

Introducing the Pemba Coral Reef Safari - a first-of-its-kind scuba diving and marine wildlife experience developed to contribute to marine protection and community upliftment.

This unique experience merges the interpretive elements of a professionally guided terrestrial African Safari with the undersea world, creating an immersive and expertly guided underwater marine wildlife encounter.

A Unique Collaboration

Manta Pemba Island and BlueRise, the eco-tourism division of Blue finance, have partnered to support the Kwanini Foundation, a local non-profit working to make a positive contribution to the future of Pemba Island by working with local communities to help them understand and conserve the natural world on which they depend.

The Experience

An exclusive diving experience that promises to take you on an immersive journey through the Pemba Coral Reef ecosystem.

To ensure a personalised experience, this underwater safari is led by a highly trained guide with a maximum of two divers per guide at any one time. This smaller group size allows for a more comprehensive guided experience and to approach and view the marine wildlife with greater ease and success.

The 3-hour program begins with an in-depth introduction to the fascinating marine wildlife that calls this ecosystem home.

Once in the water, using the latest underwater communication equipment, your guide will help you identify and interpret every sight and sound you encounter during your dive.

After the dive, your guide will lead you through a comprehensive review of all the marine wildlife you encountered, including their behaviours and interactions within the coral reef ecosystem. This review ensures that you leave with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the incredible biodiversity that lies beneath the surface.



Diving for Impact

Booking a Pemba Coral Reef Safari offers an opportunity to experience scuba diving in a whole new light, while also making a significant difference to marine protection and local community development. A large portion of the payment for every Pemba Coral Reef Safari booked goes directly to the Kwanini Foundation. This ensures that the experience contributes to the sustainable and long-term management of marine protected areas to the benefit of both marine wildlife and local communities.

An Unconventional Partnership

To create the Pemba Coral Reef Safari, we partnered with Ecotraining, one of Africa's foremost guide training organisations, to develop a 28-day guide training course specifically adapted for the marine environment and scuba diving. This training immerses guides into techniques for guiding, identification and interpretation of the marine wildlife found in and alongside the coral reefs of Pemba Island.

Developing Local Skills

In line with our community upliftment objectives, we have enrolled the local dive team from Manta Pemba Island and trained them to deliver the Pemba Coral Reef Safari, ensuring that the benefits of this initiative extend to local skills development.

Price

- \$125 per person per dive
- Price includes \$45 Impact Contribution to the Kwanini Foundation
- Excludes gear rental

