



FACT SHEET - Azura Benguerra Island

MOZAMBIQUE MAP



Azura Benguerra Island was hand built by the local community, and blends designer modern chic with all that is traditional in Mozambique, including local wooden beams and thatched jekka roofs. Just 20 villas are nestled along one of the last undiscovered stretches of beach in the world, with all the creature comforts you could wish for, sparkling private pools, Mozambican Butler-hosts to look after your every need, fish and seafood fresh from the ocean, a fantastic range of activities and experiences, an African spa to relax in, all at a community based project where the local islanders benefit as much as you.

Benguerra Island is the second largest island in the Bazaruto Archipelago, which is made up of five islands: Bazaruto, Benguerra, Magaruque, Banque (or Shell Island), and Santa Carolina (or Paradise Island). Santa Carolina is the only true volcanic island, whereas the others are sand based. Benguerra Island is approximately 11km x 5.5 km and lies some 14 km north east of Vilanculos. It is famous for its unspoiled white beaches, remarkable dive sites and excellent fishing. Benguerra Island has about 2000 inhabitants and there are 440 children in the school which was built by Azura's Rainbow Fund Charity.



The island is a sand island which has spectacular moving dunes and a diverse range of habitats for exotic and endemic wildlife. On the island there are fresh water lakes; home to crocodiles, fish and migrant wading birds, the beautiful 'greater Flamingo', remnant forests along the dunes, grasslands and swamps which house a variety of bird life and mammals. In the surrounding ocean there are near pristine offshore coral reefs; inshore sea grass beds, upon which the Dugong (the legendary mermaid) and turtles feed; good stocks of pelagic fishes and long stretches of sandy beaches ideal for swimming, walking or just relaxing. Humpback whales can also be seen from July to October & dolphins are seen throughout the year.

The island is warm and sunny year round, and is exceptionally dry. Rain showers are generally restricted to the mainland, although some will occur over the island close to the rainy season. Breezes are usually light and the sea temperature varies with the seasons and currents between 24 °c and 30 °c.

A key focus at Azura is the cuisine, offering fresh local produce such as fish and seafood where possible. The array of irresistible signature dishes will not disappoint, and nor will the accompanying fine wines, including those flown in from the owners' chateau in France's Loire Valley. Meal settings range from informal 'foot in the sand' dining experiences, including candlelight beach dinners, secluded picnics, feasting in the comfort of your own villa, or at our Jellyfish Restaurant.

Families are very welcome at Azura. Villa Amizade and the Presidential Villa are best for families, although our Infinity Beach Villas can accommodate an extra bed without compromising guest space.

ACTIVITIES

- Scuba Diving we are a PADI 5 Star centre, with dedicated dive training pool
- Guided snorkelling trips
- Island visits, including our recommended Island Hop
- Guided tours of the island and its natural beauty, as well as visits to the community and school
- Local soccer match
- Visits to Vilanculos and its market
- Deep sea fishing in a custom-built boat
- Shore based fishing
- Spa treatments
- Leisure flips in the Helicopter to various destinations
- Horse riding
- Dhow sailing and sunset cruises
- Guided marine walks
- Star gazing events
- Beach walks with a picnic
- Beach picnic and private dining
- Guided bird watching / walking trails
- Dolphin sightings (year-round)
- Dugong sightings
- Whale sightings (in season, June-Oct)
- Cultural encounters

SUMMARY

- An unspoilt island with deserted beaches of pure white sand that extend for miles with sparkling turquoise seas
- Ocean paradise with pristine marine life in a National Park
- Personalised itineraries with activities scheduled to guests wishes
- Dining in different locations each day, beach dining under the stars
- Azura's signature trademark offers you a Mozambican butler-host to look after you during your stay
- Fantastic for honeymoons, families, multi-generational travel and executive couples looking for a perfect getaway
- Recommended length of stay is 5 nights, preferably more

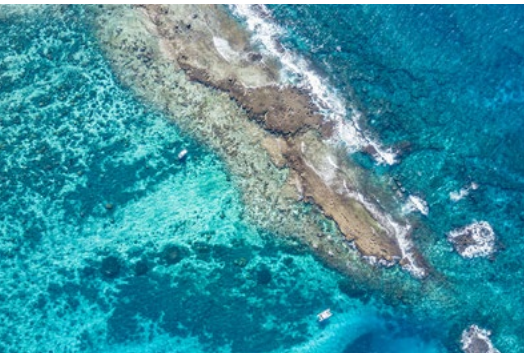


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Number of rooms	Total of 20 villas; 1 Presidential Villa, 1 Villa Amizade, 2 Royal Beach Villas, 10 Infinity Beach Villas, 3 Luxury Beach Villas, 3 Beach Villas.
Maximum guests	46
Children	All ages are welcome
Childminding	Available
Twin beds	2 Infinity, Luxury Beach Villas can be twin, 2nd bedroom Villa Amizade, lounges in Royal Beach Villas, 2nd & 3rd bedrooms in Presidential Villa can be made into twin.
PADI dive centre and dive equipment	yes
Fishing equipment	Yes
Air conditioning	Yes
Overhead fans	Yes
Mosquito nets	Yes
Bath	All villas except Luxury Beach Villas & Beach Villas
Outdoor shower	All villas
Separate WC	Yes
In-room safe	Yes
Telephone	yes
Hairdryer	Yes

Laundry included	No
Wheelchair access	No
Check in / check out	14:00/ 10:30
Weddings	Blessings can be arranged on request
Power	Generator & solar power
Water	Water purifying system
Internet access	Wi-Fi in public areas and rooms
Private beach dinners	Yes
Credit cards	Visa & Mastercard
Massage & Health treatments	Yes, 2 treatments rooms
Weather	Hot & humid year-round
Rainfall	Jan – Mar tropical rainbursts
Temperature	34°C/93 °F – 25°C/77°F
Currency	Mozambique Meticais, but US Dollars widely accepted
Malaria	Suitable prophylactics
GPS Coordinates	S21°51'12.24; E35°25'31.11
Visas	\$50 per person for all, except SADC. Available on arrival
Medical	Medical evacuation insurance included in rate, basic first aid supplies stocked at hotel.

GIVING BACK

Azura's Rainbow Fund supports a variety of environmental and social projects from building schools for communities to environmental protection initiatives. Guests are encouraged to get involved with the projects as much or as little as they would like and a discretionary donation of \$10 per villa per night will be added to guests bills.

ACCESS

Flights from Johannesburg International Airport on Airlink and LAM to Vilanculos, approx. 90 mins, connect well with the major international flights to Europe and USA. There are daily flights on Airlink from Kruger (KMIA) to Vilanculos which only take one hour followed by a 10-min helicopter transfer.