



ACTIVITIES

PESTANA BAZARUTO LODGE



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ISLAND RESORT
BAZARUTO · MOÇAMBIQUE



GENERAL ACTIVITIES

COMPLIMENTARY

Free daily snorkelling at Coral Gardens.
 Free daily drop and collect at Dolphin Bay (09H30 Depart – 12h00 Return. 14h30 Depart – 17h00 Return).
 Free daily use of canoes and paddle boats.
 Free Air Strip transfer for hotel clients.

ACTIVITIES

Water-ski, Hobbie Cats, Sailing Trips
 Snorkelling, Diving, Fishing
 Walking Trails/Tours

OTHER ACTIVITIES

MANGROVE RIVER

25 minutes by boat. This is done during high tide only. Good snorkelling and birding.

SUNSET CRUISE BY DHOW

The sunset cruise is in the bay in front of the hotel. We require bookings a day in advance. We can arrange up to 6 Dhows, each Dhow for groups can take a max of 10 Pax. Requirement for group bookings is 10 days in advance.

LIGHTHOUSE BEACH

15 minute vehicle ride. Fantastic for snorkelling. Highly recommended.

PARADISE ISLAND

A 30 minute boat ride. Good snorkelling and an idyllic island. En route, there is a good chance to see dolphins. Recommended.

SAND-SPIT

A 10 minute vehicle ride. Good sunset spot and for the serious fisherman to do some shore fishing.

MARGARUQUE

01H30 minutes by boat to the most southern island in the Archipelago. Not highly recommended.

INHASSORO

This is a town on the mainland - 1 hour by boat. Not highly recommended.

DOLPHIN BAY

One of the most beautiful and exotic beaches to swim and relax - 5 minute by vehicle or a 25 minute walk.

CORAL GARDENS

10 minute vehicle ride. Fantastic for snorkelling. Highly recommended.

MUSHES HOLE

Beautiful swimming beaches, great for surfing and good for shore fishing - 20 minutes by vehicle.

VENGES BAY

Advanced snorkelling - 30 minutes by vehicle. Highly recommended.

THREE TREES

Good surfing and swimming beach. 20 minutes by vehicle.

AIRSTIP AND ISLAND BEACH TRANSFERS

Transfers to and from the Airstrip are complimentary for guests staying at the Lodge. Transfers twice a day to Dolphin beach are included in the rate. These transfers are by tractor trailer with a capacity for 16 seats, the trailer has side covers in case of weather, and both transfers take approximately 10 minutes. Details and departure times available at the Lodge reception or management.

NATURE OPTIONS

Land Rover trips can be pre-arranged and paid for at the Lodge. The usual trips are a romantic drive up to Sand Spit on the northern point of the island not far from the Lodge - enjoy a spectacular sunset. There are various stops on the island, two of the favourite stops are: Sail Fish Bay which has a great view and this is where you see the awesome sand dunes, and Croc Lakes which is inland and more to the south of the island. Croc Lakes are small salt water lakes with crocodiles. Trips can be booked to various points for bird watching or to the Mangrove Swamps. Samango Monkeys can sometimes be seen. Close to the Lodge are fishing huts where the locals bring their fish for cleaning and occasional drying.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Indemnity forms must be signed for any activities, diving, boating or fishing.

With the island being a Nature Reserve, there are restrictions to the diving, fishing, boating and land excursions.

DO NOT TAKE ANYTHING OFF THE ISLAND. DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING WHILE IN THE WATER. FIND OUT THE NATIONAL PARK'S LAWS AT THE LODGE ON ARRIVAL. THE PARK'S LAWS DIFFER FROM PLACE TO PLACE.

Gone Fishin' Activities Centre is open 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm. Please advise well in advance with regards to big groups. Pricing on all activities available on request.



DIVING ACTIVITIES

DIVING OVERVIEW

The best diving months are from April to September. Please note that from September to November, the weather is mostly good but visibility can be reduced due to plankton. If you are an avid diver, then April to August will give the best visibility. December to March is usually when tropical storms occur, especially around February and March.

2 x Instructors (1 x Naui, 1 x Padi)
1 x Naui Dive Master
8 x Full Dive Sets (BC, DV, 10 litre steel cylinders)
30 x Masks
16 x Wetsuits in different sizes
30 x Sets of Closed Heeled Fins
Max 6 pax per boat
We only dive during low and high tide, not in-between due to strong currents.

A fully certified NAUI Diving Course is available at Bazaruto (5-6 days). A Resort Course is also available (1 day).

NEAR DIVES

Manta Reef. Max depth 18 metres. This is a flat coral reef with a drop starting at 12 metres and ending at 18 metres. The reef is large - around 1km and it takes 2 dives to complete the whole reef. Brindle Bass, Green Turtles, Job Fish, Neon Fusiliers and big schools of reef fish are common and in the summer months sightings of Mantas very common.

Turtle Ridge. Max depth 14m. This is a very easy dive with a weak current and a flat coral reef. There are good sightings of Green Turtles and big schools of reef fish, amongst these are Parrot Fish and Snappers. This dive is excellent for beginners and photographers.

Rainbow Runner. Max depth 27m. This is an advanced dive. The currents are strong and you need to get onto the reef very fast. You will see big schools of Pelagic Fish, as well as Barracuda, Kingfish, Tuna, Eagle Rays and Stingrays. The possibility of sighting Zambezi Sharks and Reef Sharks is good. The reef is flat with boulders in-between and plenty of green tree coral.

The Potholes. Max depth 12m. This is an advanced dive. This is a flat reef at 5 metres and then a set of 4 potholes in a line along the reef are each 35m in diameter. The dive is very scenic with lots of caves and overhangs in the potholes. Good area to find Reef Sharks and Nurse Sharks. This dive can only be done at low tide.

Brindle Bass Ridge. Max depth 17 metres. Strong current and best time to dive is on the turn of the high tide. The dive is very scenic with lots of caves and overhangs, and ends at 8m. Experience from having completed 20 dives or an advanced qualification is needed to do this dive. There are good sightings of big schools of Kingfish and Eagle Rays, and plenty of Brindle Bass and thistle soft coral.

FAR DIVES

Greek Temple. Max depth 18m. Relaxed scenic dive with caves, overhangs and the current is not strong. Greek Temple is excellent for beginners and photographers. The whole area looks like a broken temple and it is possible to see turtles and Electric Rays. It is best to dive during low tide.

2 Mile Reef. Max depth 24m. This is located on the southern tip of the island. It is an hour's boat ride to the reef and as the reef is really big, you will need 2 dives to cover the whole area. The reef starts flat and then builds up into boulders and overhangs towards the end. It is a good area for sharks and big schools of reef fish. Turtles are very common here.

Zenguerema Point. Max depth 21m. Visibility is not the best here but it is a good place for photographers. This reef is located on the western side of the island and is always protected from bad weather. This offers an alternative to dive when weather conditions on the eastern side prohibit diving. It is common to see schools of reef fish, Scorpion and Stone Fish.

12 Mile Reef (Double tank dive) is 18.9km due north of the island. This reef is 4km long and starts at 24m, then goes down to 40m. This is suitable for experienced divers and an advanced qualification is needed. The dive is possible at spring tides, and low tide. The reef is flat on top and drops to 40m, with big caves and overhangs all the way down. It is a good area for big game fish and sharks, as well as possible sightings of Oceanic White Tip Sharks and Silvertip Sharks. The current is strong, therefore only drift diving and a minimum of 4 pax for this dive site.

DIVING INFORMATION

Dives. 10 dives per person 7.5% of total amount (as per price list). 15 dives or more 10% of total amount (as per price list).

Divers. 10 divers 1 dive (free paying divers).
20 divers, 2 divers free (18 paying divers).

Note: Group bookings of 15+ divers will be split into smaller groups. Maximum of 7 divers per group, 2 groups diving at a time and maximum of 3 dives per day.



RESTRICTIONS ON AGES

No persons under the age of 12 years.
Children, 12 to 16 years of age, must dive with an adult.

GROUPS

Max 20 people, there is no minimum pax.

ADVANCED & CASUAL LEVEL

All levels are welcome and will be taken to the reefs that suit their qualification levels.

DIVE MASTER

If a group has their own Dive Master he will be charged half price to dive with the group. A qualified Dive Master from Gone Fishin' must accompany them on all dives, due to licensing laws.

SHARK DIVING

At Bazaruto there are 2 reefs where there is a good chance of seeing Zambezi Sharks (Bull Sharks) and Black Tail Reef Sharks, however there is no guarantee.

SNORKELLING

Snorkelling is usually good all year round, except when it is raining. There are 2 good snorkelling sites near the Lodge on the northern side of the island, namely Coral Gardens and then Lighthouse Bay - these can be accessed from the beach. While diving at 2 Mile Reef at the south point of the island near Pansy Island, guests can do snorkelling at 2 Mile Reef. Included in the 2009 rates there is a daily snorkel trip to Coral Gardens. Lighthouse Bay is approximately a 20 minute walk down the beach, average of 1.4 km. Guests will have free use of all snorkelling gear during their stay and cooler boxes with refreshments, which will be billed back to rooms, can be arranged. In addition, swimming towels and umbrellas can be organised at reception.

NOTE

- Diving is good here, however due to currents and weather conditions, it is safe to say that you have a 50% chance of being able to dive.
- All clients who dive must sign an indemnity form.
- Pricing on diving equipment and dives available on request.
- Please refer to General Activities page for general information.





FISHING & BOATING ACTIVITIES

FISHING OVERVIEW

Due to the National Park Laws, no fish are allowed to be taken off the island.

All fish caught on Gone Fishin' boats go to the hotel.

All tackle that is lost will be charged to the client. We do not have Fly-fishing tackle for rent. This is a specialized sport and Fly fishermen bring their own tackle.

TYPES OF FISH

BILLFISH

Billfish are seasonal.
Sailfish from April-September.
Marlin from October-March.

GAME FISH

Sailfish, Marlin and standard Game Fish which include Mackerel, Dorado, Barracuda, Kingfish, Bonito (Tuna), Prodigal Son and Wahoo.
All above mentioned Game Fish are available all year round and Kingfish more from September to April.
Giant Kingfish, Bull Sharks, Blacktip Sharks, Sandsharks, Various Rays, Rockcods(grouper), Snappers, Springer(ladyfish) and Queenfish.
The fishing boats are used for trawling and no bottom fishing is allowed due to Bazaruto being a National Park.
We also have rock and surf fishing. 4 x Land Rovers for rent with driver/guide to show the areas and help with baiting up and casting.

ROCK, SURF & FLY FISHING

The rock and surf fishing is another option and the main targeted fish are Kingfish, Snappers, Rockcods, Queenfish. The driver of the Landrover is a good guide and will point out the best areas to fish. For prices and extra charges on fuel please refer to the Gone Fishin' price list.

FISHING SITES

Fishing sites are from the Northern Tip of the island to the Southern Tip of the island and approximately 10 minutes away thus making the fishing trip extremely fuel efficient.

BOATS

At Bazaruto Lodge you're allowed to use your own boat for sightseeing and fishing.

The boats are the better option for Fly Fishing, giving you much larger areas to cover over shallow reefs for targeted species like Kingfish, Queenfish, Mackerels and Tuna. The skippers on the boats can guide you to these areas.
22 foot ski boat - Half day (refer Gone Fishin' price list) plus fuel. 26 foot ski boat - Full day (refer Gone Fishin' price list) plus fuel.

UTILIZING YOUR OWN BOATS

Park entrance fee of MZN150.00 meticaais per day.
Port licence of MZN1300.00 meticaais per boat.
\$20.00 mooring fee at Lodge.
Valid skippers licence is required. Prices are subject to change, please check with Lodge prior to departure.

FISHING BOATS AT THE LODGE

4 x ski boats in different sizes.
2 x 27 foot Reef Runners equipped to do all Game Fishing. Sailfish, Marlin and standard Game Fish which include Mackerel, Dorado, Baracuda, Kingfish, Bonito (tuna), Prodigal Son and Wahoo.
1 x 27 foot Monohull Pelican for light tackle fishing, mainly smaller Game Fish and Fly Fishing.

NOTE

- RENTAL RATES for Fishing Equipment & Boats, please refer to Gone Fishin' price list - Available on request.
- Please refer to General Activities page for general information.



Fishing Seasons

Species	Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marlin	BG	Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Sailfish	BG/FF	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Fair
Wahoo	BG/FF	Good	Fair	Fair	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Ignobis	BG/FF	Good											
Dorado	BG/FF	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
K Mackerel	BG/FF	Excellent											
Q Mackerel	BG/FF	Fair	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Fair	Fair
Bonito	BG/FF	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Buldgers	BG/FF	Fair	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Kingfish	BG/FF	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent						
Bone Fish	FF	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
Milk Fish	FF	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Poor	Poor
Springer	FF	Good											

Key: BG - Big Game FF - Fly Fishing

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
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