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GENERAL UPDATES

White Pearl Resorts has introduced The Villa: a luxurious haven along Mozambique's pristine lagoon coastline. The Villa offers 5 ocean-view suites, accommodating 10 guests sharing, with spacious layouts adorned with meticulous Balinese-style décor, a symphony of pure understated luxury. What truly elevates this extraordinary experience is the dedicated team of staff at guests' disposal. From a manager who ensures the stay is seamless, to a butler who anticipates every need, and a private chef ready to craft exquisite culinary delights to tantalise the taste buds, The Villa is designed to fulfil guests' every desire.

SPECIALS

Kisawa has launched the Ocean's Big Five – celebrating the Bazaruto Archipelago's beautiful underwater world and exciting animal families commonly encountered here. To support the initiative, they have also launched a special offer where all bookings generated by 20 November 2023, with a minimum stay of 5 nights, will be entitled to a complimentary Marine Life Expedition, for an oceanic adventure in the Bazaruto Archipelago.

Stay dates: 20 September 2023 to 23 December 2024 (blackout dates: 23/12/23 - 07/01/24; 23/03/24 - 06/04/24).
Booking window: 20 September to 20 November 2023. New bookings only.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Karabo and Oriel from our Travel Design team, recently visited Azura Benguerra in Mozambique.

Azura Benguerra is a beautiful property located on Benguerra Island. Access is a 10-minute helicopter transfer from Vilankulos International Airport. At the property, we were welcomed by the staff singing and then escorted to the main area to sign the indemnity form and be briefed about the lodge. The weather was sunny when we arrived, but it can be chilly in the mornings and evenings at this time of year. We stayed in the Presidential Villa that has its own private helipad. The villa has three suites with two overlooking the beach, though the third only has a partial view of the beach. The main area of the Presidential Villa has its own mini-bar, swimming pool, and lounge area with a TV.

With three butlers, meals are normally served on the deck next to the pool overlooking the beach, with delicious fresh seafood most of the time. The staff is friendly and always willing to help – from the GM to the butlers, the guide for water activities and general staff at the lodge. We also did a site inspection of the remaining villas, starting with the Luxury Beach Villa, then the Infinity Beach Villa, Royal Beach Villa and Villa Amazade. The difference between these villas is just the size, with the Beach Villa being the entry level with a plunge pool. Royal Beach Villa can also accommodate a family of 2 adults and 2 children. Villa Amazade can accommodate 2 adults and 3 children plus it has a bar, lounge with a TV, swimming pool and private chef.

After breakfast in the morning, we went to the water sport centre, which is walking distance from the main area and were briefed by the Azura guide about the different water activities and the swimming equipment they have. After that we had a boat ride to Bazaruto Island to climb the Bazaruto dunes. We then went snorkelling and had an island drive in a game-viewer vehicle to visit the community with our Azura guide. We visited Bazaruto National Park, a marine reserve managed by African Parks, and the staff informed us about the conservation that they are involved in on the island. We also visited the local school built by Azura Benguerra and a clinic built by Azura and &Beyond. The highlight of the trip was having a dhow cruise with drinks and a North Point beach picnic setup that was organised just for us by staff who prepared delicious meals with drinks. We also got to experience the Azura Peri Peri Beach Club bar that serves Mozambican cuisine and ending our stay with a spa massage.

Overall, an amazing time was had at this property and we learnt a lot. Azura Benguerra is suited to families, friends, honeymooners, couples and small groups.

