AIRPORT EXIT

Moi International Airport (MBA)

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THE ANSWER

Open the app: KAA lists Bolt and Uber serving MBA - island CBD rides (~10 km) typically KES 600-1,200, card or M-Pesa, no negotiation.

No rail link, no bus or matatu enters the terminal, and KAA warns rank drivers overcharge non-locals - the app shows the fare before you commit.

Beach arrival? Diani is south across the Likoni channel: pre-book a transfer or DIY the KES 200-400 matatu+ferry chain. Budget? Walk to Airport Road and matatu onto the island, KES 40-100. Late landing? Matatus thin out after ~23:00.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Ride-hailing (Bolt/Uber) *BEST FOR MOST* **KES 600-1,200 to the CBD (flagged range)**
KAA's own page names Uber and Bolt as serving MBA. 2025-26 guides: ~KES 500-800 to the island CBD, 900-1,400 to Nyali; surge at December/Easter. Kerbside pickup - no driving into arrivals.

Pre-booked transfer **KES 1,500-8,000 by drop-off (flagged range)**
KAA confirms hotels run guest transfers - email your property; a driver waits outside arrivals. Brokers list fixed rates from $50 to the island, far more to Diani; locals less. Pick for night arrivals.

Official taxi rank **KES 1,000-2,500 to the CBD (flagged range)**
Licensed taxis (some yellow) wait at the rank. KAA: no published tariff - fares are negotiated per vehicle, drivers overcharge non-locals. 15-40 min. Agree in KES for the whole car, ferry toll in, before loading.

Matatu via Airport Road **KES 40-100 onto the island (flagged range)**
No matatu enters MBA - walk to Airport Road and board anything toward Changamwe/Magongo/the island. MOA (Matatu Owners Assoc.) fare table, Jul 2025: KES 40 stage-to-stage, 80-100 cross-corridor, displayed inside. Cash only; bad with luggage.

DIY to Diani (matatu + ferry) **KES 200-400 total (flagged range)**
Matatu onto the island, then one toward Likoni/Ferry (KES 30-50); pedestrians cross free. From the mainland Total stage, KES 80-150 to Ukunda/Diani Junction (MOA), plus 50-100 for luggage. Slow; thin after 23:00.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The rank quote at double the app price
No official taxi tariff exists at MBA: guides put rank quotes at KES 1,500-2,500 to the CBD for rides the app does at 600-1,200, and KAA says drivers 'tend to overcharge non locals'. Blind negotiating pays the tourist rate. **Do this:** get an app quote first - it's your walk-away price against the rank

The Likoni ferry toll added to your 'all-in' Diani fare
KPA rewrote cross-channel charges 22 May 2026 (Tariff clause 23): cars under 4.5 m rated KES 180 per metre, minibuses 900 - May 2026 coverage still diverges on whether a saloon pays flat 180 or ~800 per crossing. **Do this:** make 'includes the Likoni crossing' part of the price - in writing for transfers

Five ferries on paper, two on the water
Five vessels nominally serve the channel; breakdowns regularly leave KPA running two or three - congestion becomes multi-hour queues at weekends and holidays. **Do this:** peak-time south? route via the Dongo Kundu Bypass, not the ferry ramps

Touts inside and 'per person' taxi talk
KAA is explicit: soliciting inside the terminal is illegal, those drivers often unlicensed and uninsured. Licensed fares are per vehicle, not per person - 'per head' quoting doubles the same ride. **Do this:** ignore every offer inside arrivals; licensed and booked drivers wait outside

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- MBA is ~10 km from the city centre at Port Reitz (KAA). T1: international; T2: Jambojet/Skyward domestic. Meet drivers outside the hall.
- Carry small notes or M-Pesa for matatus - change problems are the standing excuse for fare games.
- On to the South Coast? KAA lists Ukunda (Diani) Airstrip separately - compare a hop with hours of road plus ferry.
- NTSA flagged PSV fare hikes at Dec/Easter peaks - fix transfer prices before you fly.

Ferry charges verified Nov 2026 from KPA Tariff clause 23 (portal.kpa.co.ke PDF, effective 22 May 2026): cars <4.5 m KES 180/m, minibus 900/m, motorbike 75, tuk-tuk 100; pedestrians free per Nation-reported KPA statements. Matatu fares from the Jul 2025 MOA table (The Star). KAA publishes no MBA taxi tariff: app, rank and transfer prices are flagged ranges from 2025-26 guides, not official fares.

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