



MARLIN LODGE

BENGUERUA ISLAND - MOZAMBIQUE

### General Information & Rates

Valid 01 January 2008 – 31 January 2009

In a National Marine Park in Mozambique, lies an Archipelago of offshore Islands known as the Bazaruto Archipelago. There are four main islands known as Magaruque, Benguerua, Bazaruto and Santa Carolina. On the second largest island, Benguerua, lies an exciting getaway destination known as Marlin Lodge. The Lodge was officially opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1997.

The lodge is constructed from Mozambican hardwoods, reed cladded brick walls and thatched roofs. Elevated wooden walkways connect the seventeen chalets to the main areas, preserving local plant life. Generator power supplies electricity for lighting, air conditioners and overhead fans. Water is supplied from a well situated about a kilometer away from the lodge. Our water is purified through a filter system and is safe to drink from the tap.

Over two hundred local residents were employed during the construction period. Once the project was completed, the workers were issued with certificates of competency, enabling them to gain further employment once the project was completed.

Benguerua Island was originally named “San Antonio” by Portuguese explorers and was later named “Benguerua” after a local tribal chief. The island is approximately 11km in length, and 5, 5 km wide and lies 14km offshore from the mainland and the town of Vilanculos. On the Southern point of the Island you will find Casuarina trees planted by convicts from penal colonies in the area during Portuguese reign. The trees are not indigenous and prevent erosion on the Island.

Cashew nut trees are indigenous to the Island and found spread throughout it. The local residents harvest the nuts, and the toxic husk from the nuts is used to brew intoxicating liquor. Wild orange trees contain a natural strychnine poison when green and can be eaten when ripe. Sisal plants are plentiful and are used in a manufactured form by the locals to repair their fishing nets. Mlala palms are in abundance and the leaves are used for the weaving of mats, baskets and hats, which are then sold. The sap from the stem of the plant is also used to brew potent liquor. Coconut palms are harvested by the locals who also grow a small amount of sweet potatoes, paw – paws, onions and cassava.

For birding enthusiasts, approximately 78 different species of birds have been identified and confirmed on the island, in habitats varying from the coastal dunes, open grasslands and fresh water lakes, to Savannah and acacia woodlands. A few of the more unusual birds to be seen are the Green Coucals, Green Pigeons, Purple banded and Black Sunbirds, Lilac breasted Rollers, Olive Bee-eaters, Mannikins, Paradise Flycatchers, Fish Eagles, Flamingoes, Starlings and various waders such as Curlews, Bartailed Godwits, Whimbrels, and Crab Plovers. Other animals to be seen are the plentiful Red-tailed Squirrels, as well as Suni and Duiker, which have been re-introduced to the island.

The Dugong, the mythical mermaid, “The Original Sirenia” that beckoned woman hungry sailors to their doom, is among the most spectacular of the marine mammals. Dugongs are normally encountered in family groups of about two animals, grazing on marine grass meadows found in sheltered bays. There are five species of Dolphin found in the area and they

can be seen frolicking around the sandbanks or lazily swimming past the front of Marlin Lodge. In deeper waters, Humpback whales can be seen in the summer months.

The Archipelago is a shell lover's haven. At our North Point, Pansy Island and numerous surrounding sandbanks, many of the famous "Pansy Shells" can be found. There are two types of these shells, one of which is endemic to Mozambique. The two freshwater lakes on the Island are ideal for bird watching or just relaxing at. Indigenous crocodiles are also present in these lakes.

### Excursions & Water Sports

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Complimentary Water Sport Activities: Wind Surfing, Kayaking and hobicat sailing

Water Sports Activities: Waterskiing, Knee Boarding and wakeboarding	<b>US\$52.00 per 15 minutes per boat</b>
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#### **Excursions:**

Pansy Island Excursion: Pansy Island is situated ½ hour north of Benguerua Island. Enjoy lunch which is set up under colorful umbrellas and rugs, spread out on pure white sand. Water sports are also offered or take a quiet stroll along the beach to search for the unique Pansy Shell.	<b>US\$65.00 per person Minimum 7 guests</b>
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Snorkel Adventure: An overwhelmingly beautiful Snorkel at 2 Mile Reef. The Aquarium can be snorkeled in certain conditions. The trip includes a stop at Pansy Island where the legendary shell is found. Duration approximately 3 hours	<b>US\$71.00 per person Minimum 4 guests</b>
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Dhow Sunset Cruise: Sail on one of the traditional Mozambican Dhows, whilst the sun sets over the Archipelago. Duration 1 hour	<b>US\$19.00 per person</b>
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#### **Picnics by boat to:**

Paradise Island Picnic (incl. Snorkeling)	Maximum 6 guests	<b>US\$568.00 per boat</b>
Pansy Island Picnic	Minimum 4 guests	<b>US\$65.00 per person</b>
Magaruque Island Picnic	Minimum 4 guests	<b>US\$59.00 per person</b>
North Point/South Point/ Shell Island Picnics		<b>Hourly Boat Rate</b>

#### **Other:**

African Bush Bath (includes a cheese platter)	Maximum 2 guests	<b>US\$32.00 per person</b>
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#### **Boat Transfers (per one way):**

Marlin Lodge to Vilanculos or Vilanculos to Marlin Lodge	<b>US\$211.00 per boat</b>
Marlin Lodge to Indigo Bay or Indigo Bay to Marlin Lodge	<b>US\$328.00 per boat</b>

### Marlin Lodge Diving & Snorkeling

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The warm tropical waters surrounding the archipelago support a stunning variety of fish, coral, marine mammals and plants. Water temperatures range from 28 degrees Celsius in summer (30 degrees between December and February) to 22 degrees Celsius during the winter months. The various dive sites can be reached with our 27ft catamaran Novacat, equipped to accommodate 8 divers and equipment comfortably.

All dives will take place at locations to be determined by the Dive Instructor once at the Lodge.

Scuba :per dive to 2 Mile, 5 Mile Reef (minimum of 2 divers)	<b>US\$82.00</b>
Five Dive Package: Applicable to 2 Mile, 5 Mile, Home and House Reefs only	<b>US\$328.00</b>
Double Tank Dive: Applicable to 2 and 5 Mile Reef (minimum of 2 divers)	<b>US\$140.00</b>
Dive Refresher Course: a practical course conducted in the Lodge pool	<b>US\$59.00</b>
Resort Course: Lecture and pool training.	<b>US\$59.00</b>
Resort Course Dive: Conducted in applicable location for level of training	<b>US\$82.00</b>
PADI Courses: Open Water Diver & Advanced (excludes material & certification fee)	<b>US\$527.00</b>
Dive at San Sebastian: (minimum 4 divers)	<b>US\$176.00</b>
House Reef or Pipe Reef Dive	<b>US\$53.00</b>
Night Dive at House Reef or Pipe Reef	<b>US\$88.00</b>
Materials required for PADI Open Water & Advanced Courses	<b>US\$82.00</b>
Certification with PADI for Open Water & Advanced Courses	<b>US\$59.00</b>
Referral Certification per dive irrespective of location ( double tank rates do not apply)	<b>US\$82.00</b>
Snorkeling: at 2 Mile Reef with a stopover at Pansy Island ( minimum of 4 guests )	<b>US\$71.00</b>
High Tide Snorkeling in front of the Lodge	<b>F.O.C</b>
Emergency First Response Course – First Aid Course ( Adult or Child First Aid only)	<b>US\$141.00</b>
Emergency First Response Course – First Aid Course ( Adult & Child First Aid)	<b>US\$211.00</b>

#### **Diving Locations**

**TWO MILE REEF:** At the northern point of Benguerua Island, a narrow channel separates the Archipelago's second largest island from its northern neighbor Bazaruto Island. The Reef is 2 miles east of the channel and it provides a variety of dive locations. Hard & Soft corals are in abundance. A huge variety of Reef Fish can be seen as well as Turtle, Reef Shark, Moray Eel, Grouper, Stingray and Devil Ray. Seasonally dependant Whale Sharks and Manta Rays can also be seen. Duration: Three hours. Depth: 10 – 20metres.

**THE WRECK (HOME REEF):** Approximately 800m from the lodge, one can explore our own man made reef, made of a sunken yacht and tractor. The structures may attract a variety of reef and pelagic fish species. This is ideal for novice divers. Duration: One hour. Depth: 7 – 12metres.

**AQUARIUM (LOW TIDE ONLY):** A pool within 2 Mile Reef features an amazing variety of fish, spectacular hard and soft coral, offers the finest diving for beginners. Duration: Three hours.

Depth: 1 – 8metres.

**FIVE MILE REEF:** Located five miles from Benguerua Island, this reef provides divers with the opportunity to sight pelagic fish. Nurse Sharks have also been spotted there. Duration: Three hours. Depth: 8 – 20metres.

**MAGARUQUE EXPRESS (DRIFT DIVE):** Located off the Island of Margaruque, where a strong current provides a brisk drift dive. Duration: Two hours. Depth: 6 – 12metres.

**CABO SAN SEBASTIO:** Ideal for advanced divers, this reef is known for sightings of the seasonal Whale Shark and Manta Ray. Schools of pelagic Kingfish and Barracuda may be seen as well as Stingray, Shark, Potato Bass, Moray Eel and Turtles. Duration: Full day (2 dives). Depth: 20 – 40metres.

**PIPE REEF(HOUSE REEF):** Approximately a mile from the Lodge, this is a popular spot for novice divers as well as night dives. The rare Spanish Dancer Nudibranch and Frogfish can be seen here. Duration: Two hours. Depth: 8 – 12metres.

**Please take note of the following conditions:**

- Dive rates are inclusive of equipment, refills, boat charter and refreshments.
- Five Dive packages apply only to 2 and 5 Mile Reef. Additional charges for more distant reefs, e.g. San Sebastian.
- Open Water and Advanced Courses do not include required materials and certification.
- No price reduction is given if guests use their own equipment.
- Guest wanting to dive regardless of the minimum numbers of divers will be liable for the total applicable costs.
- Medical certificates are required for courses offered.
- All rates include the 17% Mozambican Sales Tax.

### Marlin Lodge Angling Rates

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For the angling enthusiast, the Bazaruto Archipelago is heralded as one of the greatest game fishing sites in the Indian Ocean. Species such as Sailfish, Blue and Black Marlin and King Fish can be found roaming deep beneath the waters. Marlin Lodge proudly maintains fully equipped angling boats of the highest standard, as well as an outstanding tackling centre.

#### **Marlin & Sailfish Angling (All rates below are quoted per boat)**

<p><b>Marlin:</b> The Bazaruto Archipelago is ranked as the best Marlin Angling destination in the eastern Indian Ocean.</p> <p>The All Africa record for Black Marlin (590kg/1298lb) was landed in these waters in Nov 98, while the average weight is 350kg/770lb.</p> <p>Best months: October – March Maximum 6 anglers on rotating basis.</p>	<p><b>Sailfish:</b> The average weight for Sailfish is 32kg/70,4lb while the record in these waters is 59,9kg/118,5lb.</p> <p>Other species to challenge are: several Tuna species, Wahoo, Prodigal Son, Skipjack, Dorado, Giant Kingfish, Barracuda, King and Queen Mackerel</p> <p>Best months: May – September. Abundant in July and August, April – August. Maximum 6 anglers on rotating basis.</p>	<p><b>US\$59.00 per hour</b> Boat charter, Skipper, Gilly and Tackle. Fuel not included. An additional <b>\$2.40</b> per litre.</p> <p><b>US\$597.00 for 6 hours (inclusive of 120 litres fuel)</b> US\$59.00 per hour there after plus cost of fuel if fuel allocation is exceeded.</p> <p><b>US\$773.00 for 9 hours (inclusive of 160 litres fuel)</b> \$59.00 per hour there after plus cost of fuel if fuel allocation is exceeded.</p>
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#### **Light Tackle Angling / Flyfishing: (All rates below are quoted per boat)**

<p>Catches include Queenfish of up to 13kg/28.6lb &amp; Ladyfish of over 8kg/17.6lb <b>as well as</b> Pompano and Several Kingfish species. King and Queen Mackerel of up to 10kg/22lb and Giant Ingnoblis in excess of 20kg/44lb <b>have</b> been caught on fly.</p> <p>Flyfishing at Kingfish Alley: the narrow channels between the Bazaruto and Benguera &amp; the Benguera and Margaruque channel is unsurpassed. Ideal spots for offshore Flyfishing are 2, 5 &amp; 6 Mile Reefs.</p> <p>Best months: March – July. Maximum 6 anglers on rotating basis but a recommended maximum of 2 for Flyfishing</p>	<p><b>US\$59.00 per hour</b> Boat charter, Skipper, Gilly and Tackle. Fuel not included. An additional <b>\$2.40</b> per litre.</p> <p><b>US\$597.00 for 6 hours (inclusive of 120 litres fuel)</b> US\$59.00 per hour there after plus cost of fuel if fuel allocation is exceeded.</p> <p><b>US\$773.00 for 9 hours (inclusive of 160 litres fuel)</b> US\$59.00 per hour there after plus cost of fuel if fuel allocation is exceeded.</p>
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#### **Surfcasting:**

<p>Queenfish, Springer, Bonita, Barracuda, Stumpnose, Pompano, Skates, Rays and Giant Kingfish are eagerly sought after. Best location is at North Point or South Point on</p>	<p>By Boat: <b>US\$59.00</b> per hour. Fuel not included. (An additional <b>US\$2.40</b> per litre)</p>
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incoming and outgoing tides, depending on the weather and tide times.

By Landrover **US\$53.00 (to South Point only)**

### **Important notes:**

- All of the above rates include the 17% Mozambican Sales Tax
- Lost Tackle will be charged for.
- US\$2.40 per liter for fuel (**incl. vat**). Price is subject to change **without** prior notice.
- A minimum of 4 hours boat hire will be charged for on fishing charters (half or full day) in the event of the boat returning before the full hourly duration of the charter.
- **Full or Half day charter: Fuel in excess of inclusive amount will be charged for.**

### **Boats**

We are proud to offer the best fleet of fishing boats in the Bazaruto Archipelago. All fishing boats based at Marlin Lodge are twin engine, in touch with each other and our shore base, via a repeater VHF Marine Radio system that has a network circumference coverage of approximately 80 kms from our base station, thus ensuring that we are able to communicate with all our boats at all times. Each boat carries all Department of Transport Approved Safety Equipment. All our boats, skippers and deck hands are registered and licensed with the Maritime Department in Mozambique.

We have 4 boats in our fishing fleet at the lodge: 4 x 27 ft. Nova Cats (Marlin 1, 2, 3, 4). These are fitted with 2 x 115 HP/ 200 HP Yamaha Outboard Motors, Schaffer Outriggers, Marlin Fighting chairs and Furuno Fish finders and GPS Systems. Suitable for both Game and Bill Fishing.

### **Crews & Skippers**

Our boat skippers and deck hands are from Mozambique and many of them have grown up on the Bazaruto Archipelago Islands. They are all well versed in taking out experienced anglers as well as total novices and enjoy showing anglers how to enjoy the sport.

It is important that you inform the skipper on how much fishing experience you have and how much you want to be involved in the initial setting up of baits and striking of fish. This is a skill that must be learnt so the crew will not mind what you decide as long as it is communicated to them beforehand. Remember that fish strikes happen very fast so there is no time for casual conversation on this matter when the big fish are crashing around the baits.

The boat crew will be happy to clean and prepare any fish you, to be cooked by our chefs for you.

Tipping of boat crew direct is accepted with thanks. Please note that this should only be in the case when you have received excellent service. Tipping is not compulsory.

### **Tackle**

Marlin Lodge has a comprehensive Fishing Centre which is stocked with fishing tackle to cater for all the disciplines of fishing.

All our fishing rods are manufactured by Purglass and Fenwick and are fitted with lever drag Pen International and Shimano Tiagra reels. We carry a full range of Halco, C Lever, Rapala and Williamson Lures.

For catching Marlin, each boat has range of 50, 80 & 130 lb. rods. For Game and Sailfish, we use 30 lb. rods. We also have a range of spinning rods for the use on boats and shore Angling. We stock a basic range of Saltwater Fly-fishing rods, reels and flies.

Anglers are more than welcome to bring their own fishing gear, especially light tackle as we realize fishermen are more comfortable catching fish with their own equipment.

## Fishing Seasons

We are open for fishing through out the year. The Bazaruto Archipelago is ranked as the best Black Marlin destination in the Eastern Indian Ocean.

The main Black Marlin season runs from early October through to end of January each year. These fish come close in to the shallow waters around the Islands and can often be found feeding around the shoals of various species of Tuna that frequent our waters during this time of the year. The average size fish caught is around 700 lbs. Numerous fish over 1000 lbs have been caught over the years as well as the all Africa record caught in November 1998 off the north point of Bazaruto which weighed in at 1298lbs.

The Black Marlin is the buffalo of the species and very tough, initially after the strike you will be amazed at his aerobatic display out the water as he tries to throw the hook, failing at this he will then fight deep using his pectoral fins to hold him down so if you haven't done your homework he'll find you out and be gone.

Blue and Striped Marlin are found between the months of September to January. These fish are found usually in the deep waters off the islands targeting the Yellow Fin and other Tuna shoals. A jumping Blue Marlin is the ultimate thrill as the power and fury of these fish under full throttle is simply awesome.

A Blue Marlin of approximately 650 lbs was caught and released during June 2002.

The main Sailfish season starts at the beginning of June till the end of September but it is not uncommon for these aerobatic gladiators to appear around the Islands during the middle of April. The average weight is 90 lbs. For the light tackle enthusiast this fish provides an awesome display when grey hounding across the ocean and it is quite normal for a boat to tag and release up to four fish per day. Finicky and sometimes skittish or playful, they can make a fool of the best of anglers at times and this makes them a sort after Billfish. This fish is a milestone in any angler's early fishing experience.

We at Marlin Lodge support the practice of "Tag & Release" of Billfish and award certificates to anglers who have done so. The Waters off the Bazaruto Archipelago Islands are world renown for the diversity of game fish species that occur there. This is truly a light tackle angler's escape as the following species occur throughout the year:

Caranx Family	Giant Kingfish, Bluefin Kingfish, Brassy Kingfish, Yellowtail, Kingfish & Bigeye Kingfish
Carangoides Family	Longfin Kingfish, Shortfin Kingfish Ferdy Kingfish, Yellow Spotted Kingfish, Bludger
Elagatis Family	Rainbow Runner
Scomberoides Family	Largemouth Queenfish, Needlescaled Queenfish
Trachinotus Africanus Family	African Pompano
Coryphaena Family	Dorado
Aprion Family	Green Jobfish
Acanthocybium Solandri Family	Wahoo
Euthynus Family	Kawakawa or Little Eastern Tuna
Katsuwonus Family	Skipjack Tuna
Somberomorus Family	King Mackerel, Queen Mackerel
Thunnus Family	Yellowfin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna
Sphyaena Family	Great Barracuda, Pickhandle Barracuda
Albula Family	Bonefish

A variety species of Shark that occur offshore are mainly from the Carcharhinus Family. Examples of these are: Silvertip, Zambezi, Blacktip, Dusky, Blackspot and Tiger Shark.

Marlin Beauty & Wellness Centre

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Rekindle your soul and allow yourself to be captivated by the allure of a nonchalant way of life. A timber sanctuary; a stilted paradise: Marlin Lodge ensures definitive, self-indulging repose like no other. For those seeking restoration and reawakening, a visit to the Beauty & Wellness Centre will soothe the sun-basked body and clear the mind.

**Touch Treatments:**

<b>Back, Neck &amp; Shoulder Massage</b>	Combination of specifically blended massage techniques intended to soothe and ease muscular aches and tension.	<b>30min ~ \$59.00</b>
<b>Back, Neck &amp; Scalp Massage</b>	A blend of deep tissue massage therapy techniques designed for stress reduction and muscular tension including pressure points on the scalp to stimulate circulation leaving you with a feeling of rejuvenation!	<b>60min ~ \$82.00</b>
<b>Full Body Swedish Massage</b>	A Classical European massage using long strokes and kneading. This invigorating massage promises to relax and revive while promoting health and well being.	<b>60min ~ \$82.00</b>
<b>Full Body Deep Tissue Massage</b>	A deep pressured, intense massage focusing on the release of muscular tension through working on specific pressure points.	<b>60min ~ \$88.00</b>
<b>Aromatherapy</b>	The interwoven effect of smell combined with touch, will lead to the aroma scenting your soul and uplifting your spirit.	<b>60min ~ \$82.00</b>
<b>Hot Stone Massage</b>	Our heated volcanic stones will melt away your deeply situated stresses, providing a sense of relaxation and regeneration.	<b>60min ~ \$88.00</b>
<b>Reflexology</b>	An ancient Chinese pressure-point technique focusing on nerve locations on your feet, corresponding to specific organs and areas of your body. Thumb and finger pressure releases tension, allowing energy and healing to flow to the affected reflex zone.	<b>45min ~ \$65.00</b>
<b>Indian Head Massage</b>	A stimulating massage of the scalp, neck & shoulders which improves circulation and releases physical tension.	<b>30min ~ \$59.00</b>

**Skin Treatments:**

<b>Rebalancing Facial</b>	A refreshing treatment to help regulate and maintain moisture levels in the skin while exposed to the harsh African sun.	<b>60min ~ \$100.00</b>
<b>Luxury Facial</b>	This treatment incorporates a choice of unique masks designed to enhance your facial experience and overall appearance.	<b>60min ~ \$110.00</b>
<b>Royal Facial</b>	This luxurious facial treatment pampers & relaxes from beginning to end. The facial includes a lash & brow tint with a hand, foot & scalp in addition to the basic facial procedures.	<b>80min ~ \$110.00</b>

**Hand and Foot Care - By O.P.I**

<b>Spa Manicure or Pedicure</b>	O.P.I professional products transform an extraordinary manicure or pedicure into an extraordinary spa service.	<b>60min ~ \$53.00</b>
<b>French Manicure or Pedicure</b>	O.P.I professional products transform an extraordinary manicure or pedicure into an extraordinary spa service with a French varnish.	<b>75min- \$59.00</b>
<b>Colour Varnish</b>	A basic colour varnish for hands or feet.	<b>30min ~ \$12.00</b>
<b>French Paint Varnish</b>	A French varnish for hands or feet.	<b>30min ~ \$18.00</b>

**Bare Necessities:**

Back Wax	<b>\$22.00</b>
Chest Wax	<b>\$22.00</b>
Full Leg Wax	<b>\$30.00</b>
Half Leg Wax	<b>\$22.00</b>
Bikini Wax	<b>\$20.00</b>
Brow Wax	<b>\$8.00</b>
Underarm Wax	<b>\$20.00</b>
Brow Shape & Tint	<b>\$10.00</b>
Lash Tint	<b>\$10.00</b>

Bookings for all activities and services:

- All activities and services can be pre-booked, but can only be paid for on check out; unfortunately we can not accept pre-payments on these services.
- Please contact our Guest relations manager once at the lodge for any bookings.
- Guests are welcome to inform our Head Office of preferred activities.

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