





a place to stay
on the remote southern coast
of Zanzibar

the kizikula story

kizikula is a personal project by two childhood friends, one with Zanzibari roots, who grew up in dubai and used to dream about retiring in Zanzibar. When an opportunity to buy land on the sleepy coast of Kizimkazi came up early in their careers, there was no hesitation. Two decades later, they are building a few humble bungalows and a pool and restaurant on that land that will host them and their friends and families when they are in Zanzibar and welcome guests to enjoy this quiet and rugged part of the island during the rest of the year.

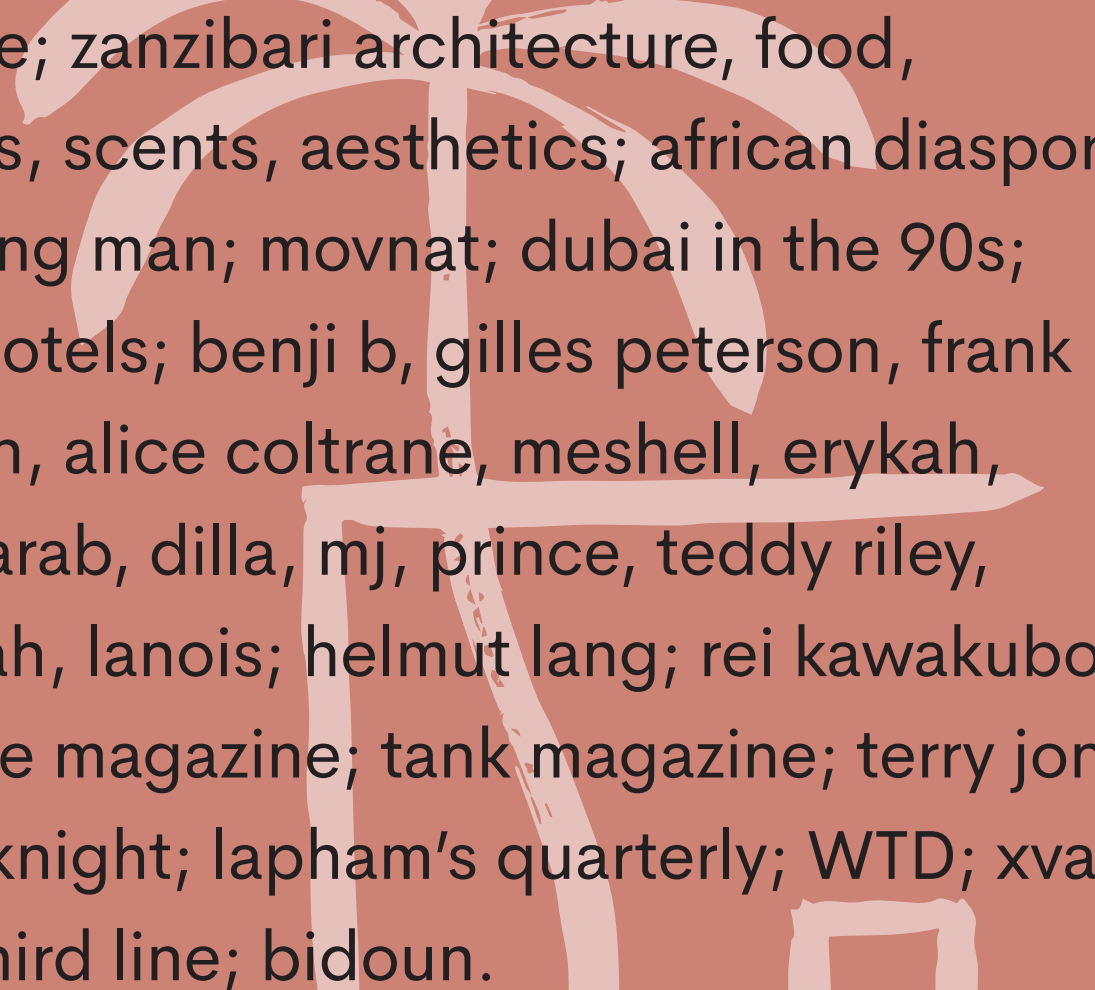
kizikula is designed to feel like a communal home with ample spaces to meet your neighbors and just enough privacy to be inspired by the surrounding sensual nature. the project inspired by our collective experiences that range from:

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Apart from simple, comfortable, dwellings, each one designed by a different muse, we want to share music, art, design, literature, and film that has inspired us. Food and body practices are important to us and we are developing a series of workshops with vetted teachers from around the world. Our cuisine is inspired by local and regional traditions and produce. our pavillions are designed with yoga, meditation, and natural movement inspired practices in mind. Kizimkazi's beautiful sunsets are best appreciated from our sea facing pool and bar. The spacious indulgent rooftops accessible throughout kizikula are designed to take in the awe-inspiring starry nights.



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architect's statement

Carefully arranged throughout a four-acre parcel of land along the western coast of Zanzibar, the simple volumes of kizikula are formed from the very materials of the island itself. Clad in pink coral limestone quarried from the surrounding villages, each guest house is placed in relationship to the sea, sun, prevailing winds, neighbouring structures, and the developing landscape.

A cantilevered stone cliff reaches over the gentle tides to the west while the rest of the land spreads inward away from the coast. Initially a single mass of calcified coral devoid of soil, the site is undergoing a gradual transformation from a rugged environment to a gentler agrarian landscape using permaculture practices to cultivate fruit trees, herbs, spices and vegetables that support and nourish its guests. Moving west towards the communal areas around the kitchen, dining, swimming pool and beach along winding paths that encourage barefoot navigation, the land transitions to a more leisurely pleasure garden dotted with coconut palms and the dappled light of interspersed flamboyant trees and other native species.

Generous verandas are integrated into the layout of each guest house provide outdoor living spaces that offer shade and privacy while still emphasizing a connection to the surrounding community. Materials are selected for their appropriateness to culture, climate and sustainability but ultimately seek to achieve a visual and tactile sensual experience for each inhabitant. Simple concrete steps lead to open rooftop terraces that further contribute to both communal and intimate experiences and offer opportunities for whale watching, sunset aperitifs or simply taking in the vastness of the starry night sky.

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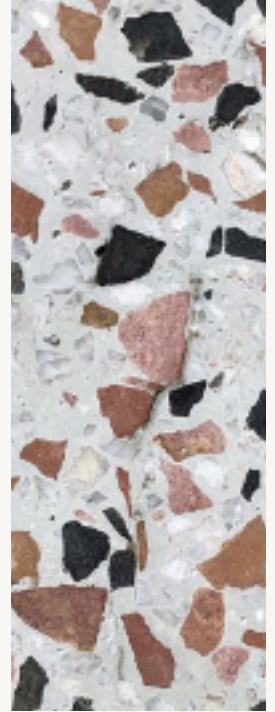
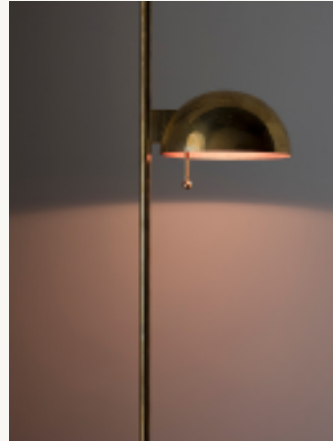


interiors designed by guest artists and designers



bespoke furniture and fittings by kizikula's architect: case design





hospitality is changing.

Discerning travellers have been gravitating to design-centric, community-oriented, creatively-inclined boutique properties and airbnbs.

Our boutique guest houses are designed for creatives, burners, entrepreneurs, and conscientious, curious travellers who are interested in human-scale design and environmentally anchored, personal, and creative travel experiences. Our aim is to foster and be an anchor of our global community.

Our guests include the rising creative classes of africa and the middle east, and independent european travellers accustomed to looking beyond cookie-cutter all inclusive package vacations.

We love Zanzibar: the local culture, food, music, history, and natural beauty. We're also deeply entrenched in, and inspired by, global cultures as diverse as burning man, yoga, movnat, paleolithic, arts, music, literature, boardsports, arab hospitality and more.



- 9 rooms each designed by unique collaborator
- organic restaurant
- seasonal locally inspired nutritionally-aware menu
- sunset pool
- on-site organic permaculture herbs and vegetables garden
- communal starlight terraces
- open air showers
- dramatic walkway to sea
- yoga pavilion
- dance workshops
- permaculture workshops
- outdoor gym
- live music
- great music



accessible rooftops
for star-gazing



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