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**BEACH LODGE**



WELCOME TO  
**VILANCULOS BEACH LODGE**

### BEACH LODGE FACT SHEET

Please be advised that we highly recommend that all visitors to Mozambique obtain International travel insurance prior to arrival and also that all guests visit their local travel clinic prior to travelling.

Vilanculos Beach Lodge is situated in the small coastal town of Vilankulo, in the subtropical province of Inhambane, Mozambique. Vilankulo lies approximately 700kms north of Maputo and 500kms south of Beira. The town, with friendly people and a lively atmosphere, offers the perfect base from which to explore the picturesque Bazaruto Archipelago and the Bazaruto National Park.

The marine reserve includes five islands – Santa Carolina (also known as Paradise Island), Bazaruto, Benguerra, Magaruque and Bangué. The Archipelago offers some of the worlds best snorkeling, diving and big game fishing. The islands are pristine in their natural beauty and diverse ecologies. The coral reefs are profuse with a diversity of tropical fish and turtles, and are amongst the most pristine in the Western Indian Ocean. Dolphins are seen year round and whales are seasonal visitors to the Archipelago. The park is also home to the last viable population of Dugong on the east African coast.

There is an abundance of bird species, including the crab plover and olive bee-eater that tunnels its nest into the sand dunes. Large flocks of migrant waders visit the fertile mud flats from September to April and the nomadic Greater Flamingo arrive around

mid-October. The town of Vilankulo has grown extensively over the last decade, and has been the recipient of considerable inward investment into its tourism infrastructure. Vilankulo has an international airport with daily flights from Maputo and South Africa.

The lodge is constructed from natural indigenous elements of thatch and local hardwood simbire poles which have been combined in perfect harmony with plaster walls and wood frame doors and windows. The result is the relaxed yet stylish finish. The property extends right on to the beach and the lodge buildings are set back about 100m up the ridge, overlooking the sea.

22 Double Luxury Bungalows - Accommodation is in privately appointed Luxury Bungalows constructed on ironwood stilts with "majeka" (local thatch) roofs and beautiful mahogany floors. All bungalows have en-suite bathrooms with showers, mosquito nets, room safes, coffee & tea facilities and amenities, they are also all air conditioned for your comfort. The bungalows are set amidst lush indigenous gardens with private balconies - most with sea-views which offer exceptional views of the sunrise over the ocean- allowing guests to truly relax and soak up the idyllic atmosphere.

1 Family Suite- The Suite is built on stilts and offers a superb view of the ocean and the islands in the distance. It has two en-suite rooms, a comfortable open plan lounge as well as a spacious covered veranda which is perfect for those early morning cups of coffee or the late afternoon Sundowners. The air-conditioned rooms are large and comfortably appointed with mosquito nets, desk, arm chairs, electronic safes and coffee & tea facilities. The en-suite bathrooms boast open shower, double vanity, toilet, bidet and all amenities.



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**MAIN BUILDING:** The Main Building houses the lounge, reception, main bar, restaurant and kitchen. This welcoming thatched structure invites guests to unwind in the comfort of its open spaces and passages which lead into the garden, allowing for a refreshing escape and uninterrupted views of the sea. In the event of inclement weather, awnings are available to offer protection, without blocking the magnificent views.

The large comfortable couches in the lounge provide the perfect place to relax indoors and the main bar is equally well-positioned overlooking the lush gardens, palm trees and pool in the distance.

## RESTAURANT

The spacious restaurant offers the choice of dining in doors, or out on the patio under well-designed, attractive shade sails. For true outdoor dining, the option of dining under the palm trees or next to the pool is available. Traditional Mozambican, Portuguese and international fare is served and whenever possible fresh, scrumptious seafood remains the recommended plate of the day.

Breakfast is a typical continental feast – fresh bread, jam, honey, rich butter cereals, yoghurt & fruit with a delicious homemade pastry of the day beautifully crafted by our passionate kitchen team. You are also welcome to order from our a la carte menu for a hot breakfast. Please note that all Espressos, Galao and Cappuccinos are not included and are charged as additional extras.

The Restaurant serves breakfast from 07h00 am and the last dinner request should be made by 20h00 pm. Should you require a breakfast prior to 07h00 please advise our staff of your request and we will make the necessary arrangements.

## POOL, GARDENS AND BAR

The pool area has incredible uninterrupted views of the Azure blue ocean as well as of the stunning Archipelago whilst our spectacular infinity pool offers a welcome retreat from the heat of the day.

The pool bar, overlooking the gardens, pool and beach, offers a more relaxed atmosphere. A selection of drinks, shooters, and cocktails are available from this fully equipped bar. Our Sunset lounge strategically placed for optimum views of both the sunrise and the sunset is the perfect place to end the day.

The well-kept gardens are an appealing blend of indigenous bush on the slopes around the bungalows and pathways, and tropical lush green palms and lawns of the guest entertainment areas. The rolling green lawns of the gardens around the main building, pool and pool bar are peppered with palm trees, offering shade on the hot summer days. Scattered paved areas amongst the trees offer quiet shaded areas for drinks, meetings, meals or to simply relax.

## GETTING THERE

Vilanculos Beach Lodge is situated just 8km from the airport on the tarred road; the lodge arranges transfers to and from the airport.

### FLY

Vilankulo hosts an international airport with flights departing to/from Maputo and Johannesburg on a daily basis. There are also flights from KMIA (Nelspruit) to Vilankulo twice weekly. Both SA Airlink and LAM operate flights into Vilankulo. Should you require assistance with flight reservations ex South Africa you are welcome to contact reservations who will refer you to our preferred suppliers in South Africa.

### DRIVE

The roads to Vilankulo are acceptable and tarred, but look out for potholes on 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 when possible.

### VISAS

South African passport-holders do not require a visa for leisure travel to Mozambique. For all other passport holders we recommend that you contact the Mozambican embassy in your country of origin.



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## ACTIVITIES

Activities available are all booked via our reliable local partner operators.

### SCUBA DIVING

Dive in the warm, subtropical waters of the Indian Ocean, in and around the Bazaruto Archipelago. Let the dive instructor, guide you around the pristine coral reefs which abound with more than 200 species of fish. As the reefs range from shallow to deep, they offer the diver an abundance of marine life with a huge diversity of both coral and fish life. In addition to most of the beautiful East Indian Ocean reef fish, we have the privilege of seeing various species of Sharks, Whale sharks, Manta rays, Potato bass, Turtles, Guitarfish and various Rays and Eels. For those extremely fortunate, a Humpback Whale during the months of July to October.

For the non-diver there is always the opportunity to take a snorkeling trip to the amazing 2 mile reef. Here, one may appreciate the beauty and colors of a coral reef and the abundant marine life it supports without having to don scuba gear.

### FISHING

Go fishing in and around the prolific waters of the Bazaruto Archipelago. Let one of our local skippers take you expertly to the current fishing hot spot aboard one of the many fishing vessels available- be it for game fishing, drop shooting, light tackle or fly fishing. Fishing is excellent all year round, especially for giant king fish, king mackerel, yellow fin tuna and barracuda, with Dorado and Wahoo being found in the summer months.

October to February produces three species of Marlin, mainly Black, Blue and Stripped. For the Sailfish enthusiast the best months are May to July. Fly fishing is available from the shores of one of the idyllic islands, the sand flats around the Archipelago or out at sea.

## BOATS FOR CHARTER

Catamarans

Yachts

Fishing Boats

Water sports Boat

### NON MOTORIZED WATER SPORTS

Non-motorized activities include sea kayaks, paddle skis, soccer and beach volleyball. The sea is calm and shallow in front of the lodge and ideal for swimming and paddling. Vilankulo is proving to be a popular kite surfing destination, particularly between the months of September and February. Comfortable loungers, large thatched umbrellas and waiter service guarantee complete relaxation on the beach. Alternatively, a day can be spent next to the swimming pool, soaking up the sun and enjoying the tranquil gardens.

Island Hopping

Various packages allow mind boggling options of adventure, sport and recreation to suit your requirements. Enjoy an idyllic picnic on the pristine beaches of a deserted island, where calm indigo waters stretch to the horizon.

Cocktail Cruise

Day time, late afternoon and evening cocktail cruises are available.

## HORSE RIDING

The breeze on your skin and the ocean at your side - this is a wonderful experience and of course you also have the option of a swim ride with your horse.

Whale watching

Whale watching excursions are seasonal and take place during the months of July to October and Dolphins are seen year round.



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As we walked along the beach, crashing waves  
thundered in our ears and a light, salted mist,  
dampened our lips.

The sun began to set and the voice of the beach,  
traveled across the ocean waves.

'I am the beach, and here you shall find peace.  
I am the beach, here you shall find love.

In this domain, my beach, the answers you  
search for, could very well be found here.  
For at this beach, there is much,  
that has been revealed.

The sparkled, white grains of sand, that blanket  
this beach, has been a bed of comfort, to many.

Pause, as you come upon this beach, and listen  
to the symphony of waves and the chorus of  
birds, singing their song, as they glide in the wind.

Feel the power of this beach, as it seems to  
renew your inner being. You need not question  
the beach and its mystical powers. For as  
millions before you have found, the beach...  
and its magical transference to one...have  
existed, since the beginning of time.

Be not troubled, for the beach is close at  
hand. You need only to deliver your strife,  
to the tranquility of the beach and it shall  
be exercised from you.

When you go from this beach...leave with  
the peace that you have found here.'

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