

*Africa*



**& BEYOND**

## BENGUERRA ISLAND

*Mozambique*



## MOZAMBIQUE



The second largest island of the Bazaruto Archipelago, Benguerra offers exceptional opportunities to explore some of the very best of Mozambique's magnificent marine life and experience an abundance of island adventures. Characterised by its towering sand dunes, inland lakes and idyllic beaches, Benguerra was declared a National Park in 1971. It is home to over 140 bird species and the waters surrounding the archipelago are home to Africa's last remaining population of the rare dugong. With one of the most pristine coral reefs in the world just offshore, the island waters boast a staggering variety of colourful and exotic tropical fish, while keen fishermen can target a full range of game fish, from sailfish to giant trevally, bonito and marlin (catch-and-release).

Guests visiting the island awake to the sounds of fishermen trading their daily catch from their traditional sailing dhows and embark on a series of adventures that includes horse riding dhow cruises, diving, snorkelling and exhilarating catch-and-release deep-sea fishing.

*{Benguerra Island}*

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A tropical paradise tucked into a lush indigenous forest and looking out onto a picturesque crescent of sandy beach, **&Beyond** Benguerra Island is undergoing an extensive refurbishment to become the quintessential luxury island retreat. Boasting a fresh island feel, the lodge's welcoming guest areas offer views of the lush tropical garden and the ocean beyond. Set deep in cleverly created patches of shade, comfortable loungers beckon guests to relax around the rim flow swimming pool while drinking in the ocean views. Closer to the water's edge, the lodge's colourful beach bar is the perfect setting to relax or enjoy open air meals right on the sand.

Set among a lush island forest, ten casinhas and two cabanas are being extensively revamped in a light and airy colour scheme that combines tropical chic with a distinct African feel and reminders of the area's Portuguese heritage. Set under local thatch, both casinhas and cabanas boast elegant four-poster beds with white linen canopies and comfortable day beds. Large windows with dark wooden shutters gaze out towards the Indian Ocean, while private timber decks and cool rim flow pools offer a secluded alternative to beach sands and ocean waters. Bathrooms feature generous tubs big enough for two, while outdoor showers are decorated with hand-painted tiles. A shaded gazebo provides the ideal venue for starlit dinners, while the stylish dining room and open lounge, both of which boast wide, sunny decks, are the setting for more social dining. Ideal for families or groups, the Casa Familia boasts three bedrooms, each with its own ensuite bathroom, as well as private swimming pool set on the sheltered wooden veranda.

## REFURBISHMENT PLANS

**&Beyond** Benguerra is currently closed for refurbishment and will reopen on 1 June 2015.

## AT A GLANCE

- Ten casinhas and two cabanas
- Three-bedroom Casa Familia for families or groups
- Private rim flow plunge pools and a lodge pool
- Dhow Bar
- Beach Shop
- Dive Centre
- Massage sala

## WHAT SETS US APART

- Barefoot luxury
- Direct beach access
- Situated on a permanent lagoon, so access to water is not affected by tides
- PADI dive centre
- Ideal for swimming and snorkelling
- Beautiful beach walks
- Horse riding
- Outstanding marine life
- Situated in a national park
- Home to the rare dugong
- Swimming and boat access directly off the beach even at low tide
- Diverse birdlife
- Exceptional game fishing and fly fishing destination (catch-and-release)



## ACTIVITIES

### Included (one per day)

- Dhow cruise
- Scheduled snorkelling trip
- Birdwatching
- Sea kayaking

### Included (one per stay)

- Castaway picnic
- Island expedition
- Local community tour

### At an additional charge

- Scuba diving
- Deep sea fishing or saltwater fly fishing (catch-and-release)
- Catamaran cruises
- Horse riding

*"A perfect retreat, beautiful beaches, warm water, harmonious scenery, relaxing atmosphere, wonderful accommodation, really excellent cooking, trips and adventures – but, above all, welcoming and friendly staff and people."*

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## ACCESS

SA Airlink and LAM operate direct flights from Johannesburg to Vilanculos, while LAM also runs flights between Maputo and Vilanculos. Direct flights between Nelspruit, in South Africa, and Vilanculos are also available. This is followed by a short helicopter or fixed wing transfer to the lodge.



## TABLE OF FACTS

NUMBER OF ROOMS	15 (10 casinhas, 2 cabanas and the 3-bedroom Casa Familia)
MAXIMUM GUESTS	32
CHILDREN	Children are welcome
CHILDMINDING	Not available
FAMILY ROOM	3-bedroom Casa Familia (3 bedrooms – maximum of 4 adults and 4 children)
TRIPLES	2 casinhas and 2 bedrooms in Casa Familia (children between 8 and 14)
TWIN BEDS	All convertible to double
AIR CONDITIONING	Yes
OVERHEAD FANS	Yes
MOSQUITO NETS	Yes
BATH	Yes
INDOOR SHOWER	Yes
OUTDOOR SHOWER	Yes
SEPARATE W.C	Yes
IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes
TELEPHONE	No
HAIRDRYER	Yes
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	10 – 40 m / 30 – 130 feet
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	14h00 / 11h00, with early check in and late check out on request

KOSHER FOOD	Not available
POWER	220v AC (plug points in rooms)
INTERNET ACCESS	WiFi available throughout the lodge
PRIVATE BEACH / BANDA DINNERS	Yes
CREDIT CARDS	MasterCard and Visa
MASSAGE / HEALTH TREATMENTS	Massage sala
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	Not available
WEATHER	Mozambique's hot weather lasts from October to February, while the winter months from June to August are warm
RAINFALL	Rainfall usually occurs between November and March and peaks in January and February. Rain is mostly in the form of afternoon storms
TEMPERATURE	Average daytime temperatures are 25 - 34 °C (77 - 93 °F) in summer and 21 - 27 °C (70 - 80 °F) in winter. Water temperature ranges from 26 - 31 °C (79 - 88 °F) in summer and 21 - 28 °C (70 - 82 °F) in winter
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL	Year-round
MALARIA	The island is situated in a malaria area and necessary precautions should be taken
GPS COORDINATES	S 21°51.00' E 35°27.00'
CAMP CLOSURE	Open year-round

## NOTE

Please note that park fees and government charges may apply. Speak to your travel consultant for more details.

CAMP LAYOUT



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