

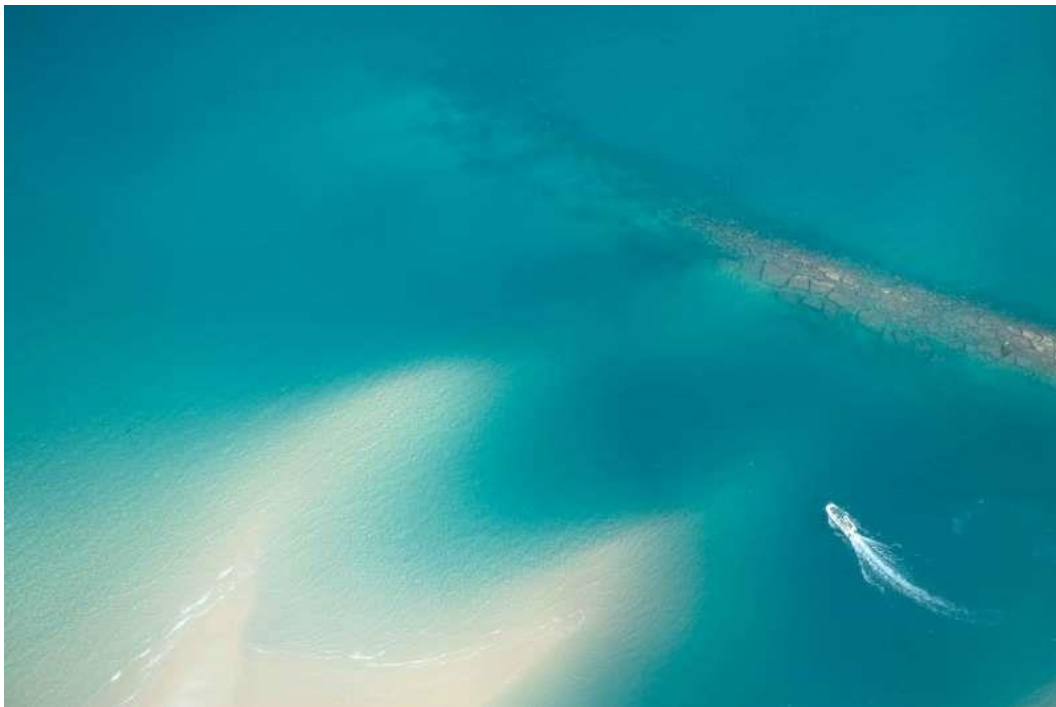
AZURA



AZURA BENGUERRA ISLAND

GUEST ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

Azura offers a range of outdoor guest activities, by boat or landrover, with light refreshments and drinks provided. A number of these are guided activities where you have a real chance to learn about the wonderful environment that surrounds us here at Azura. Guided activities are accompanied by our Local Guides who know this area intimately. Activity duration & departure times listed over the following pages are used only as a guideline and can usually be specially tailored to suit your schedule or interests. Please discuss your requests with your butler/host and Azura's Activity Coordinators who are available each evening at 7.00pm in the Star Bar. Activities are very popular so please try to plan early!



Kindly Note that All Activities are subject to Weather & Sea / Tidal Conditions as well as Boat, Land Rover and Guide availability.

Enjoy...

ISLAND ACTIVITIES

Red Dune & Crocodile Lakes Island Drive (By Land Rover Game Viewer Vehicles)

Highlights Include:

- Red Dune, Dune Hike, Crocodile Lakes and Attendant Birdlife
- Traditional Villages and Local Community
- Island's Rich Fauna, Flora, and Topography, Indigenous Tree Species of the Region, and Wild Fruits to Taste
- Optional: Local School Project (Weekdays) or local Church Visit (Sundays)
- Refreshments & Drinks service at the Wild Side Beach
- All interpreted by Azura's Local Community Guides



Depart from in front of reception for some local island adventure! En-route we will pass through the Island's many villages where you have the chance to encounter some of the members of our local island community. En route your guide will shine some light on the Island's history and its community's way of life.



There is the opportunity to visit Benguerra's School. This was built by Azura's Rainbow Fund charity in 2008. Whilst at the school expect to see the local children attend class as well as meet the teachers and possibly the school's Headmaster. If your Island drive is conducted on a Sunday morning, the guides may take you briefly to a village church service. These are usually very well attended by the local islanders and are a rare and unique cultural opportunity. Many past Azura guests rated this to be one of their favourite experiences.

Making our way towards the Wild Side we'll pass indigenous trees with wild fruits for you to taste. Along the way keep an eye out for some of the terrestrial animals, including a rich variety of reptiles, birds, and insects some of which are endemic and are only found here. Of course there is also the chance to see some of the large Nile crocodiles that live in the 3 lakes. Some of these crocodiles have been known to reach more than 2.5 metres in length! The lake area boasts many unique trees, plants and birds. Keep a look out for Pied Kingfishers hovering in the air over the water, brightly adorned Lilac Breasted Rollers and Madagascar Bee-Eaters to name but a few!



Whilst on the "Wild Side" you can walk along the beach with its strong wind and waves coming in from the Mozambique Channel & Indian Ocean. You'll have the opportunity to hike up Red Dune, an easy climb, which from the top offers amazing views of Benguerra Island.

Drinks and refreshments will be offered en route

Duration: Flexible (approx. 2hrs) Cost: \$25 per person

Departure Time: 09h00 & 15h00 (to avoid the middle of the day) from reception

Southpoint Beach Picnic and Island Drive (By Land Rover Game Viewer Vehicles)

Highlights Include:

- Traditional Village and Local Communities
- Island's Rich Fauna, Flora, and Topography
- Local School Project / Local Church Visit on Sundays
- Indigenous Tree Species of the Region, and Wild Fruits to Taste
- Magnificent Deserted Southpoint Beach
- Miniature Southpoint Beach Dunes
- Excellent Swimming in Cool, Refreshing Waters of South Point
- Refreshments & Drinks service at Southpoint
- All interpreted by our Local Community Guides

Departing Azura we head right through the Island towards picturesque Southpoint Beach. En-route our Azura local Guides will talk to you about all that the Island has to offer in terms of Flora and Fauna, Geomorphology and Local Culture (See Island Drive on previous page). As we continue, you'll discover the true nature of Benguerra's Island local residents and their adorable children (who love having their photo taken). If the drive is conducted on a Sunday morning, Guides may take you briefly to a village church service. These are usually very well attended by the local islanders all dressed in their Sunday best.



Arriving at Southpoint Beach, you will notice how spectacular the scenery is that surrounds you. Southpoint is the most southern tip of Benguerra Island, and consists of two sides. The Eastern side faces the Mozambique Channel/Indian Ocean with crashing waves whereas the west side has calmer more tranquil waters. The location is dramatic especially with the driftwood tree trunks that lie resting on the perfect white sand.

Walk through the mini sand dunes and arrive at our swimming and beach picnic spot. Swimming here is some of the best you'll find on the island. Conditions are calm as the waves are broken-up by the sand bars off the southern tip of the Island. This is a great area to look for interesting shells although please remember you are not permitted to take them home with you.

We will set up a wonderful picnic lunch for you with refreshments and shade provided. As with most of our activities we recommend you bring protection from the sun and of course a camera too.

Duration: Flexible (approx. 3hrs) Cost: \$100 per person

Departure Time: Flexible

WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

Guided Island Hopping (By Speedboat)

Highlights Include:

- Ponto Dundo and Bazaruto Dune
- Snorkelling Two-Mile Reef and 'The Aquarium'
- Pansy Island at Leisure
- North Point Picnic Lunch



Welcome aboard Azura's signature activity! Depart from the hotel on a short hop to Bazaruto Island, where we hike up Bazaruto Dune. An easy climb to the top offers unsurpassed 360 degree panoramic views of the Bazaruto Archipelago. If you are lucky the shifting sands will reveal ancient pottery relics from the Queen of Sheba's forays to these islands as well as the Portuguese explorers who were the first to sail round the Cape of Good Hope. Looking east are sweeping views of the Mozambique Channel. The next land in this direction is Madagascar. The colour of the waters that surrounds the islands shifts as the light changes producing a kaleidoscope effect with blues, aquamarine and turquoise. For enthusiasts of photography, this location is a must!

From here we often head to two mile reef where there are hundreds of species of tropical fish, coral, rays, invertebrates as well as the possibility of seeing one of the various species of turtle that inhabit the national park. Humpback whales are often seen in season (May-Oct) as they pass on their annual migration. Our Local Guides who know this area so well will answer any questions you may have on the fauna. When out on the boats sightings of dolphin are common and if you are lucky, the highly endangered gentle giants of the area, the dugong may make an appearance too.



After snorkelling, arrive at North Point for a tantalising picnic lunch. This has been prepared by our Azura chefs and is accompanied by drinks and refreshments. North Point is a remote location on the tip of a sand spit off the top of Benguerra Island. It is an idyllic location, with bleached white sand that is coated with Pansy shells or sand dollars, and is surrounded by crystal blue turquoise waters. A great view of Bazaruto Dune can also be seen from here. There is also the option to have our staff prepare your lunch on a Barbeque while you are there. Eating fresh fish straight from the BBQ on a remote sand island is truly a once in a lifetime experience. After lunch enjoy North Point at your own leisure, bask in the sun, laze around on cushions and beanbags, and swim in the cool clear deep waters.

Note snorkelling around low tide only

Duration: Flexible (allow at least 4 hours) Cost: \$185 per person

Paradise Island (By Speedboat)

Highlights Include:

- Spot Dolphins and Dugongs on the way
- Tour the Island and the remains of the old hotel and church
- Snorkelling in Paradise Island's calm waters, right off the beach, with an amazing variety of sea life
- Paradise Island Beach Picnic



Depart Azura by Speedboat for the 1 hour trip to Paradise Island (locally known as Santa Carolina) in the far north of the Bazaruto Archipelago. Look out for dolphins and dugongs on the way. This island is home to a ruined hotel from the days of Portuguese rule, and was named Paradise Island for its beautiful white beaches and fantastic snorkelling. If you got married in the 50s/60s this was the place to go on honeymoon! It is scheduled for redevelopment so the opportunity to visit here won't last for long. The ruins of the old hotel and church are fascinating and your guide will show you around and recount you the tales of yesteryear. Then settle down on Paradise Island's pristine deserted white beaches for a picnic lunch. Relax and spend a few hours here, and wander in and out of the sea. The snorkelling here is amazing, but different to the reefs closer to Azura. It's easy to access being straight off the beach in shallow water, with schools of reef fish in abundance.

Duration: Flexible (allow at least 5 hours) Cost: \$250 per person

Optional Extra: Travel by Helicopter to add a real exclusive element to this already exceptional excursion.

Other Water Activities

Requests for the following must be made with Azura's Activities Staff the night before or earlier if possible, and are subject to availability. Drinks and snacks provided as appropriate.

- Sunset Dhow Cruise departing 16h30 on Jonas.
This activity can be done privately on Calcina for an additional fee.
Duration: 1½ hours Cost: \$25 per person
- Ponto Dundo/Bazaruto Dune Climb - Have one of our guides lead you up the dunes that are part of our signature excursion the Island Hop with insights into local history and geomorphology along the way.
Duration: 1 hour Cost: \$75 per person
- Benguerra North Point - be dropped on the sandspit which is part of our Island Hop with a picnic lunch.
Duration: Flexible Cost: \$115 per person
- Guided snorkelling Safari - have the marine life of Two-Mile Reef or 'The Aquarium' shown and explained to you. Please note that snorkelling needs to take place at low tide.
Duration: 2 hours Cost: \$85 per person



SALTWATER FISHING

The Bazaruto Archipelago has some of the best big game, reef and bill fishing in the Indian Ocean. Species include: Marlin, Sailfish, Tuna/Bonito, King/Queen Mackerel, Prodigal Son, Wahoo, Dorado, and Barracuda. Giant Trevally (GT's), the local specialty, often top the scales above 25kg.

Azura caters for beginner and experienced fishermen/women alike, and operates a strict tag and release policy on protected species. You can choose to go trawling with our local guides, or we can bring in the specialist fishing guides available in the area, who offer saltwater fly fishing, jigging for Giant Trevally, and other specialist techniques. Fishing is extremely popular and should be booked well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Duration:

- Quarter Day (2-3 hours) Cost: \$300 per boat including equipment (in the bay)
- Half Day (5-6 hours) Cost: \$550 per boat including equipment
- Full Day (7-8 hours) Cost: \$700 per boat including equipment

Main Fishing Seasons:

	Marlin	Sailfish	Tuna/ Bonito	King Mackerel	Queen Mackerel	Kingfish/ GT's
Jan	Some	Few	Excellent	Good chance	Great	Year round
Feb	Few	Few	Excellent	Good chance	Great	Year round
Mar	Few	Few	Excellent	Good chance	Great	Year round
Apr	Good chance	Good chance	Great	Good chance	Excellent	Year round
May	Good chance	Superb!	Great	Excellent	Excellent	Year round
June	Good chance	Superb!	Great	Excellent	Excellent	Year round
July	Good chance	Excellent	Good chance	Excellent	Excellent	Year round
Aug	Good chance	Excellent	Good chance	Excellent	Great	Year round
Sept	Great	Excellent	Good chance	Excellent	Great	Year round
Oct	Superb!	Great	Great	Great	Great	Year round
Nov	Superb!	Good chance	Excellent	Good chance	Good chance	Year round
Dec	Superb!	Good chance	Excellent	Good chance	Good chance	Year round

For activity prices please refer to the price guide towards the back of your Guest Directory.

SCUBA DIVING

The reefs in the Bazaruto Archipelago are abundant with a variety of fish and corals, and offer a range of depths and reef topography to suit beginner and experienced divers alike. Azura is positioned close to the reefs and hence access is quick and easy. Our marine life and corals are often cited as the best off the East Coast of Africa. We have seasonal visits from whale sharks, manta rays and humpback whales and their calves and we regularly see loggerhead, green and hawksbill turtles, reef sharks, stingrays, devil rays and moray eels as well as a variety of reef fish such as grouper, bat fish, surgeons, puffers, moorish idols, parrot fish, clown fish, trigger fish and chocolate dip fish. Hard and soft corals are in abundance, with Christmas tree anemones and nudibranchs for those who like to spot the smaller stuff!



Azura has a PADI 5 Star Dive Centre with top of the range Scubapro equipment. Our training pool is perfect for refreshing your diving skills or even trying out snorkelling before you head off to the reefs, and for training we offer a full range of courses and have a PADI Instructor. Azura is also a DAN (Diver's Alert Network) Business Member which entitles all divers doing entry level courses to basic dive insurance coverage. If you are interested in learning to dive or would like to try it out first please, get in touch with our watersports team.

Kindly Note: Rates are per person and include all equipment, refills, refreshments and instructor leading the dive. There is a minimum of 2 persons per dive and we offer no reduction for own equipment. We ask that appropriate certification/medical certificates be shown prior to diving.

Diving

Dive	Price excl IVA
2 & 5 Mile Reef	USD 95
Bay Reefs	USD 75
Double Tank Dive	USD 165
Additional Supervised Dive	USD 120
Adventure Dive	USD 115
5/8 Dive Package	USD 425/ USD 690
Computer Hire	USD 10 per dive

PADI Diving Courses

Course	Price excl IVA
Scuba Review	USD 100
Padi Discover Scuba (pool)	USD 100
Bubble Makers (kids)	USD 100
Padi Discover Scuba Diving (pool & dive)	USD 195
Padi Scuba Diver	USD 385
Padi Openwater Course	USD 675
Padi Adventure Diver	USD 400
Padi Advanced Course	USD 500

Kindly note course duration is subject to weather conditions and the competency of students.

HORSE RIDING

For those who like to ride, a trek along the water's edge on the horses based on Benguerra Island and back along some of the island's tracks and trails is an experience never to forget! There are 9 horses available to suit all levels, from complete beginner upwards. Please note that this activity is conducted by Mozambique Horse Safaris and is a third party company.

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$130 per person

ISLAND SOCCER

The whole of Africa is soccer mad. Here on Benguerra Island we have an Island League made up of teams from the lodges and local island teams. This is a really important event amongst the local community and great pride is at stake. Come and support Azura's soccer team at one of their matches on the weekend. We will set up a tent with refreshments, and if you fancy it you can even join in the game! It's great entertainment for all.

Duration: Approx 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon

Cost: with our compliments



EVENING TIME

Private Beach Dinners

Azura Staff are creative souls. Your host will set up a private dinner on the beach in front of your villa, surrounded by candles arranged in the sand. Alternatively you can choose to have this candle-lit on your deck or beneath your sala. They normally like to do it on guests last night at Azura but if you would prefer to do it another day please discuss this with your host. We offer the first of these included with your stay, but for a small additional cost you can do it a second time or even upgrade to a seafood barbecue and we'll come and cook fresh seafood in front of you while you sit under African skies!

Time: Usually your last evening with us, otherwise \$30 per person

Kindly note that much of our seafood is locally sourced and is subject to availability therefore we require at least 24hrs notice for special requests.



All activities are subject to tide and weather conditions and boat/vehicle/guide availability. Safety is our priority. Appropriate certification cards required for scuba diving. All activities are undertaken at your own risk.

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