

AZURA QUILALEA PRIVATE ISLAND

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Azura Quilalea Private Island is one of the southernmost islands in the pristine Quirimbas Archipelago, only 30 nautical miles north of Pemba. It is a hidden gem, a private and wholly uninhabited island paradise surrounded by the pristine waters of a marine sanctuary. This is paradise for lovers of marine life and offers snorkelling and scuba diving straight off the beach in front of your villa.

Location & Access

To Pemba:

Fly from Johannesburg with SAA Airlink (5 days a week) or LAM (daily via Maputo).

Fly from Nairobi with LAM (available twice a week a week, codeshare with KQ).

Fly from Dar Es Salaam with LAM (available 3 days a week, codeshare with Precision Air).

PLEASE NOTE: an overnight in Pemba is required due to the late arrival of the LAM flights from Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam.

Pemba to Quilalea:

Guests are met at Pemba International Airport by a member of the Azura Quilalea team and taken to the Eurocopter (which has the capacity to carry 20kgs of soft luggage per person including hand luggage) where they fly directly to Quilalea Island – a stunning 20-minute flight. If guests overnight in Pemba, a member of the Azura Quilalea team will meet them at the airport and take them to the Pemba Beach hotel, where they will be collected again the next morning for the helicopter transfer to the island.



Owners & Managers

Azura Retreats is owned by Stella & Christopher Bettany.

Leon Joubert and Claudia Pellarini-Joubert are the general managers at Azura Quilalea Private Island.

Classic Factors

- **Journey of Adventure:** Getting there is all part of the experience
- **Private Island:** Exclusive Mozambique experience
- **Barefoot Luxury:** Blending eco-chic with local style
- **Scuba Safari:** Beach access and night dives



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Giving Back



Azura Retreats is the first hotel in Mozambique to have an officially registered charity. They have set up the Rainbow Fund to support social and environmental projects, to which guests are invited to contribute \$10 per night at the end of their stay. This is automatically added to their bill on check-out but is discretionary and can be removed.

To date, the funds collected from this initiative have supplied a privately-run clinic with regular medical supplies on the neighbouring island of Quirimba. After a fact-finding mission at the end of 2015, Azura identified the urgent need for a new school building in the southern-most village of Quimilamba, the poorest fishing village on the island. They sought out the services of a reputable local builder and building commenced on the 9th of July, under immense pressure in the face of a very steep rise in the cost of materials in Pemba, labour and transportation. All materials were transported from Pemba to the building site in dhows, some days with tempest sea conditions. The 17-strong building workforce, led by Azura's operations manager, saw the project to its completion on the 6th of August 2016, and the children are enjoying their brand-new school.

The Rainbow Fund works hand in hand with the WWF base on Ibo Island, to protect the coral reefs in the reserve, monitor poaching and turtle nesting in the Marine Park. On their patrols, they confiscate poachers' nets, take illegal fishermen into custody and often set free turtles which have been caught. The Fund supplements the WWF with fuel for their patrols that also assist in monitoring and protecting Sencar island; an uninhabited mangrove sanctuary that forms part of Azura Quilalea and is an important nursery for turtles and fish species.

Lodge Facilities

OPEN ALL YEAR

Number of villas	9	Security/patrolled	✓	Spa facilities	✓	PADI dive centre	✓
Maximum guests	22*	Check in	14:00	Private dinners	✓	Electricity	220V*
Children	✓	Check out	10:30	Wi-Fi	main area	Laundry included	✗
Childminding	✓	Swimming pool	✓	Mobile phone	✗	Disabled access	✗

*MAXIMUM GUESTS: Azura Quilalea can accommodate 18 guests and an additional 4 children under 16 years on extra beds.

*ELECTRICITY: Guests have the option to control their own energy consumption in their villas. With the choice to power only the essentials such as lighting and a fan or go luxe to enjoy all the mod cons including air-conditioning.

Kaskazi Villas Facilities

There are 4 Kaskazi Villas with stylish décor and finished in natural materials. Each one is a few steps to the white sandy beach and feature a private undercover deck with sun loungers and a daybed. SIZE: 50m².

Extra beds	✓*	Mini bar	✓	Mosquito nets	✓	Separate WC	✓
Private pool	✗	Telephone	✗	Bath	✗	Hairdryer	✓
Hammock	✗	In-room safe	✓	Indoor shower	✓	Keep fit	gym-in-a-bag*
Butler-host service	✓	Fan/air con	✓	Outdoor shower	✓		

*EXTRA BEDS: Each Villa can take up to 2 extra beds for 2 children under 16 years sharing with parents, there is a maximum of 4 extra beds that can be set up at any given time.

*KEEP FIT: The gym-in-a-bag includes 2 yoga mats, fitness resistance band and free weights.

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Kusi Villas Facilities

Azura Quilalea has 4 Kusi Villas in prime locations on the island. The villas have spacious bathrooms with an additional outdoor shower. Each one features a private pool, beach sala, private under cover deck with a day bed, and a sundeck with loungers. SIZE: 50m².

Extra beds	✓*	Nespresso machine	✓	Fans/air con	✓	Outdoor shower	✓
Private pool	✓	Mini bar	✓	Mosquito nets	✓	Separate WC	✓
Hammock	✓	Telephone	✗	Bath	✗	Hairdryer	✓
Butler-host service	✓	In-room safe	✓	Indoor shower	✓	Keep fit	gym-in-a-bag*

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Villa Quilalea Facilities

The cliff-top Villa Quilalea is in its own private part of the island where guests can enjoy magnificent views over the turquoise seas. It features an extended outdoor deck and private dining area, and guests can access the ocean from their own cliff top step-ladder, which leads into a private alcove with a small beach at low tide, and immediate swimming and snorkelling at high tide. SIZE: 65m².

Extra beds	✗	Nespresso machine	✓	Fans/air con	✓	Outdoor shower	✓
Private pool	✓	Mini bar	✓	Mosquito nets	✓	Separate WC	✓
Hammock	✓	Telephone	✗	Bath	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Private alcove	✓	In-room safe	✓	Indoor shower	✓	Keep fit	gym-in-a-bag*
Butler-host service	✓						

*KEEP FIT: The gym-in-a-bag includes 2 yoga mats, fitness resistance band and free weights.

Activities

Kayaking	✓	Star gazing	✓	Scuba diving	✓**	Whale watching (Jun – Oct)	✓*
Dhow sailing	✓	Kayaking	✓	Helicopter tours	✓*	Various island trips & boating activities	✓*
Beach picnics	✓	Guided birding (134 species)	✓*	Coconut plantation	✓*	Cultural experiences (Ibo island)	✓*
Walking trails	✓	Snorkelling	✓*	Deep sea fishing	✓*	Turtle nesting (Oct – Apr)	✓*

* ACTIVITIES: At an additional charge.

**SCUBA DIVING: 1 free house reef dive per person per stay. Additional scuba diving at an extra charge.

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Travel Information

SEASON	Azura Quilalea is open all year.				
WEATHER	Hot and humid all year round with long sunny days. The wind is northeasterly from October to March with the chance of some showers, and there is a slightly stronger but dry southeasterly trade wind from April to September.				
RAINFALL	January to March – hot and humid months with temperatures often hitting 35 degrees with tropical rain bursts.				
TEMPERATURE		JAN - MAR	APR - JUN	JUL - SEP	OCT - NOV
	Average day	32°C / 90°F	31°C / 88°F	30°C / 86°F	32°C / 90°F
	Average night	23°C / 73°F	21°C / 70°F	19°C / 66°F	23°C / 73°F
GPS COORDINATES	12.491135°S, 40.600734°E				
MALARIA	Quilalea Island is uninhabited therefore low risk for Malaria, guests can consult a doctor before travelling.				
YELLOW FEVER	A Yellow Fever certificate is not required when travelling to Mozambique. Please seek medical advice if travelling to other African countries.				
CURRENCY	USD, Mozambican Metical, ZAR. Visa and Mastercard cards are accepted.				
TRAVEL VISA	Guests are required to buy a visa for entry into Mozambique (excluding those who hold passports from Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Swaziland, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe). Visas can be bought on arrival.				