

CHILDREN & TEENS ACTIVITIES



Children and teens at Azura will be spoilt for choice when it comes to spending time here with us. Whilst we don't have the traditional kids and activity clubs you find in larger hotels, we offer a host of activities for kiddies to participate in, and many of these can be done without the guidance of parents, as they will be supervised by Azura's Guides, Dive-Instructor, or Spa Therapists.

Our focus 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, taste the island's fruits and perhaps learn a new skill or two. Plus miles of deserted beach...its paradise here for families too!

All activities may be booked through our Reception, speak to your Butler-Host, or the Activity Co-ordinators at the Bar in the evenings for confirmation of the next day's activity.

Marine Life Walk

Join Azura's Resident Biologist or Community Guide and walk along the Tidal Flats, whilst having the diverse marine life explained to you. During this walk, you'll come face to face with Sea Anemones, little Crabs, Pansy Shells, Starfish, Bivalves, and all different types of small creepy crawlies along the way which all call these areas home. Get your checklist signed to take home with you! 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: Free Offered: Several times a week subject to Guide availability, Low Tide Time/Condition Dependent

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 snorkel with the children at the Centre's Pool. Learn the right techniques, and then use of equipment and general skills will be shown in the water. We even have a selection of smaller goggles and snorkels for little ones! Note: This will be supervised by Azura Staff at all times. 2 mile reef at the aquarium has some of East Africa's best snorkelling, and we often spot turtles and dolphins along the way, as well as humpback whales in season (Jun-Oct).

Duration: ½-1 hour Cost: Free (pool lessons), Reef visits \$75++ Offered: Daily, Dependent on Staff Availability



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, which is perfect for children & teens to go through their skills before jumping into the warm sea waters to view the marine life close up!.Take the plunge...



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 underwater! 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 (pool only). **Offered:** Daily, subject to bookings / staff 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:** \$185 **Offered:** Daily, subject to sea conditions & Bookings / Staff Availability

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 Dad to go along on boats for 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:** \$200 per boat (reef /inshore fishing); \$25pp lake fishing **Offered:** Daily, subject to sea conditions, vehicle availability & bookings / staff availability

Land Activities



Soccer

Children all over Africa usually start kicking a football around with great enthusiasm as soon as they can walk. Football is a passion for them, often barefoot, on uneven playing fields. Azura's staff play soccer against one of the 3 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. Its a great afternoon out for the family. We provide the drinks and snacks, you provide the energy and enthusiasm!

Duration: Dependent **Cost:** Free **Offered:** Most Sundays, Dependent on Guide & Vehicle Availability

Azura School Project Visit

A visit to Azura will not be complete before visiting our school project. Benguerra Island's one and only school built solely by Azura from 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:** Free (Rainbow Fund Contribution Encouraged) **Offered:** Daily, Dependent on Guide & Vehicle Availability

Junior Star-Gazing & Astronomy

The Southern Hemisphere Skies are spectacular! Children can view stellar & celestial phenomena such as Stars, Planets and Moons through Azura's 8-Inch Reflecting Telescope. During some months of the year, notable constellations such as Orion, the Southern Cross and even various Astrology Signs can be seen. These may be highlighted and described with a 3.5km Laser Pointer penetrating the night skies to offer an amazing educational experience.

Duration: 1 Hour **Cost:** Free **Offered:** Several times a week, Weather & Cloud Cover Dependent, & Bookings / Staff Availability

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.

Duration: 1 ½ Hour **Cost:** Free **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: Free

Cookies in the Kitchen

Join one of our chefs in the kitchen at Azura for a cookie baking session, and of course enjoy them afterwards!

Duration: ½ hour **Cost:** Free **Offered:** Several times a week

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 massage – 15 min
- Hands or feet repaint – 20 min \$20
- Makeup or face painting – 30 min \$30
- Pamper party – 2.5 hours - \$200pp (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 moisturise, 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 years of age:

- Complimentary back, neck and shoulder refresher massage – 15 min
- African Back Neck & Shoulder Massage – ½ hour \$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.
- 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 tranquillity 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*