



# SAILFISH ON FLY, KENYA



## ABOUT UNIQUELY FLY

At *Uniquely Fly*, we craft unforgettable, privately guided fly fishing adventures in some of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Our mission is to combine world-class fly fishing with expert instruction and seamless travel experiences — tailored to anglers of all levels who are looking to improve their skills.

Every trip is led by a dedicated fly fishing expert and tailor-made to your personal goals — whether you're aiming to land your first billfish on fly or refine your casting on the trout rivers of the English countryside.

Pre-trip consultations and coaching are included with every booking — in person or online — so you can hit the water running on Day 1.

We don't chase long seasons. We only fish our destinations at the *peak* times of year, ensuring you have the greatest possible opportunity for success on the water.

This is fly fishing travel, elevated. It's personal. It's *Uniquely Yours*.



## ABOUT LAMU & KIWAYU ISLANDS

Lamu Island is a timeless coastal gem on Kenya's northern shore — a UNESCO World Heritage Site steeped in Swahili history, where life moves at the pace of the tides.

With no cars, winding alleyways, and dhow sails dotting the sea, it offers a glimpse into a beautifully preserved culture.

Beyond its charm, Lamu & Kiwyau is a gateway to some of the richest inshore and offshore fisheries in East Africa, combining world-class fly fishing with authentic cultural immersion and laid-back island living.

The island provides unparalleled access to the islands, mangrove systems, reefs, rock formations, drop offs, and excellent infrastructure.

Days of fishing can be interspersed with visits to cultural centres, sunset sails in traditional Dhows, and lots more.







## SAILFISH ON FLY

We only run our seasons at the best time of year and this is in **October & November**.

**October & November** sees huge numbers of sailfish migrate down the Kenya coast.

Expect to raise 8-20 sailfish per day to cast at behind the boat, each an average of 50-60+ lbs. We also see a huge number of sailfish fining and feeding on the surface making sight casting to these fish a reality.

Wahoo, yellowfin tuna, and dorado are also in the mix offshore.

On the **inshore** side of things, small GTs, Oxeye Tarpon, and Mangrove Snappers (Cubera) are our main targets in the mangroves and on the reef edges. This fishing is best done in Kiwayu.





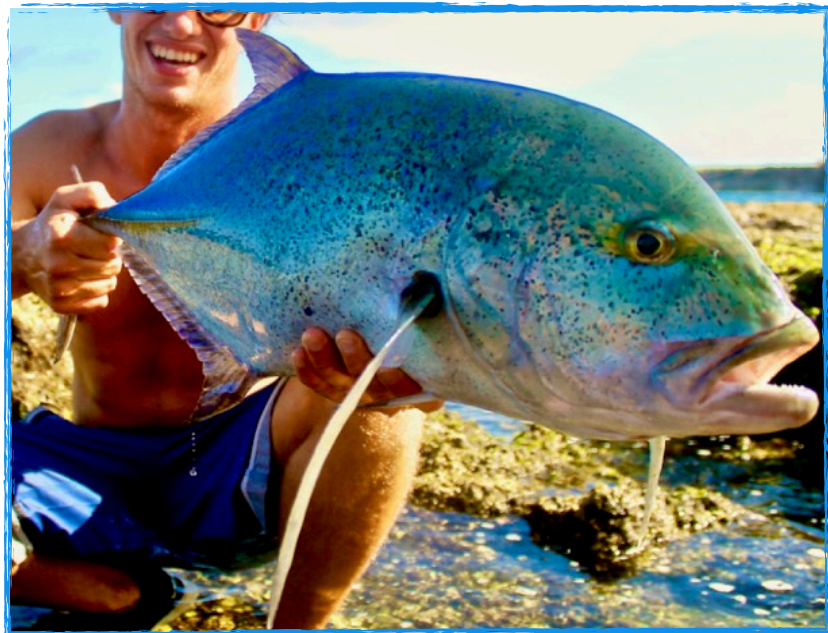
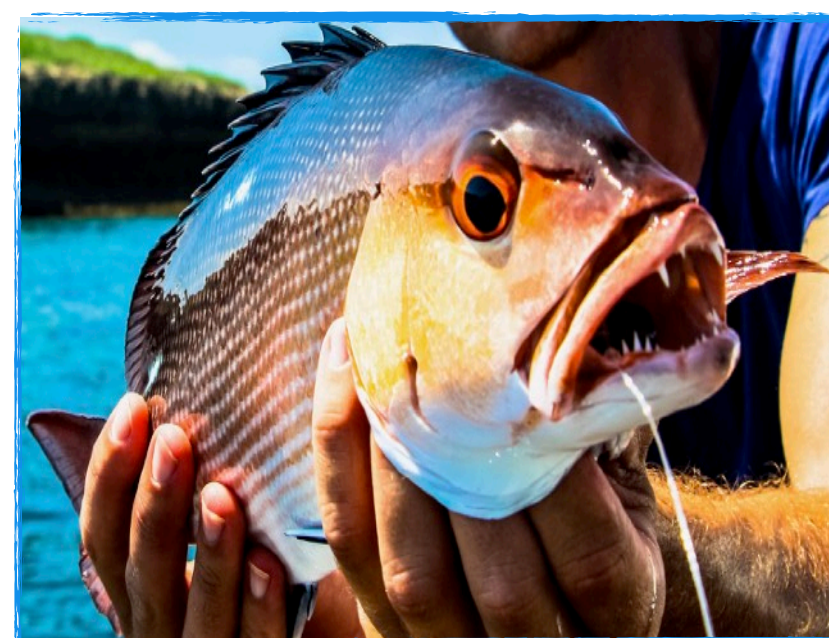
# OFFSHORE SPECIES



*Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Sailfish, Dorado, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, and more*



# INSHORE SPECIES



*GT, Bluefin Trevally, Oxeye Tarpon, Mangrove Snappers, and more*



## OUR TEAM



**Offshore** - will fish from "Little Toot" a 31ft Blackfin powered by twin Perkins diesel engines.

The boat comes equipped with 2 beds to relax on, a bathroom, and all the fishing gear you'll need to catch both marlin and sailfish on fly.

Our captain, Nils, and his two crew members have been fishing off Lamu for 30+ years and their wealth of experience puts us on the fish ensuring you get plenty of chances to catch billfish on fly.

**Inshore** - The inshore fishing is run from panga style skiffs, with our local captain, Taimea, ex No Boundaries skipper for Oman. Growing up in Lamu, he knows the area like the back of his hand.

**Jamie Melvin**, will always be on board both the inshore and offshore boats to guide you.







## YOUR HOST - JAMIE MELVIN

Born and raised in Kenya, Jamie Melvin is the founder and lead guide at Uniquely Fly.

A lifelong angler, Jamie has dedicated his life to chasing fish on the fly — from the Indian Ocean and Caribbean to the far reaches of the Galápagos and the trout streams of the UK.

Jamie's passion for fly fishing is as infectious as the laughter and energy he brings to every trip.

There are few countries where he hasn't cast a fly, and few species he hasn't either caught — or fought memorably.

While he's at home in all water, his true obsession is saltwater fly fishing, especially for Permit, Tarpon, Triggerfish, GTs and Billfish.

From the moment you land to the moment you leave, Jamie uses his experience to guide you both on the ground and while you're fishing, to ensure you have a trip of a lifetime.

"He is so organised, kind, and funny, and his presence relaxed us - a friend (he has become) who made wonderful choices for us." - Valerie Dawson, 2023







## LAMU ISLAND - ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

**Peponi Hotel** - a family-run 4-star hotel on the northern tip of Lamu Island which has been operating since 1967.

Sitting on the beach of Lamu's charming Shela Village, it is a stunning establishment that truly feels like a home away from home.

The food is absolutely spectacular, the service is excellent, and there is nowhere better to have a cold drink after a day of fishing.

The rooms are beautifully laid out, comfortable, and all come with sea views. You have the option to share a room or have a room to yourself.

Breakfasts are included during your stay at Peponi. Lunches and dinners can be ordered at the restaurant.







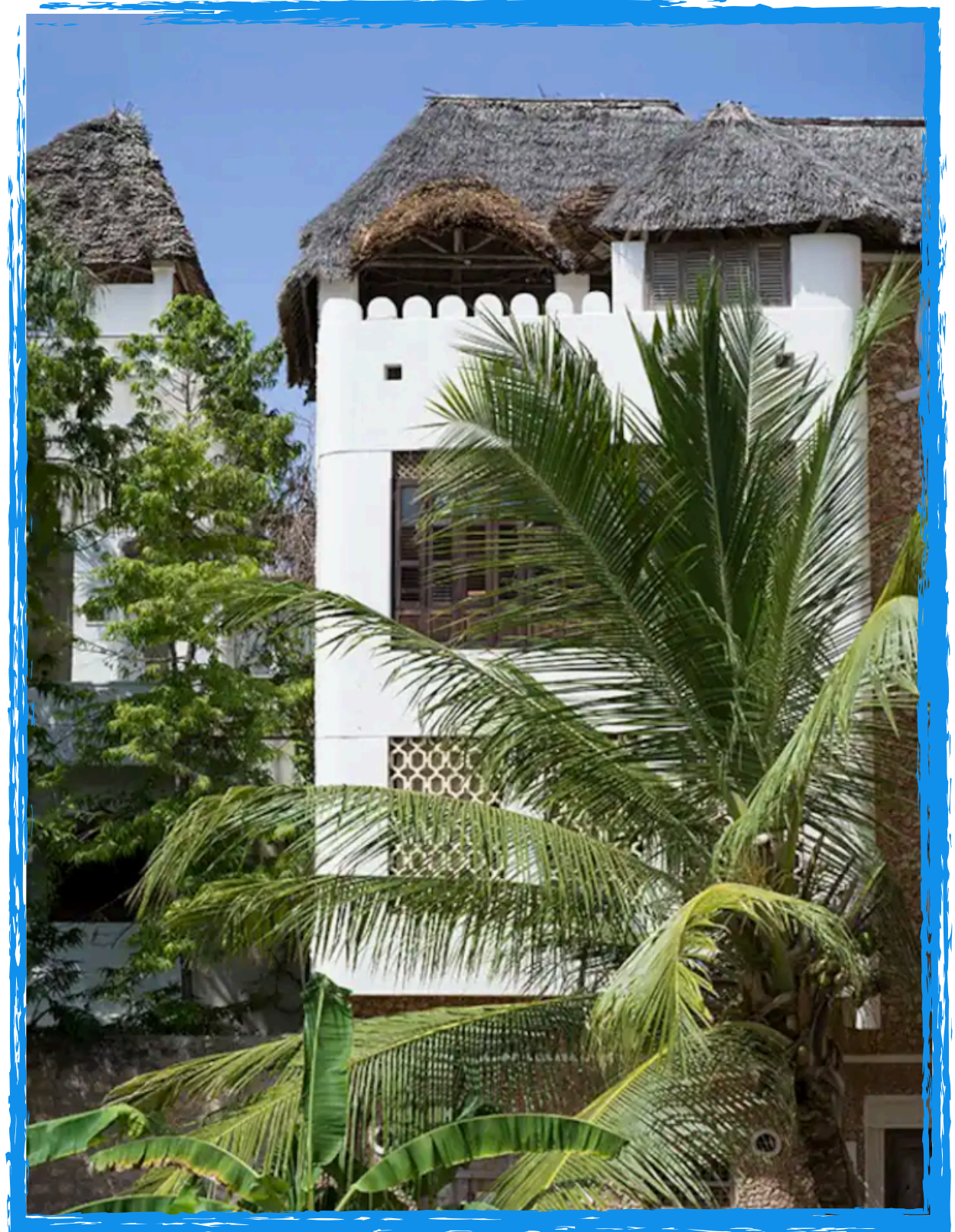
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**Private House** - Hidden away in a quiet corner of Shela Village on Lamu Island, this beautiful home comes with 3 double ensuite bedrooms spread over 2 floors with a stunning rooftop area.

It is the perfect home away from home for you fly fishing adventure.

The house pays tribute to beautiful Swahili architecture and is fully staffed with a chef, laundry, maid service and more.

It's a 5-min walk to the beach, Peponi Hotel, and to where you will meet your boat each day.







## KIWAYU ISLAND - ACCOMMODATION

**Mike's Camp** - is one of the most unique island camps I have experienced. Beautifully laid out with sandy paths linking the rooms, to the bar, dinner table, and lounge area it is a remarkable place.

Each room is made from local materials, beautiful decorated in its own character, and comes with amazing sea views across the island.

Each evening, we will dine under the stars with the guests and owners of the lodge, sharing stories about our days on the water.

You will have your own private room while staying here. All meals are included while at Mike's Camp.







## TAILOR MADE ITINERARIES

All our itineraries at Uniquely Fly are tailor-made for every trip. This gives you the option to create your perfect combo of inshore and offshore days as well as days off to explore the island.

We also offer multi-island itineraries that combine both Lamu Island and Kiwayu Island into one package - and we fish to get to and from each so no times ever wasted.

## TRIP CONSULTATION

In order to create your ideal itinerary, it is important to have a trip consultation with Jamie. He has guided these trips many times, and thus can put together the perfect adventure for you. Please get in touch with him at [uniquelyflytravel@gmail.com](mailto:uniquelyflytravel@gmail.com) to set up your consultation.

There is an **example itinerary** available on the next page for your reference.





## EXAMPLE ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Arrival Day

Having landed at Lamu Airport, Kenya you will be met by your host (Jamie). It is then a short walking to your boat taxi and a 20 min ride to Shela Village on Lamu Island. Jamie will escort you to your chosen accommodation and get you settled in.

Relax into paradise before a fly fishing coaching session at 4:30 pm on the beachfront with Jamie. We will run through casting practice, how to fish for billfish, tarpon, and other species to ensure you are ready to rumble on Day 1.

### Day 2,3,4,5,6,7 - Fishing Days 1,2,3,4,5,6

Depending on our fishing location for the day, you will meet the boat either on the beach in front Peponi Hotel or Mikes Camp at 6:45am or later depending on the tides for the inshore fishing . You will have a full day of offshore/inshore fishing. Packed lunches, water, soft drinks and beers will be provided on the boat.

We will fish all day and plan to be back home for around 4pm on the inshore and up to 5pm when offshore.

### Day 8 - Departure Day

Enjoy a lovely breakfast and a final dip in the Indian Ocean before checking out of your accommodation and hopping on a boat taxi to Lamu Airport for your flight to Nairobi and your connecting flights back home.





## EXAMPLE PRICING

As all trips are tailor made, the pricing found here is based on a specific itinerary.

**\$3800 per angler** for 8 days, 7 nights, 6 days offshore fishing based on 3 anglers sharing

## INCLUDES

- Pre-trip fly fishing coaching, online and/or in person
- 7 nights accommodation at the private house - with breakfast and a personal chef
- Private host & fly guide, onsite coaching during the trip
- 6 days of offshore fly fishing for billfish/on panga skiffs
- Packed lunches, soft drinks, and beers on fishing days
- Fly rod, reel rental, and 1 fly line per angler included
- Airport transfers from/to Lamu Airport and daily transfers to fishing if needed







## EXTRAS TO BE CONSIDERED

- Sunset sail on traditional dhows - 10,000 KSH per sail
- Guided cultural visit around Lamu Town - 5000 KSH pp
- Fishing tips \$75-100 per angler per day paid in cash
- Inshore fly pack specific to Kenya - \$40 per angler
- Dinners Out - \$20-30 per person
- ETA (Visa) \$30 per person
- Accommodation Tips \$30 per person
- Beers & Cocktails (Beers are \$3.50 each)







## GEAR LIST

### FISHING

- 9 Wt & 12 Wt fly rod and saltwater reel
- 9 Wt & 12 Wt fly lines plus spares
- 15, 20, & 80 lbs fluorocarbon leaders
- Tarpon flies, crab flies, shrimp flies

\*Rod, reel & 1 fly line hire are included the trip cost

\*Fly packs can be purchased for \$35 per person

### IMPORTANT INFO

- Travel insurance with medical cover is mandatory for all
- Broken rods and reels will be charged at the cost of a replacement
- KSH are accepted in Kenya
- Tips must be paid in cash

### GENERAL

- Sun cream
- Hats and buffs
- Polarised Sunglasses
- Long sleeved fishing shirts
- Light trousers for fishing in
- Wading boots/waterproof backpack
- Camera
- Mosquito repellent
- Rehydration Salts
- Rain Jacket





## GETTING TO LAMU ISLAND, KENYA

**From Europe** - Direct flights to Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport are available from **Amsterdam, Paris, and London**. Other flights from hubs such as **Manchester, Lisbon, and Madrid** often require a change in Dubai or Dohar.

**From USA** - Direct flights with Kenya Airways from NYC are available, otherwise flying via London, Dubai or Dohar is the best route.

### Arrival In Kenya

The best time to land at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport is in the early morning so that you can catch the Jambo Jet Flight to the Lamu Island that leaves at around 10am.

If you arrive later in the day, we will arrange for you to stay at a hotel close to the airport with a free transfer so that you can relax before flying to Lamu the next day.







## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm the trip
- The final 50% is due 90 days before the trip start date
- Cancellations must be in writing and are effective on the date the cancellation is received
- For cancellations within 91 days or more of the trip start date, the deposit is forfeited unless the dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee is charged
- For cancellations within 90 days or less of the trip start date, 100% of the trip cost is forfeited unless the client can find a replacement, in which case a 10% admin fee is charged
- If you fail to show up for the trip, arrive after the trip start date, or leave prior to the end of the trip, no reimbursement whatsoever will be made







PRIVATELY GUIDED FISHING TRAVEL

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