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BLESSED GENERATION GUESTHOUSE KIBONGONI ROAD 80200 Malindi

KARIBU visitors and friends of Blessed Generation,

We hope you had a pleasant trip to Malindi and welcome you at the Guesthouse Blessed Generation!

Zablon and his team are giving their best to make your stay at the Guesthouse as pleasant as possible. Furthermore please find some useful information about the Guesthouse and Malindi on the following pages.

Enjoy your stay and please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any questions or queries.

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Blessed Generation Guesthouse

20,- EUR pp/pn - pls pay if possible in advance by transferring money to the SOF bank account in Hardegarijp/The Netherlands. Otherwise pls pay cash to the accountant Anne in the office at the children centre

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This price includes accomodation, breakfast, and lunch at the centre.
Towels, bedsheets and mosquito nets are provided.

Banking

Cash machine @ Barclay's Bank on Lamu Road (right side)
In case you need a larger amount make sure you pin well in advance as the machines are sometimes broken or out of money.

Beauty

Mary's Hair & Beauty Studio, Galana Centre, Lamu Road

Church

Every Sunday at 10am the children organise a service at the centre. You are very much welcome to join.

Clothing

The majority of people in Malindi are moslems. Pls respect this by covering your shoulders and knees.

Eating / Cooking

The price for the guesthouse included breakfast. Pls inform Zablon up front when you wish this to be served. In case you have steady appointments make sure that you calculate a little buffer.

You are welcome to join the children at the BG Children Centre for lunch, free of charge.

Zablon is happy to prepare a delicious dinner for you. This will be charged seperately.

Feel free to use the kitchen to prepare your own food. Pls wash up your dishes afterwards.

Your own food/drinks can be stored in the kitchen/fridge. Pls show Zablon clearly which items are yours so that he does not use these for general purpose.

Make sure that food/drinks is stored in closed plastic packaging to avoid migration of insects ;o)

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There're soft drinks in the fridge for a small charge. Pls pay this at the end of your stay or refill.

There're 2 bottles of water and 1 bottle of wine in the fridge for your comfort. Pls restore in case you use them.

Don't drink water from the tap.

Electricity

Pls switch off the electricity suckets and warm water after usage.

Internet

The Guesthouse Blessed Generation has it's own PC with wireless internet access. Ask Fester for credit.

There's also an internet café @ Sabaki Centre.

Restaurants

Malindi has a large variety of restaurants. You can choose among Italian, Seafood, Pizza or local restaurants.

Tipps local restaurants (approx. 2,- EUR pp)

- Sabaki Centre behind the internet café next to 'Bar Bar' / Italian Supermarket
- Restaurant at Kenyatta Road, left side, 200m before the round, white building

Tipps tourist restaurants (minimum 15,- EUR pp)

- 'Bar Bar' @ Sabaki Centre, closest restaurant to the guesthouse. Nice to have a good Italian coffee, juices and icecream in the afternoon. Best cappucino in town. Good pizzas.
- 'Driftwood Beach Club' at the very end of Mama Ngina Road. Bit more expensive. Very good kitchen with seaview.
- 'I love Pizza' @ Mama Ngina Road along the water. Famous for their pizzas and pastas. No seaview.
- 'Mari Posa' @ end of Mama Ngina Road. Bit more expensive. Good to have lunch, sundowner enjoying the fabulous view of Malindi's coast/beach.

Safari

Pls talk to Eric of the Blessed Generation Children Centre if you wish to go on safari, snorkling/diving or want to book a flight within Kenya. It will be his pleasure to arrange an individual trip based on your wishes.
Eric's phone number is 0724 56 86 36.

If you wish to take a boat trip pls contact Fester who has a boat @

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Watamu and loves to take you out on the sea.

Security

Pls follow these rules carefully!

There are 2 Massai guarding the guesthouse. Pls make sure that you close the iron door of the main door from the inside at nights.

Don't walk or cycle on the streets of Malindi after darkness (ca. 18h30)

Take a taxi to the guesthouse after darkness. Phone number see below at 'Telephone'

When you are brought to the guesthouse do only take tuktuk or taxi drivers who have been recommended to you by staff/locals.

Don't walk alone on the beach. Ask one of the Massai to accompany you.

Don't tell strangers where you're staying.

Shopping

Little market stalls along the road for fruits/vegetables/nuts.

New Market - left side of Mombassa Road, roughly opposite of Al Razak

Supermarket - local shopping, people will try to charge you Muzungu prices so inform beforehand what the official price should be (Kikoi approx. 250,- KSH)

Old Market - fresh fruit/vegetable, cheapest in town, fresh from the farms

Al Razak Supermarket, Mombassa Road - everything except alcohol and fresh vegetable/fruit. Local supermarket so that prices are OK.

Italian Supermarket @ Sabaki Centre, Lamu Road - good for eggs/meat. Large variety of wines. Everything you can dream of, European prices. Open on Sundays.

Malindi Supermarket - Lamu Road, approx. 100m behind Barclay's Bank.

Be aware that shops are often closed between 12h30 - 14h00 for people going to the mosque.

Smoking

Pls smoke only on the veranda or outside of the house.

Make sure you use the provided ashtrays and don't throw lit cigarettes on the ground as these can have severe consequences in dry season.

Souvenirs

At the centre you can find some souvenirs (jewelleries, bags, soapstone, CDs) which have been produced by children of the centre or people of the outreach programme.

All images, woodcraft and jeweleries within the guesthouse are for sale.

Pls check with Fester for prices.

If you wish some clothes to be sewed for you ask in the office that one of the ladies of the outreach programme can prepare this for you.

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Malindi Tourist Market - muzungu prices

Old / New market good for local items, like spices, Kikoi, traditional wooden items etc.

Swimming

Watch out swimming at the Indian Ocean because of the very strong streams below surface.

You can rent a sunbed for a day at the pool of Driftwood Beachclub, currently 500,- KSH. Good drinks/snacks. Watchmen to guard the private area of this hotel.

Telephone

It's cheapest if you get a SIM card of one of the local mobile phone suppliers, i.e. Safaricom. You can get the SIM card at a supermarket/kiosk. The credits can be purchased at any supermarket or gas station. Pls give your local number to the management of Blessed Generation so that you can be reached if necessary.

Ambulance	999 (Coast Ambulance Service 041 34 32 411)
Eric / deputig mg / safari	07 24 56 86 36
Fester / manager	07 22 51 57 74
Fire	999
Police	999 (Mldi Police 042 31348)
St. Peter Hospital	042 200 86 / 0735 601 304
Taxi	0725866389
Tuktuk	07255 94 566

ask staff / employees for possible updates

Tips

Pls do not give any tips directly to Zablon and his team at the end of your stay. If you are happy with the service you received pls give your tip to Ria and/or Fester who will collect and spread among the entire team of the guesthouse.

Transport

If available, you can use a bicycle from the Blessed Generation Children Centre. Pls contact one of the people of the management at the centre to introduce you to the staff taking care of the bicycles.

Cycling time guesthouse - centre approx. 30minutes

Tuktuk's are a nice way of travelling in town. Prices vary depending on the oil price: very short distances approx. 50 KSH, transport to the centre approx. 200/250KSH. If you drive frequently with one driver you can negotiate better prices with him.

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Make sure you know your way and negotiate the price up front with the driver. You pay per transport, not per person. Max. of 3 people allowed.

Taxi - pls use taxi after darkness. Numbers see below. If you eat in a restaurant ask the staff to order you a taxi. Prices are higher however due to security reasons strongly advised to take after darkness. Sabaki Centre - Guesthouse approx. 300,- KSH, Driftwood Beach club - Guesthouse approx. 500,- KSH.

Matatu - if you wish to travel to I.e. Watamu a Matatu is a local mean of transportation. Approx. 50KSH Mldi - Watamu. Ask staff to show you the Matatu station @ Malindi (near Mombassa Road)

If a driver of the children centre is taking you somewhere pls pay for the petrol by giving donation to Anne (accountant @ BG children centre)

Visitors

To guarantee the privacy at the guesthouse any additional visitors/friends need to be informed to Fester up front.

Washing

You can ask Zablon to do the washing of your clothes. Pls note that this is not included in the price. Pls give a bag of washing powder to Zablon to pay for this service or pay 250,- KSH per washing to Anne (accountant @ BG children centre)