



## ACTIVITY SHEET - Azura Benguerra

### MOZAMBIQUE MAP



Let the Azura family open your eyes to the most incredible spots in and around Benguerra Island! Their intimate knowledge of the island gives you the opportunity, not only to have tons of fun, but also to learn about their habitat and culture.

You are welcome to speak to someone from the Management team regarding activities at any time during your stay. The Management team are also available each evening from 7.00 p.m in the Star Bar to discuss activities. The earlier you book the better! We will confirm the exact timing of a booked activity the evening before it is due to take place. We are also happy to tailor-make your experience, simply speak to a management team member about how you would like to do it and we will organise it if we can.

All activities are subject to weather, sea and tidal conditions as well as boat, vehicle and guide availability. Please note that prices are exclusive of Mozambican sales tax of 17%.

**We hope you have a spectacular time!!**

## SIGNATURE ACTIVITIES

### Guided Island Hop

USD 195 pp

*This is Azura's signature activity. It is a fantastic combination of some of the best activities we have to offer! Departing by boat you will head to the Bazaruto dune. The expression 'on top of the world' will come to mind once you reach the summit of the dune as you will enjoy the most incredible panoramic views of the northern tip of Benguerra island and of course of Bazaruto itself, surrounded by the stunning azure waters of the archipelago. From there you hop across to Pansy Island. This tiny spit of sand all but disappears during high tide. Then when the tide draws back it reveals numerous delicate pansy shells. Please note as we are part of the Marine National Park it is not permitted to take anything from our shores. The next hop is across for an amazing snorkel on the shallow side of 2 Mile reef. The reef is literally teeming with fish life, turtles and rays! It is snorkelled on a low tide so that you are closer to the reef and so that the sun's rays can light up this undersea paradise. Your final hop will be to North Point, the northern most tip of Benguerra, where you will be greeted with a beautifully set up picnic lunch to feast on, accompanied perhaps by a chilled glass of our Chateau Pas de Loup Rosé. The departure time varies depending on the tide and the whole trip will take approximately 4 hours.*

Guided Island Hop with BBQ picnic

USD 225 pp



## Paradise Island (Hotel Santa Carolina)

USD 250 pp

Located on the smallest of the five islands which make up the Bazaruto archipelago, explore the incredible ruins of the once magnificent Hotel Santa Carolina, where Bob Dylan composed his famous song on Mozambique. The hotel opened its doors in the early 1950's but closed in 1973, as you wonder through the ruins you can only imagine how glamorous it all must have been in its hey day.. After exploring the ruins enjoy a relaxing few hours on this heartfelt island stroll straight off the beach into the sea and enjoy some unparalleled snorkelling, often seeing turtles on the abundant reefs. Once you have finished snorkelling, delight in a mouth-watering picnic lunch set up on the beach. Departing in the morning, the boat ride is approximately 45 minutes with dolphins and sometimes the rare Dugong spotted along the way. You will return to Benguerra late afternoon. Archipelago Charters also offers the opportunity to whisk you to and from Paradise Island by helicopter (for a supplement), enjoying a scenic trip on the way.



## South Point Picnic

USD 100 pp

Imagine endless deserted white sand beaches and in the distance a table and chairs set up under the shade of an umbrella, with a bottle of wine chilling in an ice bucket. Welcome to South Point. Stroll along the beach which takes you from one side of Benguerra Island to the other, around the southern-most tip. Drink in the unimaginable range of blues which the waters surrounding the island offers you and then go ahead and immerse yourself in it. Finally, delight al fresco in an array of beautifully prepared food. The drive by Land Rover to South Point takes approximately 30 minutes.

South Point picnic with BBQ

USD 125 pp

## Island Drive

Inclusive

The island drive is remarkable in so many ways because it covers such a wide range of fascinating aspects of island life. Not only does it take you through the communities, where you are able to appreciate the local people's simple, yet happy way of life, but you also stop by the school, built in 2008 by Azura's Rainbow Fund, where 400 children now have the opportunity of primary education. Learn about flora and fauna, much of it indigenous to only this island and climb the magnificent Benguerra red sand dune on the 'wild side' to take in the breath-taking panoramic views of the island. This 2 hour activity is available twice a day, departing from Reception at either 9.00 a.m or 3.00 p.m. It is guided by a local islander, with refreshments available on board the vehicle.

## ISLAND BASED ACTIVITIES

### North Point Picnic

USD 115 pp

Enjoy an incredible picnic lunch at stunning North Point. This is the northern most tip of Benguerra Island. The ever-changing colours of the sea, as the tide moves in and out, are just spectacular! Stroll along the white sand beach, swim in the calm waters and finally feast on delicious picnic fare. For a special treat ask the team about having a chef prepare a seafood BBQ. The departure time is flexible.

### Island Football (Soccer)

Inclusive

The whole of Africa is football (soccer) mad and here on Benguerra Island it's no different. There is an Island League made up of teams from the different lodges and the different villages. It is an important event amongst the local community with lots of pride at stake. Come and support the Azura team at one of their matches over the weekend. We will set up a tent with refreshments and, if you fancy it, you can even join in the game. It's great fun for everyone. Duration approximately 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon.

### Lantern Lit Private Dinner

Inclusive

The Azura family are creative souls. Your host will make the most beautiful set up for a private dinner on the beach in front of your villa on your last evening. Alternatively you can choose to have this candle-lit dinner on your deck or beneath your sala. The hosts usually like to do it on your last evening with us. However, if you would prefer it another night please chat with your host. The private dinner is included. However, for a small additional cost you can do it a second time or can upgrade to a seafood barbecue and we'll come and cook fresh seafood in front of you while you sit under African skies! Most of our seafood is locally sourced and is subject to availability therefore we require at least 24 hours notice for any special requests.

Your first private dinner is complimentary, thereafter:

USD 30 pp



### Star Gazing

Inclusive

Join our Sky Guides who will guide you through an informative presentation and discussion about the African night skies. Using our telescope, we will show you constellations such as Orion, Scorpio, Hydra, and the glittering Milky Way. Learn about astronomical phenomena, stellar events from Nebulas to Gas Clouds and Black Holes! We'll even show you how to orientate direction from constellations such as Orion and the famed Southern Cross to locate North and South. Sky Guides will be equipped with laser pointers reaching 1.5km into the skies, and an 8-inch reflecting telescope. If we're lucky we can point our telescope toward Mars, Jupiter, our Moon, even Saturn's icy rings. The presentation will be conducted on our beach with comfortable beanbags and cocktails/drinks (if requested).

## Horse Riding

Riding on Benguerra Island is an incredibly unique experience. You are able to ride along the beautiful shore line, venture across to the 'wild side' using the islands tracks and trails or go for a swim with the horses (tide permitting), an unforgettable experience. There are 5 horses which suit all experience levels, from beginner to experienced. Please note this activity is conducted by a third party company, Mozambique Horse Safaris. Duration is dependent on which ride you choose to do.

### Prices:

<b>Horse riding - Outride (1.5 hours)</b>	<b>USD 140 pp</b>
<b>Bareback beach ride and swim (1 hour)</b>	<b>USD 140 pp</b>
<b>Kids / Family outride (45 minutes)</b>	<b>USD 105 pp</b>



## Scenic helicopter flights

Explore the scenic wonders of the Bazaruto Archipelago with any of our popular helicopter flights and transfers. Treat yourself and discover the magic and beauty of the Mozambique islands from the air. Archipelago Charters offers the following helicopter scenic flights:

### Benguerra Beat

**12 – 15 minutes**

**USD 360 (1-4 passengers)**

Leave Benguerra Island and fly along the coastline of the island with crystal clear water and pristine white beaches to see from a whole new perspective.

### Bazaruto Bash

**20 – 25 minutes**

**USD 600 (1-4 passengers)**

Continue from the Benguerra Beat to neighbouring Bazaruto Island with its rugged beauty, never ending sand dunes and experience the magnificent views of the great Indian Ocean with the possibilities of seeing whales and dugongs.

### Santa Carolina Cruise

**30 – 35 minutes**

**USD 840 (1-4 passengers)**

This spectacular flight continues on from the Benguerra Beat to the appropriately names Paradise Island. Stop on the island to appreciate the exquisite scenery and enjoy a cocktail. Viewing the 1950's island church is a must. Perfect for a later afternoon outing or combine with a Paradise Island Picnic activity.

## WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

### Kayaking

Inclusive

Our kayaks are available for your pleasure at any time, please ask at the watersports centre for paddles and safety equipment. Please let us know where you plan on kayaking and your expected return time, and be cautious of the strong currents we experience at certain times, as well as the wind direction if it is blowing offshore

### Dhow cruise

Inclusive

Sit back, relax and join our boat crew at sunset for our traditional Mozambican dhow cruise. Enjoy seeing the island from a different perspective whilst you sip on a sundowner and sail along the leeward side of Benguerra Island. A dhow is a traditional sailing vessel, still widely used all along the East African coast. Our crew will show you how they are able to navigate this incredible vessel by using a lateen sail, a triangular sail set on a long yard mounted at an angle on the mast, which enables the vessel to tack "against the wind". For centuries they have been used as trading vessels carrying heavy loads such as water, fruits and merchandise. Today they are still built in the traditional way, from using naturally curved pieces of wood to using cotton and fat to fill the spaces between the wood making the vessel seaworthy! The dhow will set sail from in front of the main area of the lodge an hour before sunset. No shoes are needed.

Your first dhow trip is complimentary, thereafter the price is:

USD 65 pp



### Snorkelling at 2 Mile reef

USD 85 pp

Immerse yourself in the underwater world. 2 Mile reef is a flourishing reef, abundant with marine life, located within a Marine National Park. A guide will join you in the water and point out things of note. Turtles are often seen at this spot. The reef is best enjoyed at low tide therefore the departure time will reflect that. The round trip is approximately 2 hours.

### Whale Watching

USD 120 pp

Trips to watch humpback whales are available in season (from July to October), if we are lucky we will see these beautiful animals breaching and lob tailing- sometimes they are even spotted swimming past in the deep waters just off from the beach. Dolphins can be spotted all year round. The site is known to be important nursery area for bottlenose and humpback dolphins.

## Fishing

The Bazaruto Archipelago offers some of the best big game, reef and bill fishing in the Indian Ocean. Species include Black Marlin, Sailfish, Tuna and Bonito, King/Queen Mackerel, Prodigal Son, Wahoo, Dorado, Barracuda and Giant Trevally, which can often tip the scales at over 25kg. Fishing is a sport for everyone, from beginner to totally hooked. Azura operates a strict tag and release policy for all Billfish and other protected species. You can either choose to go trawling with our experienced local guides or use a third party specialist fishing guide, who offer Saltwater fly fishing, jigging for Giant Trevally and other specialist techniques. Fishing is very popular and should be booked well in advance.

### Deep sea fishing with local Azura guide:

Quarter Day (2-4 hours)

USD 400 per boat with equipment

Half Day (5-6 hours)

USD 650 per boat with equipment

Full Day (7-8 hours)

USD 850 per boat with equipment

### Fly fishing with specialist fly fishing guide:

Half Day (6-7 hours)

USD 650 per boat with equipment

Full Day (10 hours)

USD 850 per boat with equipment



Main Fishing Seasons	MARLIN	SAILFISH	TUNA/ BONITO	KING MACKEREL	QUEEN MACKEREL	KINGFISH/ GTS
JAN	Some	Few	Excellent	Good Chance	Great	Year round
FEB	Few	Few	Excellent	Good Chance	Great	Year round
MAR	Few	Few	Excellent	Good Chance	Great	Year round
APR	Good Chance	Good Chance	Great	Good Chance	Excellent	Year round
MAY	Good Chance	Superb	Great	Excellent	Excellent	Year round
JUN	Good Chance	Superb	Great	Excellent	Excellent	Year round
JUL	Good Chance	Excellent	Good Chance	Excellent	Excellent	Year round
AUG	Good Chance	Excellent	Good Chance	Excellent	Great	Year round
SEP	Great	Excellent	Good Chance	Excellent	Great	Year round
OCT	Superb	Great	Great	Great	Great	Year round
NOV	Superb	Good Chance	Excellent	Good Chance	Good Chance	Year round
DEC	Superb	Good Chance	Excellent	Good Chance	Good Chance	Year round

## Scuba Diving

The reefs within the Bazaruto archipelago offer some of the most sublime diving in Mozambique. Situated in a Marine National Park the coral life is especially healthy with a huge diversity of marine life including turtles, moray eels and rays, plus a wide variety of each fish species, always indicative of a healthy reef. For the small stuff, look for incredible nudibranchs and several species of shrimps. The topography of the reef is also stunning with a ridge running along for approximately a kilometer and scattered bommies, teeming with life, dotted along the edges.

It is all drift diving, with the dive leader carrying a reel attached to a surface buoy meaning the boat always knows where you are and comes to collect you at the end of the dive, which is nice and easy. Rates are per person and include all equipment, refills, refreshments and the instructor leading the dive. There is a minimum of 2 persons per dive and we offer no reduction for own equipment. We ask that appropriate certification/medical certificates be shown prior to diving.

### Options:

Single Tank Dive – 2 Mile Reef or Manta Reed	USD 110/120 pp
Double Tank Dive – Hammerhead Reed of St. Sebastian	USD 185 pp
Additional supervised dive	USD 120 pp
4 Dive package	USD 350 pp
6 Dive package	USD 535 pp
Computer hire	USD 10 per dive



## Dive Courses

### PADI – The Way the World learns to Dive

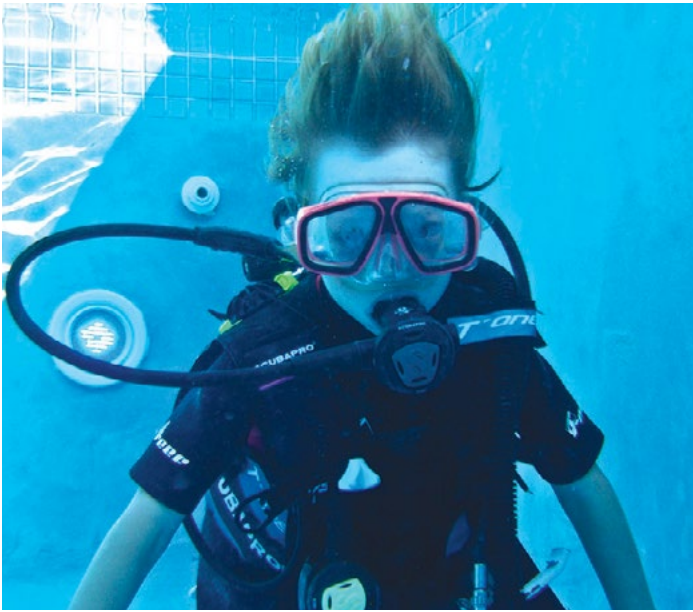
Azura is a PADI 5 Star Dive Centre with excellent instructors and top of the range Scubapro equipment. Our training pool is perfect for refreshing your diving skills or taking courses. Azura is also a Diver's Alert Network (DAN) Business Member which entitles all divers doing entry level courses to basic dive insurance coverage.

### Scuba Review

USD 100 pp

PADI recommends that you do a review of your skills if you haven't been diving for at least 6 months. This course will review your theory and refresh skills in the pool. It takes approximately one hour.





## Bubblemaker for kids

USD 100 pp

*The Bubblemaker experience is as fun as it sounds - a chance for kids to blow bubbles with scuba equipment. Kids from the age of 8 can get the thrill of using scuba gear to breathe underwater and swim around in the safe and shallow environment of the training pool. It is a great way to introduce kids to scuba diving.*

## Discover Scuba Diving

USD 385 pp

*This is the perfect introduction to the underwater world for anyone who has always wanted to try scuba diving. You will learn some basic theory and then be taught 5 key underwater skills in the training pool. Afterwards head out on the boat and go for your first dive. Ages 10 and up.*

Discover Scuba Diving pool session only

USD 100 pp

## Open Water

USD 675 pp

*Once you learn how to dive your view of our beautiful planet completely changes, the underwater world is fascinating and awe inspiring. Completion of the PADI open water course certifies you to dive to a depth of 18 metres, without supervision.*

## Scuba Diver

USD 385 pp

*If you have limited time this course is the perfect choice for you. It is essentially just over half of the Open Water course mentioned above. It certifies you to a depth of 12 metres and all subsequent dives must be under the direct supervision of an Instructor or Divemaster. Like the open water dive, the course also includes equipment, PADI Open Water Diver Manual (required) and PADI certification.*

## Open Water Referral

USD 575 pp

*This is the completion stage of your Open Water course. You will have already completed your theory, final exam and possibly your confined water training as well. Our PADI instructors will talk with you and guide you through whatever remains left for you to do. If you are doing a referral please note you are required to have your referral form/student record folder signed by your previous PADI Instructor here with you.*

## Scuba Diver to Open Water diver

USD 385 pp

*This course is the stepping stone to your full Open Water certification. It begins by reviewing your existing skills and knowledge and is then followed by the 2 additional theory and pool sessions, the final exam and the remaining 2 qualifying dives which are required for the rating. You will need to have your log book as well as your referral form / student record signed by your previous PADI instructor with you.*



## Advanced Diver

USD 500 pp

*If you are considering doing 5 or more dives with us, why not take your dive skills to the next level with the Advanced Open Water diver course. There are 5 knowledge reviews to complete which correspond to 5 qualifying dives. There are 2 mandatory dives; Deep and Navigation. The remaining 3 you choose yourself: Peak Performance Buoyancy, Fish ID, Boat, Drift and Underwater Naturalist to name but a few. Any of these will enhance your diving abilities and skills, and will make diving even more fun than it already is.*

Strapped for time? Chat with our dive professionals to see what other options are available. We also offer the Adventure Diver course or you can do a single Adventure dive. **Please note course duration times listed are approximate and are subject to weather conditions and student competency.**

## KIDS AND TEENS ACTIVITIES

Children and teens at Azura will be spoilt for choice when it comes to spending time here with us. We offer a host of activities many of which can be done without parents as they will be supervised by Azura's guides, hosts and activity coordinators. One of the obvious focuses is on the amazing pristine environment here at Azura. Children can enjoy learning about interesting marine life above and below the water, experience cultural encounters, climb dunes, look for crocodiles (from a safe distance!), taste the island's fruits and perhaps learn a new skill or two. With miles of deserted beach... it's paradise here for families too.

### Marine Life Walk

**Inclusive**

*Join one of Azura's local guides and explore the tidal flats during low tide, whilst having the diverse marine life explained to you. During this walk, you may chance across Sand Anemones, Ghost Crabs, Pansy Shells, Starfish, Bivalves and all different types of small creatures which call this place 'home'. Get your checklist signed to take home with you. This is a real favourite with all of our children and those interested in discovering the smaller marine life along our shores. Duration approximately 1.5 hours.*

### Learn to Snorkel

**USD 75 pp**

*Kids can learn how to snorkel or refresh their skills at the Watersports Centre. Our team there will teach kids the correct techniques in our pool. There is also a selection of smaller masks and snorkels. Duration approximately 45 minutes.*

### Learn to Dive

*For the budding Jacques Cousteau's in your family, Azura has everything you need to take the plunge! Please see the Diving section for all the options available.*

### Fishing

**USD 95 pp per hour with equipment**

*Our fishing guides will happily take kids out for fishing trips and we have rods and tackle to suit all ages and abilities. Head just off shore to catch a variety of fish, or go trawling the deep seas at the gap to catch the family's supper (we do request that a parent accompany younger children). Duration approximately 1-2 hours.*



## Football (Soccer)

Inclusive

You will find children all over Africa kicking a football about with great enthusiasm, often barefoot and on uneven playing fields. The Azura team plays against one of the other teams from the Island just about every Sunday. All guests and older kids are welcome to play in the team, or just come along to watch and support our team. It's a great afternoon out for the family! We provide the ride there and refreshments.

## Azura School Visit

USD 20 pp

A visit to Azura is not complete until you visit the school. EPC1 Benguerra was built by Azura, at the same time that they built the hotel, through our nationally registered charity; the Rainbow Fund. Before then the community had little to no access to education whatsoever. To meet the school teachers is inspiring and to see how proud the children are to be at school is heart-warming. This is an incredible cultural exchange which will never be forgotten by your kids.



## Cookie Baking

Inclusive

Join one of the team for a chocolate chip cookie baking session and of course enjoy them afterwards! The sharing of cookies with parents is optional but highly recommended.

## Azura African Spa

Children are welcome at the spa and the range of treatments on offer differs per age group. See our spa menu for full details.