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## Swahili serenity

**WHERE:** The Red Pepper House, Lamu Island, Kenya

**WHY:** Just metres away from the doorstep of your private nyumba - Swahili for home - you'll find the Indian Ocean, adorned with traditional dhows and lined with white sand. Set on the World Heritage Site of Lamu Island, this tiny resort offers a glimpse into Swahili culture and unspoilt African nature. Take things at a local pace as you browse the Masai crafts at the nearby market, enjoy a Swahili barbeque on your private stretch of beach, or take a dreamy sunset trip aboard a dhow. And don't forget to ask your waiter to mix you a heady Kenyan dawa cocktail.

**INFO:** Amanda Island is an hour's flight from Nairobi; from here a motorboat picks guests up. Rates for the resort, which opened in October, start at US\$635 (£398) per person per night. [theredpepperhouse.com](http://theredpepperhouse.com)

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