



KAYAKING

1. Where can I go Kayaking with Aqua Ventures? To the breakers and beyond (conditions permitting), between the marine park and reserve. In Mida creek, along the side of the mangroves.
2. Do we go on our own? No you are accompanied by a qualified kayaking instructor/guide
3. Where do we leave from? Both trips start from the Aqua Ventures office/ Ocean Sports Dive centre. If doing a creek trip, you will then be transported, in comfort to the creek, with the kayaks.
4. How do we book? You book with the activities centre here in Turtle Bay. We phone Aqua Ventures make a booking, and give you a small voucher to present to the guide/organiser at the beginning of your activity.
5. How do we pay? Direct to Aqua Ventures in cash - Kenya Shillings, Pounds Sterling, US Dollars or Euros. Credit card payments are not accepted.
6. What sort of Kayaks do we use? You have a choice, either the easy sit ons for beginners or the sit ins which require spray decks.
7. What if I would like to use the sit in type kayaks and I am not experienced? No problem as long as we know in advance we can schedule you a short lesson in the pool before we start.
8. Do we get charged for the lesson? Yes, the charge is Kshs 700/- per hour or part thereof
9. What do we learn in the lesson?
 - How to get in and out your kayak safely in shallow and deep water.
 - How to empty water from your kayak.
 - How to paddle
 - How to safely exit your kayak if you turn over.
10. Do we get a certificate after we have done the lesson? No getting a certificate takes many hours of instruction and practice
11. Are the instructors/guides qualified? Yes, they have all been trained to level 2
12. How much does it cost? 700/- per hour or part thereof on sea front and 900/- on the creek. The guide has also to be paid for at the same rate.
13. How do the charges work? If you are paddling on the sea front we charge from the time you get into the kayak until the time it is brought back up the beach.
If you are being transported from the activities centre to another venue such as Mida creek your hire time starts from the time the kayaks leave the activities centre to the time they return.

14. If there is a group of us and we have a guide, do we each have to pay for the guide?
No, you share the cost
15. Typically how long does a trip to Mida creek take? 2-3 hours depending on what route you take.
16. What do we see on a creek trip? Beautiful scenery (there are 9 species of mangroves), a variety of birds including Kingfishers, Pelicans, Flamingoes and many of the Wader type birds. Local fishermen in their dugout canoes and fabulous sunsets,
17. What happens if I get tired and I cannot continue? Your guide has a tow rope and can tow you, or if necessary we will call the dinghy to come and fetch you.
18. What safety measures do you have in place? The kayaking excursions are risk assessed. We provide comfortable life jackets and helmets. In larger groups we have two leaders. Your leader carries a radio, telephone and limited first aid equipment . We can call a motorized dinghy to your assistance.
19. Do you charge for the dinghy service if we have to use it? Yes the cost is Kshs 1,500 for 30 mins or part thereof.
20. Can I take my child in my canoe? Yes, provided you have one of the double, sit on type canoes, your child is wearing a life Jacket, is able to swim and is aged 8 or older
21. What is the youngest you will allow a persons to kayak on their own with a guide? 12 – depending on their physical capability
22. Do we have to fill out any forms?
Yes it is necessary to fill out the standard liability waiver release forms.
23. Are we insured?
No.
24. What are your minimum and maximum group sizes?
Min - 1 at sea front & 2 on the creek. Max - 12 on the sea front and Creek.
25. What is the best time to Kayak up the creek? It is tide dependant but generally in the late afternoon when it is cooler. At the sea front any time. Inexperienced kayakers are advised to paddle early mornings before the wind picks up which makes paddling difficult.
26. Can I kayak out in one direction and combine it with another activity? Yes, you may like to transition to one of our mountain bikes (see our biking information).
27. Can you tailor make a kayak trip for me for a specific interest, like close up bird watching, sundowners on the sand bank, fishing etc.? Yes please discuss this with the activities manager at Aqua Ventures
28. Do we have to pay for lost or damaged equipment? Yes, as per the indemnity forms.
29. Do we have to pay for marine park fees? Yes, where applicable. Park fees are not included in kayak hire