



Colina Verde

YOUR LUXURY HOME IN AFRICA





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Our Story

THE JOURNEY MATTERS AS MUCH AS THE
DESTINATION.



- Like all good stories it started with a dream, a flash of inspiration and an almost impossible idea.
- To build a home in the remote coastal forest that could be shared with many and would benefit the community of Machangulo



- The story of Colina Verde is one of many hands and minds working together. All materials were carefully transported by sailing dhow from Maputo and many craftsmen and women left their touch on our beautiful home. Across continents and languages it is a triumph of team work and determination.

Sharing is at our heart

Our Home

- Colina Verde is a spectacular luxury villa on the Machangulo peninsula in Mozambique.
- The villa is available on an exclusive use basis to groups of 6 -18 guests.
- We have 7 bedrooms, each uniquely designed and furnished to a breathtaking standard.
- All our rooms offer privacy but are joined together under one large roof making Colina Verde the perfect place for extended families.
- The rooms wrap around our 16m heated oval swimming pool making it easy to keep an eye on the kids.



WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE



Our Rooms

- Whale room has an oceanic view, framed by trees. The King size bed, outdoor shower and bath with a view are perfect for a relaxing stay.
- The Inhaca room offers an unrivalled ocean view, as well as a view over the tip of the Peninsula up to Inhaca Island. It has a luxuriously large King size bed. There is also a beautiful copper bath and an indoor, as well as an outdoor shower. For that extra touch of luxury, there is also an open fireplace.
- Dolphin room has a picture-perfect view of the pool and the ocean. It has an indoor shower and a Queen size bed for your ultimate relaxation.



SWEET DREAMS.



- Elephant room has panoramic views of the pool and the ocean. There is a luxurious built-in stone bath with a magnificent view. There is also an outdoor shower. Relax on a luscious King size bed that also offers an ocean view.



- Monkey room has magical views over the ocean and the 'monkey valley'. There is a luxurious copper bath and a large indoor shower. Relax on a King size bed on the lower level. There is also a bunk bed upstairs.



- Our Turtle room looks out over vibrant green bushes and you can see the ocean from a comfortable window seat. It has a lovely bath built for relaxation and a sheltered outdoor shower to get you closer to nature. Relax on a luxurious King size bed while enjoying your holiday.





- Hippo room has a view of endless green bushes and the expansive ocean from the upper deck. There's an elegant bath, as well as an indoor shower. It is the ideal room for families with children as there are two double beds on the main level and two beds on the upper level.



- Colina Verde has extensive indoor areas including a living room with a beautiful fireplace, dining room, study and games room. Throughout the house there are cosy nooks to curl up with a book or look out at the ocean.

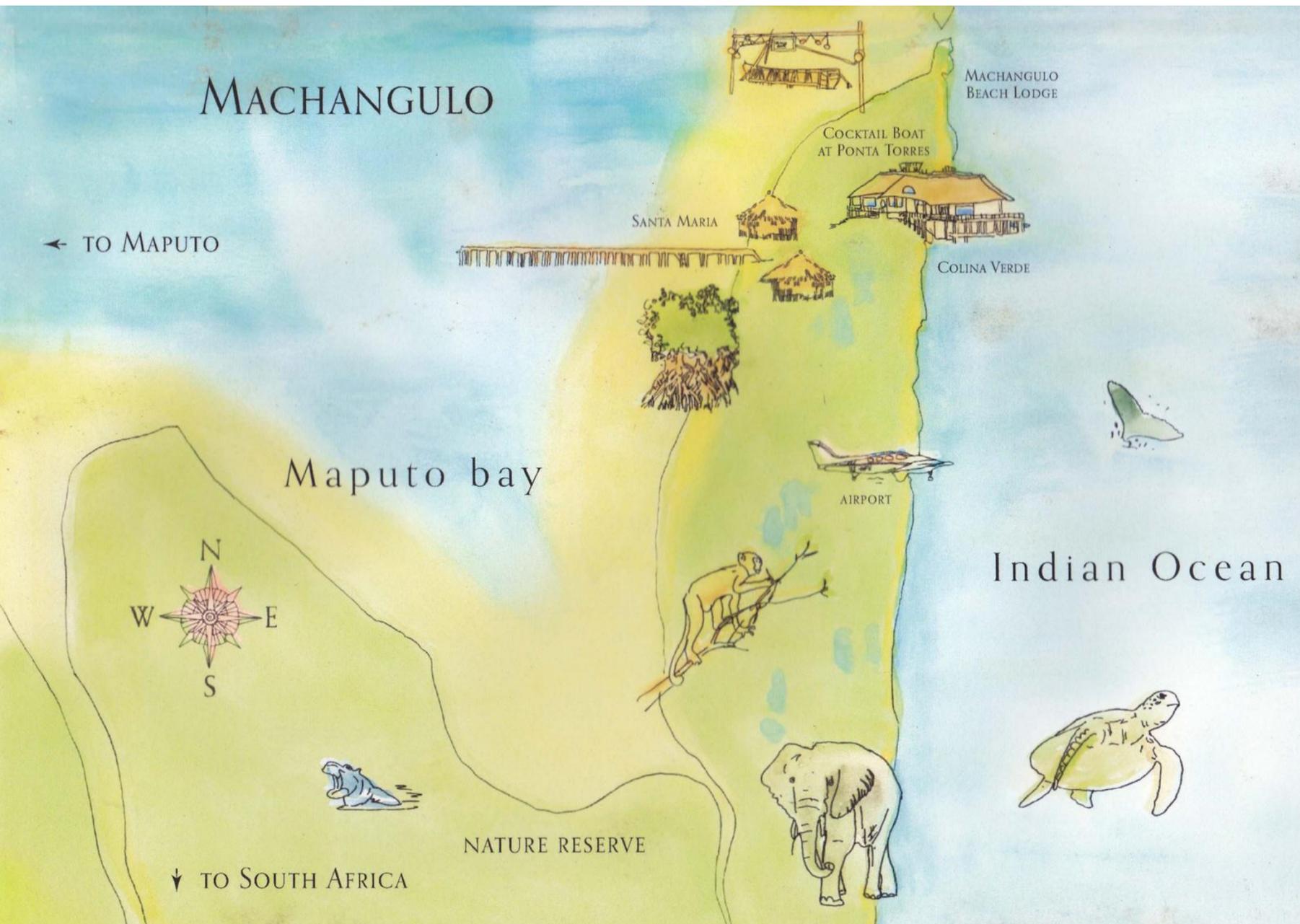


- We also have acres of outdoor terrace where guests can relax with a drink, soak up the sun and listen to the rolling waves.



Our Area

MACHANGULO - A HIDDEN TREASURE.



- Machangulo Peninsula is in the South of Mozambique, directly across the bay from the Mozambique capital of Maputo. 22km of empty beaches await.
- Machangulo is bordered in the South by the Maputo Special Reserve and Inhaca island lies to the North. The Area is protected by the Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve and an Environmental Protection Agreement that limits development.
- Colina Verde is accessible by vehicle but the road through the Maputo Special Reserve is sandy and 4x4 is required. We recommend guests arrive by boat or aircraft.



- The peninsula provides a rich variety of wildlife habitats; coastal dune forest, wetland, small areas of savanna grassland as well mangrove forests which are a vital part of the marine ecosystem.
- The beaches of Machangulo are a significant breeding ground for turtles and the area has a monitoring program that carries out research to help protect the nests of up to 200 leatherback and loggerhead turtles each year.
- From July to November Humpback Whales pass Machangulo on their annual migration and can regularly be seen from the decks of Colina Verde.
- The Maputo Special Reserve is home to a large population of elephants and Peace Parks have been successfully reintroducing many species to this wild habitat including giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, Nyala and buffalo.



The Experience

- We want our guests to experience the best of Machangulo. For some that means getting out and about everyday and for others it means taking it easy by the pool.

Things to do without even leaving the house

- Play a game of tennis or practice your skills against the wall at the court.
- Play pool, ping pong in our games room or 'giant' four-in-a-row or scrabble on the terraces
- Make the most of our remote location and stargaze on the tower or one of the many decks
- Get your daily laps in or simply float your cares away in our 16m heated swimming pool.
- Unwind in one of our two hot tubs
- Use our yoga equipment and take your daily practice outside
- Smash your fitness goals at our compact gym
- Practice your cocktail making skills for your friends at our pool bar

Included Activities

A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.

- We include a whole host of guided activities and everything is tailored to our individual groups.
- Snorkelling at Inhaca island just a short boat trip away. You can walk into the water, so it's suitable for all levels and a guide is on hand to help with equipment. There are a huge variety of fish and often turtles are spotted cruising around.
- An abundant picnic lunch on the beach on Inhaca Island.
- A stroll through Santa Maria to see local village life or a drink at the dhow bar.
- Exploring the beaches at low tide on our specially designed 'Fat Bikes'.
- Hiking through the coastal forest tracks, looking for rare insects and birds.
 - Guided kayak safaris in the mangroves at sunset.



Extra Activities

To travel is to live



- In addition to our included activities we have several extra options for our guests.
- A day trip to the Maputo Special Reserve in our dedicated safari vehicle is a beautiful way to explore the area and local wildlife. We serve a sumptuous picnic lunch at a spot close to an inland lake where hippos, crocodiles and many birds can be seen.
- From July to November guests can take a boat trip to spot the migrating humpback whales. It's an excellent opportunity for enthusiastic wildlife photographers.





Fish More, Worry less

- We have our own boat and Graham is a world class professional guide with 20 years experience fishing in Mozambique specialising in deep sea and salt water fly fishing.
- We are lucky to have a wide variety of species to target throughout the year. These include Giant Trevally (GT's) Kingmackerel, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, Barracuda, Queenfish, Sailfish, Marlin, Dorado, Green Jobfish as well as a number of other Trevally species.
- Closest reefs are only a 10 minute boat ride making it ideal for kids and shorter fishing trips.
- Prime GT months are October through to May.
- Winter fishing is comprised of fishing with livebaits for large kingmackerel and wahoo with sailfish often making an appearance.



Our Dining

Nothing brings people together like good food

- Getting our food right has been very important to us. All meals are created by Joy, our wonderful chef who stirs plenty of love and dedication into her dishes.
- We love to use the locally caught seafood and fresh fish and our emphasis is on delicious healthy meals that nourish body and soul.
- We know that people like to get up at different times so breakfast is be a buffet of cereals, fruit and yogurt or fresh cooked options in the outdoor kitchen area. Breakfast is finished when the last person eats or lunch is served.





- Lunch is one course and is usually based around seafood or chicken and a selection of salads served family style at the table so guests can help themselves from platters.



- There is cake or sweet treat in the lobby area after lunch. We are very proud to be called 'the place where there is always cake'.
- A light snack is provided to accompany sundown drinks.
- Dinner consists of a main course and desert again served family style.
- Excursions to the Maputo reserve or Inhaca Island include an extensive buffet picnic lunch. Snacks are provided for boat trips.
- With our beautiful weather we like to eat outside as much as possible and we have a few different table locations including a surprise one!
- Guests love our food so much we decided to make a book called 'Sharing our table' these are some of the images from it.



Children

- We welcome guests of all ages and love hosting extended families.
- We can offer children's meals and different mealtimes on request and there are always snacks available.
- It is your house for your stay. We are used to hosting big groups and we're not afraid of noise! Kids can jump in the pool and not worry about bothering other guests.
- All of our activities are suitable for children and we have child size equipment and life jackets.
- There are lots of fun things to do around the house while the adults relax.
- Monkey and hippo rooms are great for young friends or cousins to share.
- We have high chairs and travel cots for the smallest visitors and we are always willing to be flexible and move things around.



Our Team

Together Everyone Achieves More

- Most of our small, tight knit team were involved in building Colina Verde and have been with us ever since.
- We take care to employ people from our local community who are excited to show our guests Machangulo.
 - Shy smiles, enthusiasm and attention to detail define our team.

Waiting for you at Colina Verde



Our Community

Estamos Juntos - We Are Together



- At Colina Verde we are committed to listening to and supporting the needs of our community . Our focus is on health, education and conservation in this remote rural area.
- Since 2018 we have been subsidising the transport for a monthly visit from a government health team including a doctor and dentist. This has been vital in improving the access our community has to life saving chronic medications and services.
- Together with our guests we have kitted out a computer room at our local school with 10 desktop PC's and projector. The equipment us also used in the evenings for adult education classes.
- Our next project is to add a classroom to the local school who have recently taken on 40 high school pupils.



Getting Here



- A range of airlines service the international airport at Maputo.
- Colina Verde is across the bay of Maputo and there are a range of ways to reach us from the airport, all of which we can arrange and oversee for your convenience and peace of mind.
- Boat transfers are a popular choice as they are cost effective for large groups and give a chance to see dolphins, flamingos and other marine life up close. The journey is 60 minutes and we make all the arrangements including meet and greet at the airport.
- Transfers by helicopter and light aircraft are a spectacular way to arrive at Colina Verde and quicker than by boat.
- We also have airline partners who provide private charter services from SADC region hubs as well as from lodges in the Kruger park area.
- It is possible to self-drive to Colina Verde however our stunning remote location is off road and requires 4 x 4 vehicles and experience.



The Seasons

EACH MOMENT OF THE YEAR HAS IT'S OWN BEAUTY

Summer

- November - March is summertime in Mozambique and daytime temperatures can reach 30 degrees with high humidity.
- Colina Verde is in the far south of Mozambique and is not affected by cyclonic conditions like some areas of the Mozambican coast.
- Being on the seaward side of the peninsula we always have a beautiful sea breeze to cool things down.

Winter

- April - October is winter in Mozambique. The days are lovely and warm and the evenings can be cool enough for a sweater or jacket outside.
- Winter is a lovely time to travel to Colina Verde.



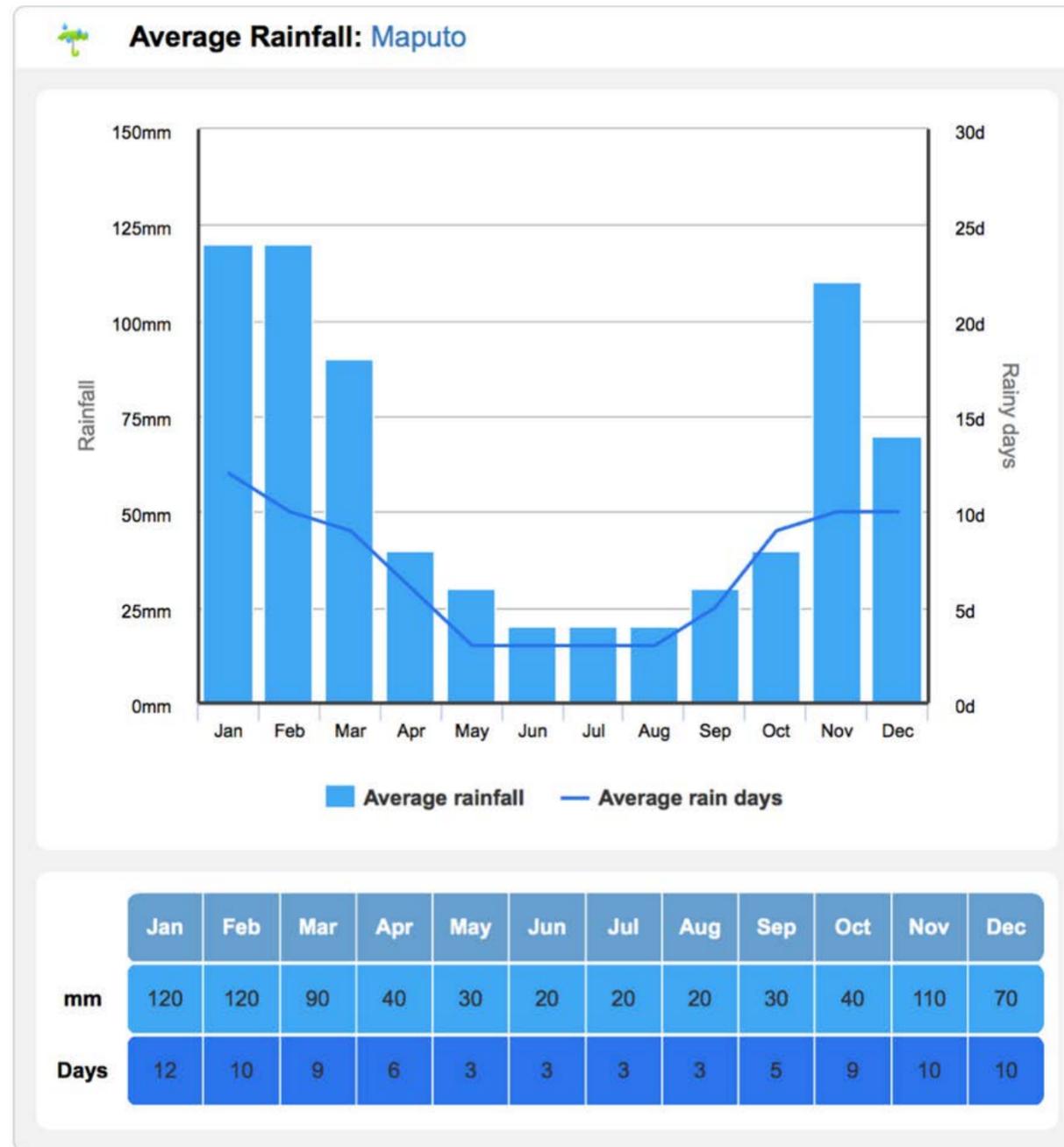


Our favorite months

- Colina Verde is beautiful all year round, it's hard to pick favourites.
- We love Machangulo in May, calm days and perfect warm temperatures.
- May and June are both great months for keen anglers.
- October is lovely month as the days get longer at the end of winter.
- December is great for sun-seekers.

Wildlife months

- The humpback whale migration happens from July-November but we get our most frequent sightings in October.
- Turtles nest in December and start to hatch in January.
- April/May and October/November are great times to explore the Maputo Special Reserve.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Days	12	10	9	6	3	3	3	3	5	9	10	10

Our Guests



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Paradise

If your conception of paradise includes beautiful vistas from on high overlooking the Indian Ocean to the east and the dune forests of a nature reserve to the west; seclusion within a private nature reserve with miles of sandy beach below to walk on and swim in a protected beach cove; a short boat ride to beautiful snorkeling in the crystal clear bay; stunning bedrooms with a multitude of common areas, including terraces on all sides for meals or relaxation, and stunning view of the stars at night; wonderful healthy and tasty meals; a refreshing and large infinity pool, a whirlpool/hot tub and exercise equipment; and an excellent and friendly staff supervised by the extremely knowledgeable owners Lucy and Graham, than this is the place for you. It certainly made our group feel that we had done something right in life and had arrived in Nirvana - at least for five days. We came away refreshed and with wonderful memories. There are not many such pristine locations left in the world, and we hope to be able to return to this African paradise.

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The most amazing holiday destination, accomodation and hospitality outstanding

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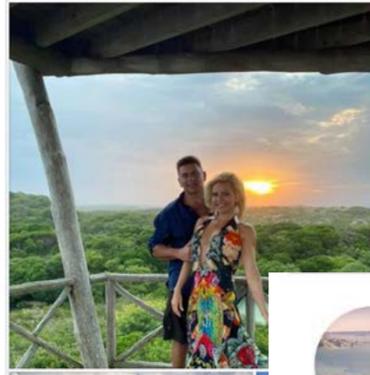


Shawn Gardiner is with Claire Gardiner.

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One of the best fam holidays we have ever had .the lodge itself is world standard if not better and we have traveled extensively .the rooms are amazing with the different themes in each room .The staff were unbelievably u never see them but when u need something they magically appear out of thin air amazing .the food was exquisite -10 days and every sitting was different to the one before no boring lodge food here as there private chef took care of all our needs and more .As ...

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A Holiday of a Lifetime

Our stay at Colina Verde was definitely the holiday of a life time. We were a large family party covering 3 generations. Everything was fantastic from the start till the finish- with enough activities to keep everyone busy especially all the teenagers. Sand boarding/cycling/deep sea fishing/picnics on the beach/relaxing in the hot tub/table tennis tournaments/pool tournaments/tennis tournament/ kayaking/snorkelling. The beaches were beautiful with pristine white sand and we seldom saw anyone else on them. The bedrooms were beautifully decorated as were the en suites. Lucy, Graham and their staff could not have been more helpful or efficient during our stay. Many thanks to Joy for all the delicious meals and birthday cakes, William for making all the cocktails and Juliani for accompanying us on all the water activities and taking care of the older members of the party. Unfortunately the week went far to quickly and then it was back to reality. Thank you for the memories of an incredible stay.

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We look forward to sharing Colina Verde with you.

