

## FACT SHEET



### THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Bahia Mar has a total of four houses. Each house comprises of two Sea View Bedrooms next to each other on the top floor, and one Beach Suite on the ground floor. This is a total of 12 sea front bedrooms. Bahia Mar also has another five bedrooms, the Garden Suites, making a total of 17 bedrooms as described below:



### Sea View Bedroom (8 units, each 25 sqm):

- ✓ Located on the upstairs floor
- ✓ En-suite bedroom with a queen-size bed, shower, large veranda with sun beds and sea view overlooking the Bazaruto islands
- ✓ This bedroom can sleep a single person or two people sharing a bed
- ✓ Extra beds cannot be added to this room type – only baby cots
- ✓ A child below 3 years old (sleeping in a cot) is free of charge



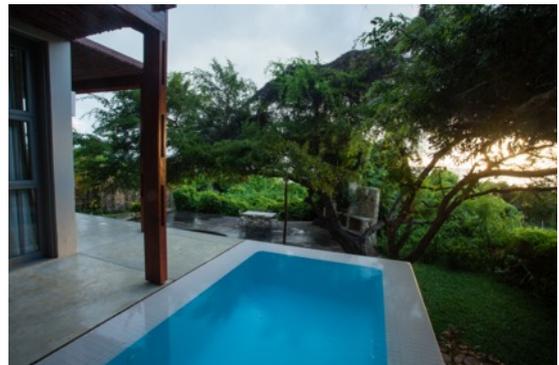
**Luxury Beach Suite** (3 units, each 50 sqm):

- ✓ Located on the downstairs floor
- ✓ *Pied-à-terre* self-catering unit with king-size bed, en-suite bath and shower, DSTV, open plan lounge and fully equipped *kitchenette*, a private BBQ outside, terrace with sunbeds and a private splash pool
- ✓ This bedroom can sleep a single person or two people sharing a bed plus
- ✓ 2 children, 11 years and younger sleeping in bunk-beds and a child below 3 years old (sleeping in a cot) are free of charge



**Presidential Suite** (1 unit, 50 sqm):

- ✓ Private *pied-à-terre* luxury self-catering unit with en-suite king-size bedroom, DSTV, lounge and fully equipped *kitchenette*, a private *barbecue* area in the garden, a terrace with sunbeds and a private splash pool
- ✓ Greater privacy, large decking area, dedicated braai / BBQ area and double sized splash pool
- ✓ This bedroom can sleep a single person or two people sharing a bed
- ✓ 2 children, 11 years and younger sleeping in bunk-beds and a child below 3 years old (sleeping in a cot) are free of charge



**Family Unit** (4 units): Bahia Mar offers the option of the whole unit. The ideal choice for a family. This unit consists of two double Sea view Rooms on the first floor and one *pied-à-terre* Luxury Beach Suite on the ground floor. Both as described above.



**Garden Suite (5 units, each 35 sqm):**

- ✓ Private *pied-à-terre* luxury bedroom with a superking size bed which can be converted to 2 x  $\frac{3}{4}$  twin beds, DSTV, lounge and a private terrace area in the cashew nut tree garden
- ✓ This bedroom can sleep a couple or two people in twin beds
- ✓ 2 of these units have inter-leading rooms for families



**The facilities in the bedrooms:**

- ✓ Air conditioning
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Kettle, coffee and tea
- ✓ Minibar
- ✓ Bath towels
- ✓ Bath robes
- ✓ Hair dryer
- ✓ Amenities: shampoo & conditioner, shower gel, handwash, hand lotion, tooth brush
- ✓ Personal safe
- ✓ TV in the Beach Suites and in the Garden Suites

**The breakfast (included in the rate):**

Typically presented in a buffet, our continental breakfast is a light morning meal that includes homemade fresh bread and toast, fruit juice and hot beverages. Additionally, there is a selection of homemade jams and honey, cereals, yogurts, tropical fresh fruit salad and pastry of the day like muffins, flapjacks or croissants. We also include various hot breakfast options – you have a delicious breakfast menu to choose from. Espressos and cappuccinos are charged for additionally.



### **À La Carte Restaurant:**

Our *À La Carte Restaurant* can accommodate 32 guests on the outside terrace plus 32 guests inside.

We also have a star deck overlooking the islands for romantic dinners and special nights.

Our food is a fusion of organic and healthy recipes created with typical Mozambican ingredients.

Half board supplement has an additional cost of \$40 per person, per day and includes a 3 course A La Carte meal. Drinks are not included.

Bahia Mar works with local artists and we offer acoustic live music every night during dinner time.

### **Wi-Fi:**

Available in all bedrooms and public areas – Reception, Lounges, Restaurant, Bars and Pool Area.

### **Swimming Pool, Pool Bar & Children's Pool:**

Overlooking the Bazaruto Archipelago. Pool towels are available at reception on request.

### **Tailor-Made Events:**

With its superb location and magnificent pool area, Bahia Mar provides the perfect venue for major events. We can host private functions, be it a wedding, banquet, company BBQ or private luncheon. Our *à la carte* restaurant, two bars, large infinity pool and friendly staff are available for any function.



## WELLNESS CENTRE:

Health and wellbeing are a focus at Bahia Mar. Our Wellness Centre comprises of a state-of-the-art gymnasium, a group classroom and two massage rooms overlooking the islands - plus the recent addition of the **BAHIA MAR SPA**. The spa is the first and only of its kind on the mainland of Vilankulo making Bahia Mar the perfect venue for a wellness retreat. Bahia Mar offers a range of retreat programs which can be adapted to suit your individual needs. Choose from a detox, weight loss or yoga program for the ultimate wellness getaway – or simply indulge in a SPA day package or treatment during your stay.

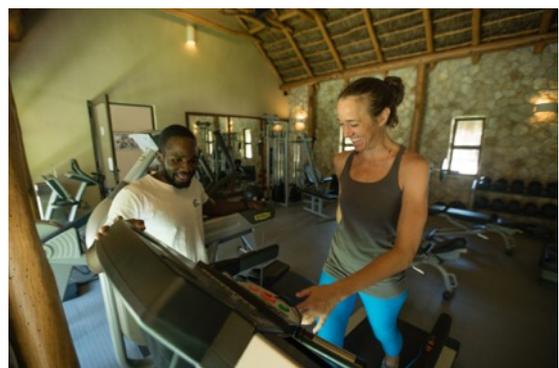
## SPA Massage Treatments & Therapies

Our extensive menu of treatments is designed to both unwind and rejuvenate using the finest of natural, locally sourced ingredients and essential oils. We offer a diverse range of massages, body treatments and wraps, facials, anti-aging treatments and foot therapies. Relaxing, detoxifying, energising, revitalising, replenishing – please see the SPA Menu for a full list of treatments.



## Gymnasium

Equipped with the latest in cardiovascular and muscle toning apparatus, our gym facilitates a complete workout. The revolutionary Queenax compact exercise station provides functional, suspension resistance and reaction training in one easy-to-use apparatus. Our qualified instructors can also put you through your paces offering group sessions or individual training.



Classes like aerobics, aero-step, fitness circuits, anti-gravitational training and yoga provide a good workout for all fitness levels. Bahia Mar runs group classes six days a week or you can work at your own pace with a virtual class available via the Les Mills on demand system installed in our group classroom.



## **OUR BOAT MOTHASSANE:**

Mothassane, by far the most luxurious speedboat in the Bazaruto Archipelago, is powered by two 200hp Yamaha engines, allowing her to glide effortlessly in style and comfort. Her front bow has a spacious lounge for sunbathing and her rear forms the perfect diving deck for reef fishing and snorkelling. Mothassane caters delicious meals for the entire family with ample space to entertain everyone. On board there's a freshwater tap, sink, toilet and shower which makes for luxury at sea. The professional crew, experienced in these waters, take care of every need for every competency level.



For more information and rates please visit our website: [www.mothassane.com](http://www.mothassane.com)



## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

The small fishing village of Vilankulo is considered the gateway to the Bazaruto Archipelago, which consists of 5 picture-perfect islands, all situated within the National Marine Park. We are privileged to share these breath-taking attractions with our guests. We will provide free transport to and from most of the activities within Vilankulo. You can watch our video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvRB72R37pQ&t=21s>

<p><b>DHOW TRIPS TO THE ISLANDS</b> Unforgettable day trips to the islands Sailing on a traditional wooden boat (dhow), snorkelling, relaxing and strolling along the deserted, white beaches. Various dhow trips are available to the different islands.</p>	<p>Prices range from \$75 USD to \$95 USD per person. Including snorkelling gear, coffee, tea, lunch and National Park Fees. Overnight stays also available on request.</p>
<p><b>SCUBA DIVING</b> Mozambique is one of the top 10 diving destinations in the world. The diving around the Bazaruto Archipelago is magnificent!</p>	<p>Double dives from \$160 per person which includes National Park Fees, sandwich lunch and mineral water. Scuba and PADI scuba courses also available on request (Open Water, Advanced, EFA, Rescue and Dive Master)</p>
<p><b>SNORKELING</b> There are several stunning snorkelling spots within the Bazaruto Archipelago. The most famous one is 'The Aquarium' on the inside of two mile reef.</p>	<p>Prices start from \$95 per person for the day's excursion which includes snorkelling gear, sandwich lunch, mineral water and National Park Fees.</p>
<p><b>FISHING</b> If you love the thrill of a big game fishing day this is the place to be! The deep sea fishing in this area is world renowned.</p>	<p>From \$700 + fuel expenses Includes skipper, gillie, bait and all fishing gear. Excluding National Park Fees.</p>
<p><b>KITESURFING</b> Bahia Mar is the best spot for kitesurfing in Vilankulo! Try a kitesurfing baptism, learn how to kitesurf or hire equipment and join a kiting safari. Baptisms \$40 pp for one hour</p>	<p>Beginners Course: \$100 (1 Day Course - 3hrs) \$190 (2 Day Course - 6hrs) \$280 (3 Day Course – 9hrs) Intermediate &amp; Advance Lessons from \$45 per hour Kiting Safari Prices start at \$60 pp (ask for a quote as rates depend on the islands visited and size of the group).</p>
<p><b>STAND UP PADDLING</b> Experience one of the ultimate water activities. Suitable for beginners or more experienced ones, families, or individuals. The blue and calm waters of Vilanculos's bays are ideal for paddle boarding.</p>	<p>Rentals: 500 Mets per hour per board or 1,500 Mets per full day per board.</p>
<p><b>HORSE RIDING</b> Horse riding along the beach, to the dunes or around the lakes or even swimming with the horses. Great experience to get into nature and a must for the horse lovers (beginners are welcome).</p>	<p>\$50 for a 2h ride Transport to the stables is not included (\$20 per person return for transport, additionally).</p>
<p><b>SUNSET CRUISES</b> Enjoy the stunning sunset from the water. Can't get better!</p>	<p>\$50 (2h) - Doesn't include drinks</p>
<p><b>VILANKULO GUIDED CULTURAL TOUR</b> Faquiri is the best guide to show us around. He'll take you to the market, church, orphanage and will tell you all about the history of this special place.</p>	<p>\$20 per person (approx. 2 h tour) Includes transport.</p>

## LOCATION:



## TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Bahia Mar Club is situated just 8km from the Vilankulo International Airport. The lodge arranges transfers for guests to and from the airport.

### Visas & Passports

Everyone needs a passport to enter Mozambique.

- ✓ It must be current and valid for 6 months
- ✓ It must be your passport
- ✓ Two clear pages are required
- ✓ Torn, wet, grubby passports especially where the picture or pages are damaged may be refused entry

### SA Passport Holders

Do not need a visa but at the border they will still charge a R17 'admin fee'.



## Other Nationality Passports

Most other nationalities require a visa; these can be obtained from an embassy in advance and the cost varies from R750 (UK / US) to R350 most European countries and South America.

The cost reflects how much a visa would be for a Mozambican to visit your country.

Visa's for most nationalities are available at most entry points into Mozambique as follows:

## Airports

Maputo, Inhambane, Vilanculos and Pemba.

If going to Beira, Tete or Quelimane, the flights stopover in Maputo and that is where you will get your visa.

## Land Borders

- South African entry borders: Kosi Bay , Komatipoort
- Swaziland entry borders: Namaacha
- Zimbabwe entry borders: Mutare, Cuchamano/Nyamapanda
- Malawi entry borders Vila Nova, Milange, Zobue, Dedza,

A visa at any of the above entry points currently costs R171 per passport and takes a few minutes extra at the border - please note if you are crossing by bus (Intercape, greyhound or the like) the bus is not obliged to wait for you while your visa is being issued!! Some bus companies including Intercape will NOT allow boarding in South Africa if you do not have a valid visa for Mozambique).

Borders where it is essential to already have a visa before arrival

- From South Africa: Giryonda (Kruger)
- From Tanzania: Rovuma River crossing
- From Malawi: If crossing the lake by ferry

## Flying

Vilanculos hosts an international airport with flights departing to and from Maputo and Johannesburg on a daily basis. There are also flights from KMIA (Nelspruit) to Vilanculos twice weekly. The International Airport is serviced by LAM and by Airlink.

## Driving

The roads to Vilanculos are acceptable and tarred but look out for potholes en route; a 4x4 is not a necessity. We do not suggest travelling at night in Mozambique. Fuel is readily available but it is suggested to fill up whenever possible. Unleaded fuel is available in Vilanculos.

Getting your vehicle and boat into Mozambique:

Please ensure you bring a valid Identity Document with driver's licence (S.A.D.C. or INTERNATIONAL) as well as your ORIGINAL vehicle registration documents. Mozambican temporary import permits for all vehicles (including boat trailer) are obtainable at all border posts and are valid for 30 days.



3rd Party insurance is compulsory and can be bought upon entry at R150.00 per vehicle and R80 per trailer.

You will need a permit to launch your boat which is available at any Maritime office in any major town.

### **Driving Tips**

You do not need a 4 x 4 to get to from South Africa to Vilanculos as the road is tarred all the way. We do however urge you to ensure that your vehicle is in reliable roadworthy condition as the roads can be unpredictable. Keep to the speed limits. This is usually 30 kmph - 50 kmph in towns and 120 kmph on the open road.

It is advisable to keep your fuel tank filled as the distances between filling stations could cause problems and stations occasionally run out or have intermittent electrical supply to run their pumps. There are filling stations in Maputo, Macia, Xai-Xai, Quissico, Inhambane, Maxixe, Massinga, Vilanculos and Inhassoro.

Try not to travel after dark. There are a lot of people and animals using the roads as well as vehicles without lights.

*Check you are leaving the border with the following:*

- ✓ Driver's license
- ✓ Vehicle ownership documents and letters of permission (applicable to hired and borrowed vehicles)
- ✓ A vehicle export document.
- ✓ Mozambique vehicle import document. (T.I.P)
- ✓ Valid insurance for Mozambique
- ✓ Everybody's passport with an entry stamp to Mozambique

Traffic police may stop you and can ask for any of these documents, if / when they do just show them and smile, but don't leave until they have given them back to you!

Keep to the speed limits as they are very keen on speed traps along the main road to Maputo, around Maputo and especially on the main road north.

### **By Road**

Vilanculos is located on the National EN1 road, which runs between Maputo and Beira. Roads are tarred and a 4x4 is not required. However, do look out for potholes and road-works.

### **Directions from the South**

Follow the main toll road from Komatipoort to Maputo. Just before entering Maputo, you turn left onto the National road EN1 to the North (Xai-Xai, Inhambane, Vilanculos, and Beira). From this point the turn-off to Vilankulo is approximately 780 km and you will travel through Xai-Xai, Maxixe and Massinga. At Pambarra you will find the Vilanculos turn-off (to the right). Vilanculos is 20 km from the Pambarra turn-off. Once you arrive to the village you turn left (BCI bank ahead of you) and turn left again once



you see the BIM bank. Follow the road up the hill and go straight until you see Bahia Mar Club sign on the right side of the road (approx. 3 km).

### **Directions from the North**

If you are travelling from Zimbabwe, Tete or Chimoio: follow the main Beira road and turn south at Inchope. This is the National road EN1 to Inhassoro, Vilanculos, Xai-Xai and Maputo. You will cross the Revue, Busi and Save Rivers. The Vilanculos turn-off is approximately 380 km from Inchope. At Pambarra you turn-off to the left and Vilanculos is 20 km from Pambarra. Once you arrive to the village you turn left (BCI bank ahead of you) and turn left again once you see the BIM bank. Follow the road up the hill and go straight until you see Bahia Mar Club sign on the right side of the road (approx. 3 km).

### **Want to avoid Maputo? Try the following alternate route...**

Approximately 40 km from the border post, turn left to Moamba. In Moamba stay on tar road and turn right. Shortly after leaving Moamba turn left and cross the river over "okay" new bridge. Tar now ends. Keep on this road through village of Sabie to Magude town (95km). Go through Magude, cross railroad bridge, turn left to Xinavane. Go straight through Xinavane to T junction. Turn left onto EN 1 towards Masia and XaiXai. This route is shorter than route through Maputo and more scenic. 4 x 4 recommended. This only for 4x4 vehicles so please no small vehicles.

### **Distances**

- Johannesburg to Vilanculos 1385km
- Johannesburg to Nelspruit 350km
- Nelspruit to Komatipoort Border 95km - N4 road
- Komatipoort Border to Maputo 95km - N4 road two tolls
- Maputo to XaiXai 302km - EN1 road
- XaiXai to Maxixe 291km
- Maxixe to Vilanculos 252km - EN1 road

### **Mozambique Toll Stations**

These can be paid in Rand, US\$ or Mozambique Meticals. Please note garage cards, debit cards and credit cards are NOT accepted at Toll Stations. There are not many toll routes in Mozambique however the main two are on the road between Komatipoort and Maputo.

### **Border Post Times**

- ✓ Komatipoort (Ressano Garcia) - open every day of the year between 07h00 - 19h00. During the busy December period (generally from 20 December to 03rd January) this border stays open 24-hours.
- ✓ Namaacha/Lomaacha (Swaziland/Mozambique) - opens at 07h00, closes at 18h00.
- ✓ Oshoek/Ngwenya (South Africa / Swaziland) - opens at 07h00, closes at 20h00.
- ✓ Kosi Bay/Ponta d' Ouro (Faranzela) - opens at 08h00, closes at 17h00.



### **USEFUL TIPS:**

Mozambique is a malaria infected country so please don't forget to bring mosquito repellent and some long sleeve shirts for the evening to help you prevent the mosquito bites. Your bedroom has mosquito nets and our housekeeping staff will make sure that your turn down is done before sunset.

You can find South African (3 pin) and European electrical plugs (2 pin) in Mozambique so we suggest you to bring an adaptor in case you need to connect in another type of plug.

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