



FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND	<p>Azura at Quilalea is the second luxury Indian Ocean retreat from Christopher and Stella Bettany. Just as the name suggests, it brings Azura's trademark African-chic style to Quilalea Island, a private, wholly uninhabited island paradise surrounded by the pristine waters of a marine sanctuary.</p>
STYLE	<p>The vision is to provide the ultimate in private luxury hideaways in stunning undiscovered destinations.</p> <p>Azura at Quilalea is a hidden gem, somewhere to retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life, with a relaxed and understated 'Robinson Crusoe' castaway style that belies the comforts and experiences on offer. Attention to detail, as ever with Azura, is paramount in the design, the finishes, and the overall wow factor of the island experience.</p>
ECO - RETREAT	<p>Azura at Quilalea is an Eco-Boutique Retreat. Whilst the Quirimbas Archipelago stretch from Pemba to the Northern border with Tanzania, only the very southern part of the archipelago, where Quilalea is located, forms a fully protected marine sanctuary.</p> <p>Conscious of this pristine natural environment and the need to preserve it, Azura at Quilalea has embarked on a unique energy saving project, whereby solar power, wind generation, rainwater harvesting, and eco-friendly rechargeable crystal batteries are used in combination with normal generators and desalination to provide the island's power and water. The aim is for all basic functions to run without the need to switch on generators for lengthy periods, and also to switch generators off completely at night to ensure maximum tranquility for our guests.</p> <p>Uniquely at Azura at Quilalea, guests can control their own energy consumption through a wall switch at their villa. They can opt for 'ECO' or 'LUXE', Eco resulting in power for the bare minimum requirements for the room, such as basic lighting and fan, or Luxe providing all mod cons including Aircon.</p>

<p>ACCOMMODATION</p>	<p>In keeping with the uninhabited nature of the island, the retreat consists of only nine seafront villas, accommodating eighteen guests.</p> <p>The villas are built from natural coral stone and makuti thatch, and have all been revamped to increase comfort and make better use of the interior space, with natural finishings, indoor/outdoor showers, private decks stretching out to the beach, daybeds and sun-loungers for relaxing.</p> <p>Guests can choose between three categories of villa: 4 Sunrise Villas, 4 Sunset Villas, and Villa Quilalea. The island may also be booked out in its entirety for a complete private island experience.</p> <p>Sunset Villas have the premium locations, with an additional outdoor shower and beach sala. The cliff-top Villa Quilalea offers the most astounding accommodation for a couple in the whole archipelago, with a private plunge pool, feature bathroom & dressing room, an outdoor shower, and its own separate sitting/dining area.</p> <p>The villas are open-plan and spacious, with stylish décors of wood, cotton and materials such as rope, pebbles and rattan, all blending in seamlessly with the island surroundings. Guests need only take a few steps to the gleaming white beach, or they may choose to bask on their sunlounger, recline in their sala, or cool off in their outdoor shower.</p>
<p>ROOM AMENITIES</p>	<p>All of the villas have a unique energy control system whereby guests can take control of their own eco-footprint. All mod cons are there if desired, including mini bar and air-conditioning, or guests can throw their villa open to being air-cooled by the natural breezes.</p> <p>Villas can be configured as kingsize or twin, with oversized mosquito net and feature bathrooms, including indoor/outdoor showers, double vanities and separate toilet/bidet. Outdoors there are daybeds on the deck and sun loungers.</p> <p>Villa Quilalea additionally has a feature bathroom with free-standing bath and separate dressing room, a romantic draped Kingsize 4 poster bed, and enlarged sitting area. It also has a private infinity pool, sitting/dining area, extended decking and relaxation areas, and a stunningly private location, including ocean access from a cliff-top stepladder.</p>
<p>COMMUNAL AREAS</p>	<p>Each 'public' area of the retreat is designed with its own particular ethos in mind, creating unique vibes and experiences out of which guests will find their own favourite haven, be it a hammock under the trees, a perch at the bar, or a dip in the main feature pool.</p> <p>The main bar/pool area has been substantially reconfigured, including a chill zone with large cushions for lazing around. The kitchen has been completely re-designed and fitted with state of the art equipment, to provide the standard of cuisine that Azura is famous for, and the Dining Room has an all new Wine Cellar for private dining and to showcase the owner's wines. There is also an all new fully equipped Padi Dive and Watersports Centre, and TV and media room for those who want to stay in touch, and a Boutique with local crafts and designer beachwear.</p>

<p>LOCATION</p>	<p>Quilalea Island is one of the Southernmost islands in the pristine Quirimbas Archipelago, 30 nautical miles North of Pemba. It has one of only a few safe deepwater moorings in the area, where the Portuguese and Arab traders traditionally found sanctuary for their dhows. Along with its sister island Sencar, it is one of the few properties in the entire Archipelago to lie within a fully protected marine reserve, ensuring an abundance of marine life.</p> <p>The island is approximately 86 acres in size Pemba, and apart from Azura at Quilalea staff and guests, it is completely uninhabited.</p> <p>The island is covered in indigenous vegetation, with statuesque age old baobab groves and stunning flora and fauna, a real nature lovers paradise. There are 4 large sandy beaches on the island, the villas are spread along 2 of them, the main beach always has boat access, and remote and beautiful turtle beach is home to dozens of nesting turtles and is an excellent spot for a private picnic lunch.</p> <p>Its just as amazing below the sea, with snorkeling accessible off the beaches and around most of the island, patrolled by huge potato bass and schools of hunting jacks, and a spectacular house reef for diving just a short fin kick away from the main beach. This is paradise for lovers of marine life and marine experiences.</p>
<p>CLIMATE</p>	<p>Azura at Quilalea is hot and humid year round, with long sunny days and temperatures rarely below 24 degrees day and night.</p> <p>Trade winds do bring cooling breezes, North Easterly from October to March with the chance of some showers, and the slightly stronger but dry South Easterly trade wind from April to September. Our villas are positioned to take best advantage of the natural breezes.</p> <p>Rainy season: 'Mango Rains' commence in late October, bringing occasional light showers. Jan – March are hot and humid months, where temperatures often hit 35 degrees+, with tropical rainbursts, most often in the late afternoons or overnight bringing welcome relief from the heat. April to October are normally hot and dry months.</p> <p>Weather patterns globally are changing, and rains in the past couple of years have become more unpredictable, with the rainy season having become shorter and later most recently. This is however no predictor of future weather patterns!</p> <p>The water temperature is warm year round and ranges from 28-32 degrees +.</p>

<p>DINING</p>	<p>Cuisine at Quilalea is focused around the natural produce available locally, in line with the island's 'Eco Ethos'. Lots of fresh fish and seafood dominate the menu, with dining a relaxed and laid back affair.</p> <p>Guests receive Azura's trademark Mozambican Butler/Host service, where they try to make the dining experiences different through a range of unique and special venues and set-ups.</p> <p>Should you have particular dietary requirements it is advisable to alert the us as far in advance as possible, as some specialist ingredients may take time for us to procure.</p> <p>For the wine connoisseur, there is a wine cellar stocked with fine wines from the owner's 5 estates, as well as wines from Azura's own Chateau flown in from France's Loire Valley. The wine cellar makes an excellent venue for a more formal private dining experience.</p> <p>Normal meals, house wines, local spirits, soft drinks, water, tea and coffee are included in the rate.</p>
<p>ACTIVITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff-top African Spa • Beach picnics / private dining experiences • Island Baobab nature walk • Mangrove Kayaking on nearby Sencar Island • Scuba Diving and scuba diving courses • Snorkelling and guided snorkelling trips • Deep sea fishing • Sea kayaking • Dhow sailing • Dhow Sunset Cruise • Island hopping and remote beach picnics • Cultural visits including nearby historic Ibo Island • Tours of the working coconut plantation on Quirimba Island and the local village
<p>SPA (see separate spa menu)</p>	<p>Azura at Quilalea's uniquely African spa offers signature treatments based on local ingredients and traditions. These include being rubbed down with ground coconut shells, covered head to toe with tamarind and aloe, or gently massaged with warm marula oil.</p> <p>The Spa has a stunning location on the Island's headland where there is a natural rock alcove with rhythmical splashing of the water at high tide to aid in the relaxation process.</p>

ACCESS

Closest major airport is Pemba. There is then a light aircraft flight to Quirimba Island, a short scenic drive across the coconut plantation, followed by a max 20 min boat ride to Quilalea private island. There is always deep water access at the main beach at Quilalea, but a walk through water is needed at Quirimba Island except at high tide. Quirimba transfer \$30pp each way.

SAA Airlink**Johannesburg to Pemba**

Wednesday, Saturday DEP 11h10 ARR 14h00

Pemba to Johannesburg:

Wednesday, Saturday DEP 14h30 ARR 17h25 (wed service seasonal)

Air Mozambique**Johannesburg – Pemba via Maputo**

Wednesday, Friday, Sunday. DEP 08h40, ARR 13h10

Pemba – Johannesburg via Maputo

Wednesday, Friday, Sunday. DEP 13h50 ARR 18h30

Nairobi

TUE, THR and SAT: - DEP 17h50; ARR: 19h00

Pemba-

TUE, THR and SAT: DEP 13h40; ARR: 16h50

(Note: flights arrive into Pemba too late to connect over to Quilalea, hence an overnight in Pemba is needed)

Dar-es-Salaam

Wed and Sunday: - DEP 17h00; ARR 17h10

Pemba

WED AND SUN: DEP: 12h35; ARR: 14h45

(Note: 1 hour time difference + flights arrive into Pemba too late to connect over to the island, hence an overnight in Pemba is needed)

CFA**Pemba – Quirimba Island (daily)**

Dep 09h00; Arr 09h20

Dep 14.15; Arr 14h35

Quirimba Island – Pemba (daily)

Dep 12h15; Arr 12h35

Dep 16.15; Arr 16h35

These flights also link Quirimba Island with Ibo, Matemo and Medjumbe if a 2 centre is required. See CFA flight schedule for full details. Flight times are approx. 5 minutes to/from Ibo, 15 minutes to/from Matemo and 40 minutes to/from Medjumbe.

Minimum 2 pax. All timings are estimates based on the daily schedule and commitments, which is designed to work around arriving and departing international flights. Dedicated charters may be available outside of these times. Cost: \$145 pp one way, \$245 return plus Airport taxes (approx. \$12) and IVA. Excess baggage \$6 per kg.

PRIVATE CHARTER	<p>The Island is available for sole use on request.</p> <p>Private Charter flights are available to Pemba through Elite Jet in Johannesburg at reasonable rates. Aircraft seat 8-19 pax.</p> <p>Quirimba Island has a 1000m grass runway which is in excellent condition year round. It accommodates a range of smaller light aircraft such as a Pilatus PC12. Many of the Tanzanian game reserves are in easy reach, with immigration procedures available at Mocimba de Praia.</p>
FAMILIES	<p>Children are welcome in the Sunrise and Sunset Villas at Azura at Quilalea, and the marine paradise offers numerous possibilities for children and families. We ask that guest privacy always be respected, and younger children may be asked to dine earlier or in villa.</p>
DRESS CODE	<p>Informal/casual beach chic.</p>
PACKING ESSENTIALS	<p>Bathing suits, sunglasses, sunhat, sunscreen, torch, kikoyis or wraps and shoes for the beach (that can get wet e.g. flip flops).</p> <p>Batteries or chargers for cameras, phones etc. we provide electrical convertors.</p> <p>Flip-flops or sandals are useful for walking about in the day, and for beach dinners in the evenings. A lower heel/wedges in the evenings is also manageable as there are pathways to all villas.</p> <p>American Express is not used in Mozambique, so if you are likely to pay using a credit card, we suggest you bring along a Visa or Mastercard</p> <p>Please bring along any diving certification cards. It is now possible to undertake the theory part of a PADI qualification on-line with the practical dives completed on site.</p>
WEDDINGS	<p>Blessings can be arranged on request.</p>
RECOMMENDED LENGTH OF STAY	<p>To take full advantage and enjoy everything on offer at Azura at Quilalea we recommend a minimum of 5 nights, preferably longer.</p>
VISA REQUIREMENTS	<p>Visas are required by all nationalities except South Africans. (approx. US\$80)</p> <p>It is advisable to arrange visas before travel however they can be issued on arrival in Pemba.</p>
HEALTH	<p>Mozambique is a malarial area and suitable prophylactics are advised. Quilalea Island is considered a low risk malarial area as it does not have a local population or any natural standing water.</p> <p>Guests coming to Mozambique from countries that are known to be at risk of yellow fever (including Kenya, Tanzania, Congo and Angola) are now required to present vaccination certificates.</p> <p>Medical facilities locally are extremely limited. We stock basic first aid supplies and popular medications. Please bring any medication that may be required. Azura has Medivac Insurance from Pemba for medical emergencies.</p>

**USEFUL THINGS TO
KNOW**

Check-out is at 10.30 on the day of departure.

The local Mozambique currency is the Metical however SA Rand and US Dollars are widely accepted.

We accept MasterCard and Visa cards. In accordance with International & Mozambican Credit Card Banking Laws, guests wishing to settle their accounts with Credit Card will be processed in Meticas (Mozambican currency) even though prices are quoted in US Dollars.

Guests will be charged 17% Mozambique tax on top of any credit card payments

We do not take AMEX/Diners Cards or travellers cheques.

Cash is also accepted.

Wireless internet, and a computer with internet access is available in the media room. Bandwidth is limited by the satellite connection.

A laundry service is available daily and will need to be ready to collect by 9am each morning to ensure a same day return service – weather permitting. Where possible laundry is air dried and a 24 hour turnaround cannot be guaranteed.

Quilalea Island is part of a Marine National Park and conservation is a priority. We ask that guests do not pick up live shells or buy shells.

National Park Fee is \$ 10 per guest per stay

Quilalea is in a very remote location, and certain items may not be obtainable from time to time. Understanding is appreciated.

Our water supply is very limited, with all water being supplied by innovative rainwater harvesting and desalination. Water usage may be restricted when in short supply.

Quilalea generates its own power, and in line with our Eco initiative the generators do not run at night unless too many guests elect to opt for the 'Luxe' setting at night. Basic villa amenities such as lighting and fans are still available at night.

<p>MARINE LIFE/ FLORA & FAUNA</p>	<p>The Quirimbas National Park extends from just south of Quilalea, to just north of Rolas and Matemo Islands. A WWF study in 2007 concluded that Quilalea and its sister Sencar island were the only totally protected area in the park, and an important breeding and nesting ground for Olive Ridley, Green and Hawksbill Turtles. The turtles breed from August, nest from October to January, and hatch up until April each year. Humpback whales can also be seen from July to October.</p> <p>In the ocean surrounding Quilalea, there are near-pristine inshore and offshore coral reef; sea-grass beds, upon which the turtles feed; good stocks of pelagic fishes, and long stretches of sandy beaches, ideal for swimming, walking or just relaxing.</p> <p>Animal sightings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turtles – year round • Turtle Nesting Season: October to April • Whales – humpback - mid July to mid October • Dolphins - year round <p>Quilalea is home to several ancient baobab groves, and a variety of flora and fauna, including a fascinating array of butterflies.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENT & THE COMMUNITY</p>	<p>Azura's Rainbow Fund registered charity, the only one of its kind in Mozambique. Will undertake a number of initiatives at Azura at Quilalea Private Island, including steps to further protect the pristine natural and marine environment, aided by the Eco energy control initiative. The Rainbow Fund also assists the nearby communities at Quissanga and Quirimba with donations and events like World Children's Day. A discretionary donation of \$10 per villa per night will be added to guest bills.</p>
<p>ARRIVAL</p>	<p>An Azura at Quilalea representative will be there to assist you when you arrive in Pemba airport. Please note that this is likely to be a local man with English as a foreign language. He assists guests everyday at the airport and knows the procedures and will make sure that you do the correct thing. Kindly have patience when communicating and know that you are in good hands, and be aware that procedures will not be as speedy as you may be used to elsewhere.</p> <p>Be prepared for luggage to be searched upon arrival at Pemba, and this might include hand luggage. It will also be searched upon departure, as they will check that you are not taking anything from the protected parks, like shells.</p> <p>Please pack soft bags only with a maximum 20kg including hand luggage. (CHECK WITH CFA!!)</p>
<p>RESERVATIONS</p>	<p>To make a reservation please call: +27 011 803 4185 or email bookings@mozcon.com</p>