



## The Lion in the sun

*For the ultimate in family holidays, why not take over the whole of the fabulous Lion In The Sun mansion on the Kenyan coast?*

As well as being set in totally enclosed stunning grounds, Flavio Briatore's hotel has 50 staff, including waiters, maids, chauffeurs, masseurs, hairdressers and babysitters, which makes it perfect for parents who really want to chill out. The property, close to the Malindi Marine Park, accommodates up to 14 people and comes with a bodyguard and personal staff, so you and your guests can take over the whole place and not worry about anyone else.

While you lie by the fabulous pool on a canopied day bed and recover from your last gourmet meal, the staff will organise outings for your children, which might include falconry displays, a visit to a local snake farm, bird watching or horse riding on the private beach.

Likely to appeal to younger guests are the two resident Rottweilers, Luna and Venus. Contrary to their rather fearsome image, Luna and Venus are more like Labradors than guard dogs, although manager Pierino Liana assured us that confronted by an intruder they would behave rather differently. On arrival, Luna and Venus were on guard outside the main entrance like two book ends. After that, however, they sat with their heads on our laps to be petted and then ran up and down the side of the pool

while we swam. As constant companions these dogs simply completed the relaxed 'at home' atmosphere.

The whole place is incredibly stylish, with a fusion of African, Indian and Balinese influences. Even the poolside showers have a designer feel and are totally enclosed in bougainvillea. And you won't have to worry about fussy children not liking the food – the cuisine is Italian, so there are lots of delicious pasta dishes. Or you could go for a beach barbecue followed by a fishing trip in the hotel's own private boat. Even better, with an eight-hour flight and a time difference of only two hours, you won't arrive tired, particularly relevant for those with children!

Lion In The Sun would equally make an amazing venue to take a group of friends for a landmark birthday or another special event – any occasion that would benefit from total, luxurious privacy.

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