

# AZURA

BOUTIQUE RETREATS



## FACT SHEET - Azura Quilalea Private Island

### MOZAMBIQUE MAP



**Azura Quilalea Private Island** is a hidden gem, somewhere to retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life, with a relaxed and understated 'Robinson Crusoe' castaway style that belies the comforts and experiences on offer. Attention to detail, as ever with Azura, is paramount in the design, the finishes, and the overall wow factor of the island experience.

Quilalea Island is one of the Southernmost islands in the pristine Quirimbas Archipelago, 30 nautical miles North of Pemba. It has one of only a few safe deep-water moorings in the area, where the Portuguese and Arab traders traditionally found sanctuary for their dhows. Along with its sister island Sencar, it is one of the few properties in the entire Archipelago to lie within a fully protected marine reserve, ensuring an abundance of marine life. The island is approximately 86 acres (35 hectares) in size and apart from Quilalea staff & guests, it is completely uninhabited.

The island is covered in indigenous vegetation, with statuesque age-old baobab groves and stunning flora and fauna, a real nature lovers paradise.



There are 4 large sandy beaches on the island, the villas are spread along 2 of them, the main beach always has boat access, and remote and beautiful turtle beach is home to dozens of nesting turtles and is an excellent spot for a private picnic lunch. It's just as amazing below the sea, with snorkelling accessible off the beaches and around most of the island. This is paradise for lovers of marine life and marine experiences.

The Quirimbas National Park extends from just south of Quilalea, to just north of Rolas and Matemo Islands. Quilalea and its sister Sencar island are the only totally protected areas in the park, and an important breeding and nesting ground for Olive Ridley, Green and Hawksbill Turtles which can be seen year-round. Humpback whales can be seen from July to October and dolphins are seen throughout the year. In the ocean surrounding Quilalea, there are near pristine inshore and offshore coral reef; sea-grass beds, upon which the turtles feed; good stocks of pelagic fishes, and long stretches of sandy beaches, ideal for swimming, with the water temperature warm year round.

The climate is hot and humid year-round, with long sunny days and temperatures rarely below 24 degrees day and night. Our villas are positioned to take best advantage of the natural breezes.

Cuisine at Azura Quilalea is focused around the natural produce available locally, in line with the island's 'Eco Ethos'. Lots of fresh fish and seafood dominate the menu, with dining a relaxed and laid-back affair. Guests receive Azura's trademark Mozambican host service, and dine in a range of unique and special venues. Children are welcome in the Kaskazi and Kusi Villas at Azura Quilalea, and the marine paradise offers numerous possibilities for children and families.

## ACTIVITIES

- Scuba Diving, we are a PADI 5 Star centre, training dives are done in the main swimming pool
- Snorkelling on the house reef
- Guided snorkelling trips
- Deep sea fishing
- Mangrove Kayaking on nearby Sencar Island
- Sea kayaking
- Stand Up Paddle boarding
- Guided tours of Ibo Island with its rich cultural history and heritage, visit the silver jewellery makers
- Guided tours of Quirimba Island on the coconut plantation, and visits to the community & school
- Shore based fishing
- Spa treatments
- Leisure flips in the Helicopter to various destinations
- Dhow sailing and sunset cruises
- Guided marine shore walks
- Star gazing events
- Beach walks, picnics and private dining
- Guided bird watching / Baobab walking trails
- Dolphin sightings (year-round)
- Whale sightings (in season, June-Oct)

## SUMMARY

- Snorkelling and diving right off the main beach on the house reef
- Marine paradise with 17 dive sites around Quilalea Island
- Personalised itineraries with activities scheduled to guests wishes
- Dining in different locations each day, beach dining and dining under baobab trees
- Azura's signature trademark offers you a Mozambican butler-host to look after you during your stay
- Fantastic for honeymoons and families, or opt to take the island exclusive
- Recommended length of stay is 5 nights, preferably more



## TABLE OF FACTS

Number of rooms	Total of 9 villas; 4 Kaskazi, 4 Kusi and 1 Villa Quilalea
Maximum guests	18
Children	All ages are welcome
Childminding	Available
Twin beds	All Kaskazi and Kusi Villas can be made into twins
PADI dive centre and dive equipment	yes
Fishing equipment	Yes
Air conditioning	Yes
Overhead fans	Yes
Mosquito nets	Yes
Bath	Only Villa Quilalea
Outdoor shower	Kusi Villas & Villa Quilalea
Separate WC	Yes
In-room safe	Yes
Telephone	no
Hairdryer	Yes
Laundry included	No
Wheelchair access	No
Check in / check out	14:00/ 10:30

Weddings	Blessings can be arranged on request
Power	Generator & solar power
Water	Desalination & water purifying system
Internet access	Wi-Fi in public areas
Private beach dinners	Yes
Credit cards	Visa & Mastercard
Massage & Health treatments	Yes - 1 treatment room
Weather	Hot & humid year-round
Rainfall	Jan – Mar tropical rainbursts
Temperature	33°C/91°F – 24°C/ 75°F
Currency	Mozambique Meticais, but US Dollars widely accepted
Malaria	Suitable prophylactics
GPS Coordinates	S12°29'27.78; E40°36'0.38
Visas	\$50 per person for all, except SADC. Available on arrival
Medical	Medical evacuation insurance included in rate, basic first aid supplies stocked at hotel.

## GIVING BACK

Azura is seen by the Mozambican authorities as a model for ethical sustainable community based tourism. Azura has a firm policy of upliftment, which means most hosts, housekeeping staff, gardeners and so on at the property are Mozambican. Azura's Rainbow Fund supports a variety of social and environmental projects from building schools for communities to environmental protection initiatives. A discretionary donation of \$10 per villa per night will be added to guests bills.

## ACCESS

Flights from Johannesburg International Airport on Airlink to Pemba which connect well with the major international flights to Europe and USA. The flying time from Johannesburg is approx. 2 ½ hours. An exhilarating 20-minute helicopter transfer will follow from Pemba to Quilalea Island. Pemba can also be reached from Dar es Salaam and Nairobi, connecting East Africa to beach at Azura Quilalea.