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## Escape to the sandy white beaches of Mozambique...



### [Azura Retreats](#)

Azura retreats is a family owned business founded in 2007 by Christopher and Stella who fell in love with Mozambique's endless deserted beaches, pristine reefs and sparkling turquoise seas. Their award winning villas are all hand built by the local community and blend modern eco-chic designs with all that is traditional to the local environment. Interiors are cool, spacious, comfortable, and designed to reflect the moods and textures of Africa. Outside there are plunge pools and plenty of lounging areas. [Azura Benguerra](#) was the first eco-friendly resort in Mozambique. This resort offers 18 villas, each with an infinity pool, thatched roof and spectacular beachside location. [Azura Quilalea](#) is a hidden gem on a private, uninhabited island paradise surrounded by a pristine marine sanctuary. This is retreat for lovers of marine life and offers snorkelling and scuba diving straight off the beach in front of your villa. Whether it's a Honeymoon or Family holiday Azura offers something for everyone. [Enquire about the Honeymoon Heaven, Free Night and Luxury for Less Special Offers](#)

### [&Beyond Benguerra](#)

Situated on the second largest island in the Bazaruto Archipelago, [&Beyond Benguerra](#) is set in a protected marine conservation area and offers pristine beaches and unspoiled coral reefs teeming with marine life. The lodge overlooks a sandy beach and deep lagoon unaffected by the tides. Surrounded by premier diving sites, the lodge is the gateway to an underwater wonderland for divers, with a rich variety of tropical fish species complemented by Africa's only population of the rare dugong. The deep Mozambique Channel, which runs alongside the island, is renowned for its game fish and offers some of the world's best catch-and-release deep sea fishing and fly fishing opportunities. Light and airy, 10 spacious casitas, 2 cabanas and a private villa combine tropical chic with a distinct touch of Africa. Each luxurious room has magnificent ocean views and private rim flow pools set on wide wooden decks to provide a cool refuge. [Stay 4 or more nights and receive a free flight from Kruger Mpumalanga or Tambo International Airports.](#)

### [Santorini](#)

Experience the sensuous pleasures of this enchanting paradise at the seaside town of Vilancoulos. [Villa Santorini](#) is located on its own stretch of beach overlooking the Bazaruto Archipelago. The villa rests on an elevated point surrounded by dense coastal vegetation, providing unparalleled views and privacy. Five majestic en-suite bedrooms feature private balconies and breath-taking sea views. Dining is informal and the shaded courtyard offers an al fresco seating area beside a pizza oven and gas BBQ. The ocean front deck has a martini pool overlooking the sea. The Villa has a staircase with direct access to the beach. In addition to the suites, there are two private Villas – Villa Santorini and the new Beach Villa. Villa Santorini is a private five bedroom Villa and the Beach Villa has two bedrooms. The Villas are ideal for small groups travelling together, or families travelling with children, and have their own lounge, dining room, private infinity pool and outdoor dining area. [Enquire about the Ultimate Bush & Beach Combo \(Lion Sands, Sabi Sands\), Tswalu Package or Ants Hill Package](#)

## Why visit Mozambique?



- Some of the most pristine diving and snorkeling sites in the world
- Thrilling deep sea and fly fishing opportunities
- Horse riding on the beach
- Traditional dhow cruises, island expeditions, catamaran cruises and romantic castaway picnics
- Africa's only population of the rare and endangered dugong
- Tropical climate all year round with very little rainfall

## Monthly Features



### Restaurant of the month

#### Marble

If you are a fan of **David Higgs'** work at The Saxon's Five Hundred restaurant, then you will be excited to learn that he will be opening **his** very own restaurant in Rosebank in May. Marble will boast a grand wood-fire grill that is imported from Washington to set the focal point of the restaurant. Another exciting element is the rooftop bar which will provide guests with a stunning space to take in the Johannesburg views. The restaurant will also feature a walk-in butchery, which will give visitors the chance to take home the same prime cuts of meat that they ordered off of the restaurant menu.

### Tour of the Month

#### Marine Life Walk (Azura Benguerra)

Join one of Azura's local guides and explore the tidal flats, whilst having the diverse marine life explained to you. During this walk, you may chance across Sand Anemones, Ghost Crabs, Pansy Shells, Starfish, Bivalves, and all different types of small creatures which call these areas home. Get your checklist signed to take home with you! This is a real favourite with all of our children and those interested in discovering the smaller marine life along our shores. The tour is 1 hour 30 minutes during low tide and complimentary to all guests staying at Azura Benguerra Island.

### New Product

#### & Beyond Vamizi Island

&Beyond is set to expand its island footprint by adding &Beyond Vamizi Island to its portfolio. Situated in the Quirimbas Archipelago off the coast of northern Mozambique, &Beyond will take over the management of the island from 1 March 2016. The island's six luxury private villas will continue to operate under the signature brand of warm and authentic hospitality, and intend to re-open the lodge in the future. The private villas are perfect for reconnecting with family and friends, each individually decorated in its own elegant style.

## Specials & General Updates

**Please note:** we encourage you to take a look at the Specials and Packages that are on offer by some of our partners through the Wilderness Window platform (under Associated Product / Information).

### SPECIALS:

**Africa Albida** is also offering the 2 and 3 night Super Deals at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge or Safari Club in High Season (01 Jul – 30 Dec 2016) as well as new Super Combos in either 4, 5 or 6 nights including a stay at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge or Safari Club and Ngoma Safari Lodge.

**Victoria Falls River Lodge** are offering a Family Value Add where the youngest child stays free, valid to all bookings made after 1 February 2016 for travel between 1 Nov – 20 Dec 2016 and 7 Jan – 31 Mar 2017.

**Changa Safari Camp** are extending the low season special rates to include the month of April 2016 (was previously only valid Jan - 31 Mar and also 01 Nov – 10 Dec 2016).

**Inspirational Places** have launched new combination packages that include the Cape combined with a Safari experience. The packages are available in 5 night, 6 night and 9 night safaris.

### UPDATES:

**More Hotels** have implemented a 10% price increase effective 1 Feb 2016 applicable to all new bookings. All provisional bookings as at 1 February 2016 will be honoured at the previous rates.

**Delaire Graff** have increased their rates for the next high season which starts on the 1 September 2016.

**Singita** – To guarantee a private vehicle, it needs to be booked prior to arrival; and now needs to be booked for the full duration of a guest's stay at a property. There are also exciting plans to reveal a re-aligned Singita Lebombo Lodge this year and as a result the lodge will be closed until 10 April 2016.

**Ulusaba** – Safari Lodge & Rock Lodge have increased their rates by 10% for all new bookings travelling from 01 April 2016.

The new rooms at **Babylonstoren** have been completed as well as the expansion of Babel Restaurant, a new library, and a new tasting room which coincides with the release of their first sparkling wine, Sprankel. Rates for September have been adjusted (increased as part of high season) and a peak season rate period has been introduced for January - March 2017.

**African Anthology** is offering a Hot Air Balloon Safari for guests staying at Kadizora Camp in the Okavango Delta. The experience is approximately a 45 minute flight, followed by champagne, tea, coffee and snacks. For guests staying at Kadizora the rate will include return transfers to/from Kadizora Camp to/from launch site.

**Duba Expedition Camp** is due to open on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (construction has commenced). Once completed, all existing Duba Plains bookings will automatically shift across to the new camp. Duba Expedition Camp will be made up of six tents under light cotton canvas, each with en-suite facilities and larger guest sleeping areas. The new site is set on the banks of a floodplain and river just a kilometre away from the present camp, with easy access to water based activities (subject to flood levels) and the main for game drives.

	<p><b>Time &amp; Tide</b> has announced that the 14 Villa Miavana structure is on track to open late 2016. <b>Norman Carr</b> is also opening a new camp in 2017 called Mambeti in Liuwa National Park.</p> <p>Lodges within Hwange National Park, have introduced a voluntary conservation levy of \$10 per person per night, effective from January 2016. <b>The Conservation &amp; Wildlife Fund (CWF)</b> aims to tackle critical conservation issues. The founding stakeholder lodges include African Bush Camps, The Hide, The Amalinda Collection and African Luxury Hideaways.</p> <p><i>Terms &amp; Conditions apply to above Specials and Packages. Please contact us for details.</i></p>
<p><b>Shows &amp; Events</b></p>	<p><b>Open daily (except Wednesdays)</b>  <b>Richard's Supper Stage Restaurant</b>, situated in Sea Point, and offers an evening of fun, entertainment and a buffet dinner. The Musical Revue of Cape Stories from the Mother City is filled with unique humor, intoxicating rhythms and soulful songs that celebrate the challenges and triumphs of the people of Cape Town.</p> <p><b>6 February 2016 – 27 March 2016</b>  <b>Robertson Wine Valley's Hands-on Harvest Festival (Robertson)</b>  The 8th edition of the festival will still take the format of a boutique event that offers wine aficionados and budding vintners a chance to experience the magic of harvest for a day. Activities include Grape Picking, Barrel tastings, Stomping your own grapes, Grape vs Wine Tasting, Play day, Harvest inspired menus, Live Distilling and more.</p> <p><b>6 March 2016</b>  <b>Cape Town Cycle Tour</b>  The Cape Town Cycle Tour is the largest timed cycling event in the world. Attracting in excess of 35 000 cyclists from around the globe each year, this prestigious event is definitely a unique experience for participants and spectators alike.</p> <p><b>12 March 2016</b>  <b>Cape Town Carnival</b>  The annual Cape Town Carnival ignites the Mother City at the Fan Walk, Somerset Road in Green Point. This is one of those special days in the Mother City that excites and unites the community with a spectacular celebration showcasing art, music and dance. The Stadium Forecourt hosts band performances and stalls in the afternoon and then the Carnival parade kicks off at 19:00, culminating in a festive after party.</p> <p><b>25 - 26 March 2016</b>  <b>Two Oceans Marathon</b>  A marathon with global appeal hosted in the beautiful sea side city of Cape Town, the Two Oceans marathon attracts some 20 000 participants who willingly taken on 56 kilometres of open road and challenging mountain climbs. An interesting feature of the route of Two Oceans Marathon, is as the name indicates, it passes both oceans surrounding the South African shoreline - the Indian and Atlantic Oceans.</p>

For further information on any of the above or other [Associated Product](#), please email us directly.



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