



AZURA QUILALEA PRIVATE ISLAND, MOZAMBIQUE

GUESTS ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

Azura Quilalea offers a range of guest activities and experiences to enhance your stay with us. A number of these are guided activities where you can have a real chance to learn about the wonderful environment we have here at Quilalea Private Island. Guided activities are accompanied by one of our local guides, or our Dive Instructor/Activities Manager. Activity duration & departure times listed are used only as a guideline, and can be specially tailored to suit your schedule or interests. Light refreshments and drinks are provided where appropriate.

Our management and activities team is there to organise all activities for you, and will be at the Drum Bar every evening at pre-dinner drinks time to discuss your wishes with you. Activities are weather and tidal dependent, and for motorised activities boat dependent. Private activities cannot always be guaranteed but we aim to offer activities privately as much as possible.



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AZURA QUILALEA SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Turtle Beach Picnic- (Praia da Tartaruga)



Turtle Beach is the most beautiful beach on Quilalea Private Island, with views out to the pounding surf of the Indian Ocean, it's a great place to relax and spend a few hours while enjoying a picnic and refreshments. We set off on an Island Baobab nature walk to explore the island's indigenous vegetation, with statuesque age old baobab groves and stunning flora and fauna, it's a real nature lover's paradise.

We will meander along the islands paths until we reach the stunning Turtle Beach, where we will host you to a special picnic (breakfast/lunch) and then leave you to enjoy a few lazy hours in the sun, with shade cover, cushions and beanbags provided for your comfort. During Turtle nesting season (November to January) you may even be lucky enough to witness a female coming ashore to lay eggs on the beach.

Cost: \$40 per person

Duration: As long as you like. High tide is best for swimming. Low tide is best for exploring the exposed caves and corals.

Additions: For that extra special occasion, why not have one of our chef's com and prepare you a personal barbecue lunch on Turtle Beach

BBQ Lunch \$100 per person

Note: BBQ is dependent on season/staff availability

Scenic Helicopter Tours



Enjoy an aerial view of the islands. Fly over the coconut plantation on Quirimbas Island or enjoy a view of Ibo Island from the air. The route will be planned according to the flying time requested and can be tailor made to suit your preference.

Scenic Helicopter Tours				
Flying Time	1 Guest	2 Guests	3 Guests	4 Guests
15 Minutes	\$500	\$250	\$200	\$160
30 Minutes	\$850	\$450	\$300	\$250
45 Minutes	\$1200	\$650	\$450	\$350
60 Minutes	\$1650	\$825	\$570	\$425

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Ibo Island Tour



Join us for a 10 minute scenic trip by helicopter or a 40 minute boat ride to Ibo Island, the foremost heritage site in Northern Mozambique.

Prior to 1902, Ibo was the provincial capital of Cabo Delgado province, after which Pemba became the new provincial capital. Ibo is full of fascinating architecture, old ruins and lots of cultural history. We will arrange a specialist guided tour of the island, with the chance to see the Silversmiths at work, the village and the famous pentagon shaped ruined old fort, before hopping back on the boat to enjoy a cruise back through the mangrove channel.

The houses and buildings on the island are remnants from the 1500's, built by an amalgamation of Portuguese, Dutch, Indian, Arabian, and Chinese settlers that have all sailed through and used Ibo as a base whilst on route along the coast. Ibo sports some of the oldest buildings in Mozambique and as such has been designated as a future World Heritage site. It is believed that Arab traders built some of the forts on Ibo as long ago as AD600. From these fortified trading posts, they would ship slaves, gold, jet, amber, turtle shell and ivory back to the Arab world.

The fort of Sao Joao Batista (St John the Baptist), built by the Portuguese in 1791 is a very iconic building and architecturally a very interesting place to visit. It is now occupied by the silversmiths that work in its entrance. You will be able to visit the small shop that sells a small collection of the silver jewellery that they have intricately and lovingly hand crafted. We are happy to provide you with some local currency (please ask at reception), in case you choose to purchase any of the products while you are there.

*Boat trips are very carefully timed to coincide with high tide to allow us to get through the shallow channels on route. Helicopter transport is recommended to maximise the time spent on Ibo island. Departure dates and times will be confirmed accordingly.

Ibo Island Tour – (By Helicopter)

Ibo Island Tour	per person
• One Guest	\$500
• Two Guests	\$280
• Three Guests	\$220
• Four Guests	\$180

Ibo Island Tour – (By boat)

Cost: \$200 per person (Min 2 Max 6 Guests)

Duration: Duration: approx. 3 hours

Departure Time: Departure times are dependent on helicopter availability and tidal differences. Times will be confirmed by our Activities Manager. Cost includes a guided tour by an Ibo representative.

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ISLAND BASED ACTIVITIES

House Reef Snorkelling



The stunning house reef off the main beach is paradise for snorkelers, with easy access at all times of day. Take the plunge and you will see a colourful array of hard and soft corals, and a variety of reef fish, including parrot fish, schools of Bluefin kingfish and sweetlips. Snorkelling can be done at any time, but is best at low tide. Pop past the watersports centre to collect your snorkelling gear on arrival, and you are welcome to keep it with you throughout your stay. Please take care not to step on our precious corals, or take anything you may find on the reef.

Cost: Inclusive

Baobab Island Walking Trail



There is a marked walking trail around the island, a great way to explore the island's baobabs, birds, and butterflies. The circuit takes around 45 minutes, and begins adjacent to villa 5, or follow the walking feet signpost just off the pathway by villa 8. Remember to take some water along with you.

Cost: Inclusive

Turtle Sightings



Studies by the WWF and other scientific bodies have shown that Quilalea Private Island is one of the most important nesting sites in the whole Quirimbas Archipelago for Green, Hawksbill and Leatherback Turtles. Our turtles nest from November to February each year, with the resulting hatchlings emerging for their dash to the seashore from January through until April. We monitor Turtle Beach for nesting turtles and hatchlings throughout the season, but it is not unusual for them to nest on any of our beaches. Sightings are most common at high tide, particularly at dawn or dusk, or during the night. If you would like to be woken to view this miracle of Mother Nature please let us know on arrival. If you find a turtle nesting, please observe the guidelines we provide and notify a member of staff as soon as you can.

Cost: Inclusive

Guided Birding/ Nature Walk:



Quilalea Private Island is a nature lover's paradise, with 58 giant baobabs thought to be between 1500 and 3000 years old, and a home to some 134 species of birds. If you would like to learn more, go out on a guided nature walk with one of our guides, who will happily tell you all about our diverse bird life that include nesting Bee Eaters, Mangrove Kingfishers and the intricacies of the Giant Baobabs, as well as explain the uses of some trees and plants along the way.

Look out for the M'siro tree (small sour plum) which flowers from August to November with small white fragrant blooms. The branches of this tree are used by women throughout Northern Mozambique to make a special white paste which they paint onto their faces for celebrations and other ceremonies, or just as a general beauty aid.

Cost: \$30 per person
Duration: 45 Minutes

Baobab Bath



Experience the romance of bygone Africa with our unique Baobab Bath experience. We will bring a cast iron bathtub to your deck, and set up a special baobab bath for you to relax in with a glass of bubbly as the sun goes down, the moon rises and the stars come out above you. Perfect for celebrating a special occasion.

Cost: \$75 for 1 or 2 persons

Guided Night Snorkeling



A must for lovers of snorkelling, we guide you out onto the house reef with underwater torches to see how different everything looks at night, as the shrimp and a host of night critters and fish come out of hiding from their daytime slumber a whole new underwater world awaits you.

Cost: \$30 per person

Duration: 30 Minutes

Star Gazing and Astronomy Talk



Join our Sky Guides who will guide you through an informative presentation and discussion about the African night skies. Using our telescope, we will show you beautiful constellations such as Orion, Scorpio, Hydra, and the glittering Milky Way. Learn about astronomical phenomena, stellar events from Nebulas to Gas Clouds and Black Holes! We'll even show you how to orientate direction from constellations such as Orion and the famed Southern Cross to locate North and South. Sky Guides will be equipped with laser pointers reaching 1.5km into the skies, and an 8-inch reflecting telescope. If we're lucky we can point our telescope toward Mars, Jupiter, our Moon, even Saturn's icy rings. The presentation will be conducted on our beach with comfortable beanbags and cocktails/drinks (if requested).

Cost: Inclusive

Time: 8pm several nights a week

Location: Meet at the bar

WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

Guided Snorkeling



A Vast array of marine life thrives including tropical fish like Sweetlips, Angelfish, Triggerfish, Pufferfish amongst breath-taking coral reefs riddled with Lettuce coral, coral "Bommies" reef banks' and soft sponges. Other interesting sightings you may see include Clown Fish, Moray Eels, Stingrays, Sea Cucumbers, Starfish, Octopus, Groupers, schools of Kingfish, Snapper, Fusiliers, Salad Fish, Lion Fish, Nudibranchs and Macro Critters, Green and Hawksbill turtles.

Cost: \$25 per person on the House Reef / **\$50 per person** at the Canyon

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Kayaking



Our kayaks are available for your pleasure at any time, please ask at the watersports centre for paddles and safety equipment. Please let us know where you plan on kayaking and your expected return time, and be cautious of the strong currents we experience at certain times, as well as the wind direction if it is blowing offshore.

Cost: Inclusive

If you would prefer one of our accomplished guides will accompany you on a kayaking safari, which is a great way to view the island, and this will **cost \$25 per person per hour**

Ocean Safari – Whale and Dolphin watching



Trips to watch humpback whales are available in season (from July to October), if we are lucky we will see these beautiful animals breaching and lob tailing- sometimes they are even spotted swimming past in the deep waters just off from the beach. Dolphins can be spotted all year round. The site is known to be important nursery area for bottlenose and humpback dolphins.

Cost: \$75 per person

Duration: 2 hours

Sunset Dhow Cruise



A time honoured tradition in East African waters, set sail in a traditional Mozambican Dhow sailboat, and watch the sunset as you drift along on the ocean breezes. We will provide drinks and snacks for you to enjoy along the way.

Cost: \$30 per person (min 2 persons)
Duration: 1 hour

FISHING



The oceans off Quilalea, with their spectacular drop offs and currents, offer some of the best big game, bill and saltwater fishing in the Indian Ocean. Species include: Sailfish, Tuna/Bonito, King/Queen Mackerel, Giant Trevally (GT's), Prodigal Son, Wahoo, Dorado, and Barracuda. Our Watersports Centre has a range of professional tackle for both the beginner and the enthusiast. We will happily cook your catch of the day for lunch or dinner, but we operate a strict catch and release policy on protected species.

As we are in a Marine Sanctuary, a limited amount of shore based fishing on a catch and release basis is available. The amount of fishing on this basis is monitored and restricted.

Fishing is excellent in these waters year round, with much sought after sailfish, wahoo and tuna always prevalent, as well as a number of superb fish for our dining table, snapper and barracuda. Some species of fish are more prolific at certain times, depending on the prevailing trade winds. The Kusi (southern trade wind) blows from April to September, while the Kaskazi (northern trade wind) blows from October to March.

Fishing (Local Azura Guide):

- Half Day - **Cost: \$450 per boat** including equipment (up to 4 hours from departure)
- Hourly Rate - **Cost: \$150 per person** including equipment (Plus Fuel Cost)

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SCUBA DIVING



The protected reefs in the Quirimbas Archipelago offer some of the most spectacular scuba diving in the World. These undisturbed, untouched dive sites are abundant with a variety of fish and corals, and offer a range of depths and reef topography to suit beginner and experienced divers alike. With a location as remote as ours, these dive sites offer a rare opportunity to discover an underwater world that is visited by just a few lucky divers each year.

Our stunning house reef offering quick and easy access straight from the main beach. This is perfect for a refresher or first time dive and a unique location for a night dive for qualified divers. In addition to our house reef, there are another 17 dive sites that we can visit inside and outside of the Quilalea Marine Sanctuary, including some fantastic drop offs and coral gardens. We have green and hawksbill turtles, humpback whales (seasonal), reef sharks, stingrays, devil rays, moray eels, dolphin, grouper, as well as a variety of reef fish such as surgeons, puffers, moorish idols, parrot fish, clown fish, trigger fish and chocolate dip fish. Hard and soft corals are in abundance, with nudibranchs for those who like to spot the smaller stuff!

Azura has a full range of high quality dive equipment. Our training pool on the bar deck is perfect for refreshing your diving skills or taking the plunge for the first time, and for training dives the house reef is ideal being just a few metres out from the beach. If you are interested in learning to dive and would like to try it out contact our dive instructor. A PADI Discover Scuba course, which includes your first reef diving experience, can be completed in just a few hours. Children are welcome to learn to dive from the age of 10 upwards.

Diving

Options	Prices per person excl IVA
• Single Tank Dive - (Beach Entry- House reef)	\$45
• Night Dive - (Only at house reef)	\$60
• Single Tank Dive - (By Speedboat to other reefs)	\$80
• Double Tank Dive	\$130
• 5 Dive package - (Minimum of 1 House reef dive)	\$320
• 3 Dive package - (Minimum of 1 House reef dive)	\$200

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Courses

- PADI Discover Scuba Course
- PADI Scuba Diver Course
- PADI Open Water Course
- PADI Advanced Open water Course
- Adventure Dives
- Scuba Review / Refresher

Price excl IVA

- \$150 tuition & 1 dive
- \$350 tuition & 2 dives
- \$450 tuition & 4 dives
- \$460 tuition & 5 dives
- \$70 per person per dive
- \$100 tuition & 1 dive

Kindly note course duration is subject to weather conditions and the competency of students.

NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS

Sencar Island Mangrove Kayaking



We will take you and the Kayaks by speedboat to the drop off point at which point we disassociate ourselves from the noise and power of the motorized boat and immerse ourselves in the sounds and sights of the beautiful mangroves that can only be accessed at high tide. Your guide will explain the uses of the mangroves whilst you look out for interesting birds, crabs and hermit crabs escaping from the rising water level by clinging on to the stems of the trees.

Cost: \$70 per person

Duration: 2 hours

Quirimba Island – Coconut Tree Plantation Tour



Quirimba Island has a vast coconut plantation that is being run by the legendary Gesner family- a German family who have made the Island their home and have lived there since 1926! Visit the Island and go on a short tour of the plantation during which you will learn about the different stages of coconut production. You may also have the opportunity to see some of Quirimba’s colonial architectural ruins, visit and learn about the mangroves and relax on one of the pristine, uninhabited beaches.

Cost: \$85 per person
Duration: 2 hours

EVENING TIMES

Private Beach Dinner



Your host will set up a private candle-light dinner on your deck or on the beach in front of your villa, surrounded by candles and lanterns arranged in the sand. The ultimate in romantic dining!

Cost: \$25 per person (Weather Dependent)

Kindly note that much of our seafood is locally sourced and is subject to availability therefore we require at least 24hrs notice for special requests.

Where possible all activities will be undertaken privately, but this cannot be guaranteed at busy times, and your understanding is appreciated. Safety is our priority. Appropriate certification cards are required for scuba diving and dive computers are mandatory for certified divers and will be provided for use to ensure non-decompression dives. Diving insurance is highly recommended for certified divers due to the remoteness of the area. All activities are undertaken at your own risk.

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