek.

- 1 Tamarind Dhow Jetty
- 2 Fort Jesus
- 3 Old Port Mombasa
- 4 English Point Marina
- 5 Nyali Bridge
- 6 Tudor Creek
- 7 Kibarani
- 8 Mshomoroni / Mikindani



Evening Cruise Rate

Price is per person, negotiated for ACF delegates. Includes a welcome drink, a four-course set meal with seafood and non-seafood options (vegetarian available on request), and live entertainment on board.

Evening Cruise

US\$60 per person · KES 7,764 per person

Kids under 12: half price · ~US\$30 / KES 3,882

- Arrival & boarding from 6:00pm
- Sail time 6:30pm – 10:00pm
- Welcome drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic Dawa)
- Four-course meal
- Vegetarian option on request
- Live entertainment on board

** Approximate at ~KES 129.4 = US\$1; confirm exact rate at time of booking.*

Dhow Dinner Menu

Four-course dinner cruise menu — seafood and non-seafood options available on every course.

WELCOME

Welcome Dawa

Served alcoholic or non-alcoholic.

STARTER

Palm Heart Salad

Native palm heart, mango, cucumber, sweet peppers with avocado and cherry tomatoes, lime and olive oil dressing.

SOUP

Butternut Soup

A delightful creamy butternut squash soup with ginger and coriander.

DESSERT

Dessert Sampler

Miniature passion mousse, berry brûlée tart, tropical cured fruits.

MAIN COURSE (choose one)

Lobster

Char-grilled, seasonal vegetables, garlic butter sauce

Prawns

Grilled with lime & garlic butter, or Piri-Piri

Seafood Swahili

Sautéed in garlic, turmeric, saffron, coconut cream

Beef Fillet

Prime-aged, char-grilled, pepper sauce

Dhow Mixed Grill

Prawn, beef fillet, lamb chops, seafood Swahili, chicken & fish

Spring Chicken

Succulently grilled, pepper sauce

Fish Fillet

Grilled, lime and butter sauce

All main courses served with coconut rice or sautéed potatoes.

Book Your Cruise

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