

AZURA

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BENGUERRA ISLAND, MOZAMBIQUE

AZURA BENGUERRA ISLAND CHILDREN AND TEEN ACTIVITIES



Children and teens at Azura will be spoiled for choice when it comes to spending time here with us.

Whilst we don't have the traditional kids activity clubs you find in larger hotels, we offer a host of activities for kiddies to participate in. Many of these can be done without the guidance of parents, as they will be supervised by Azura's guides, hosts and activity coordinators. One of the obvious focuses is on the amazing pristine environment here at Azura. There is so much to experience and learn about. Children can enjoy seeing interesting marine life above and below the water, search for pansy shells on an island that appears at low tide, experience cultural encounters, climb dunes, look for crocodiles (from a safe distance), taste the island's fruits and perhaps learn a new skill or two.

With miles of deserted beach...its paradise here for families too!

All activities may be booked through our Reception, or the Activity Co-ordinators at the Bar in the evenings.

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Marine Life Walk

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.

Duration: 1.5 Hours

Cost: with our compliments

Time: low tide Dependant on Condition

Learn to Snorkel

Children that would like to learn how to Snorkel in the water or refresh their skills can visit us at the Water-Sports Centre. Our Water-Sports staff can teach children correct techniques at the Centre's Pool. We even have a selection of smaller goggles and snorkels for little ones! Afterwards head out to 2 mile reef and the aquarium which has some of East Africa's best snorkelling. Along the way we often spot dolphins as well as humpback whales in season (Jun-Oct). For those less experienced, in order to maximise your time on the reef and the enjoyment of your guide snorkelling experience, we recommend getting accustomed to the snorkelling equipment in the vicinity of the hotel before.

Duration: ½-1 hour

Cost: \$75 per child

Learn to Dive

For the budding Jacques Cousteau in your family, Azura has a PADI 5 Star dive centre with dedicated dive training pool. We offer the PADI Bubblemaker course from age 8, and Padi Discover Scuba from age 10. This is the perfect preparation for children & teens to go through before jumping into the warm sea waters and hanging out with the marine inhabitants of our reefs close up! Take the plunge...

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The PADI Bubblemaker course is an introductory course aimed at kids who want to try scuba diving in a safe and controlled environment (our Watersports Centre pool). Learn to breathe under water! If you're eight or nine years of age, now is your chance to take the plunge with a PADI Instructor and try diving safely. After watching a film, you'll learn some skills in the swimming pool and have time to get comfortable with the equipment. Under the supervision of a PADI Instructor, practise swimming underwater with full scuba gear (max depth 2m), keep blowing plenty of bubbles and learn some cool tricks. You'll receive a super cool PADI certificate too.

Learn how to: breathe underwater · swim with fins · perform underwater tricks

Duration: 1 ½ hours for course

Cost: \$100 per child

Subject to bookings and Instructor availability

The PADI Discover Scuba Diving course is designed to encourage you to explore the underwater world and try scuba diving in a safe and relaxed environment. After watching a 30 min film, you'll learn some basic skills in our swimming pool and have time to get comfortable with the equipment. Once you're happy in the pool, we'll take you out on the dive boat for an open water dive. You'll dive to a maximum depth of 12 metres and be accompanied by a PADI Instructor at all times. The skills you complete in the pool, and your open water dive may be credited toward the PADI Scuba Diver or PADI Open Water Diver certification.

Duration: 1-2 days

Cost: \$195 per child (pool session and dive)

Subject to favourable sea conditions

Fishing

Our fishing guides will happily take children out for fishing trips and we have rods and tackle that suit all ages and abilities. Head out to the reefs to catch a variety of fish including Giant Trevally, or go trawling the deep seas to catch the family's supper (we do ask that a parent accompany younger children). We also offer fishing at the nearby lakes for Tilapia, which is always a hit with the little ones as a catch is virtually guaranteed by all! Best done at sunset, and great fun to release the fish into Azura's pond when you get back!

Duration: 1-2 hours

Cost: \$95 per hour per boat

Subject to sea conditions as well as Guide and Boat availability

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Soccer

You'll find children all over Africa kicking a football around with great enthusiasm often barefoot, on uneven playing fields. Azura's staff plays soccer against one of the other teams on the Island just about every Sunday, and guests and older children are welcome to join in, or just come along and watch and support our team. It's a great afternoon out for the family. We'll provide the refreshments!

Duration: Dependent

Cost: With our compliments

Most Sundays, Dependent on Guide & Vehicle Availability



Azura School Visit

A visit to Azura will not be complete before visiting our school. Benguerra Island's one and only school built by Azura through our nationally registered and accredited 'Rainbow Fund', which has been formed for the benefit of the Island's local community and environment. Meeting the school teachers is inspiring, and seeing the children is a cultural exchange not to be forgotten (this can also be done as part of the Island Drive Excursions). Learn more about this amazing island and its flora and fauna along the way.

Duration: Dependent

Cost: \$20 per person

Dependent on Guide & Vehicle Availability

Cookies in the Kitchen

Join one of our chefs in the kitchen at Azura for a chocolate chip cookie baking session and of course enjoy them afterwards! The sharing of cookies with parents is optional.

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: with our compliments

Dhow Picnic

Our butler hosts will set up a picnic breakfast, lunch or dinner in our traditional Mozambican Dhow while it lies on the sand at low tide. Great fun for little ones to play at being pirates!! Or join in our normal sunset Dhow Cruise with your parents.

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Duration: 1 ½ Hour

Cost: With our compliments

Numbers: 2 or more children

Offered: Several times a week, Weather & Tide Dependent

Kite Flying

Take advantage of the trade winds at Azura to fly kites on the beach. We have a selection available to use.

Cost: with our compliments

Azura African Spa

Children are welcome at the spa and the range of treatments on offer differs per age group. Children over 16 years of age can choose any of the treatments from the main African Spa menu.

Under 12 years of age:

Complimentary Hand and Foot Refresher Massages	15 min
Hands or Feet repaint	20 min \$20
Makeup or Face painting	30 min \$30
Pamper Party – 2.5 hours	\$250pp (minimum 2 children)

Young children just love our pamper parties, where our Spa Therapists teach them the basics of a full beauty routine. First we cleanse, tone and moisturize, then apply a body scrub and body lotion afterwards. Next we paint nails and toes in a colour of their choice, and finally a little touch of make-up and hair styling. Now that your little one is looking beautiful, enjoy cakes and juice at an after-party with them.

12 – 16 years of age:

Complimentary Back, Neck and Shoulder Refresher Massage	– 15 min
African Back Neck & Shoulder Massage	– 30 min \$60
African Full Body Massage	– 1 hour \$100
Mini Manicure & Pedicure	– 1 hour \$100
Teen Facial	– 45 min \$80

General

The 3 bedroom Presidential Villa or 2 bedroom Villa Amizade are best suited for families at Azura. These villas have satellite TV, DVD players, kitchen facilities and a selection of games.

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A selection of board games is also available in the main lounge and children's DVD's are available at reception on request

Child menus to suit all ages are available in discussion with the chef. If you have any specific requirements please advise us before arrival. We ask younger children to dine 'in villa' in the evenings.

Azura has a wealth of things for children to discover and partake in, but we do request that your children respect the privacy and tranquility of other guests when in public areas, villa gardens, when in close proximity & when swimming.

All activities are subject to tide and weather conditions and boat/vehicle/staff availability. A limited number of children's flotation devices/lifejackets are available for use on boats.

Safety is our priority.

Children undertaking snorkelling and diving should be physically fit and free from any colds or ear infections. Caution should be exercised when swimming as currents can be strong at certain times. All activities are undertaken at your own risk