

# Mozambique Island Add-on

*An exciting and uniquely African beach extension*

## BAZARUTO OR QUIRIMBAS ARCHIPELAGO



*Extend your stay in Mozambique by combining two islands or include a stopover in the capital Maputo – there are scheduled services from Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Nairobi and Dar es Salaam to Maputo*



### Day 1-4

Your adventure will start either in Vilanculos or Pemba on the mainland of Mozambique, with the islands of the Bazaruto and Quirimbas Archipelagos just a short flight or boat trip away. Vilanculos and Pemba are accessible by various scheduled flights from Johannesburg, Kruger Mpumalanga airport and Durban in South Africa; from Maputo and Beira in Mozambique; and Dar es Salaam and Nairobi in Tanzania and Kenya respectively.

Stay for 4 nights at one of the lodges and enjoy the crystal clear waters, good water-sports and amazing diving and fishing. If you are expecting Mauritius, you have come to the wrong place - Mozambique is for those travellers who want a distinctly African flavour.

The Quirimbas Archipelago stretches for 100 kilometres along the coast in northern Mozambique. Consisting of 32 tropical coral islands and some of the richest coral reefs in the world,

it stretches from Pemba (the capital of Cabo Delgado Province) to the Rovuma River, which forms the natural frontier between Tanzania and Mozambique. The area is largely undeveloped and remains a little discovered tourist paradise providing the habitat for an amazing array of marine life. The southernmost 11 islands and a large expanse of mainland forest form the Quirimbas National Park - a conservation project to preserve and protect the area. Lodges in the area include Quilalea, Ibo Island Lodge and Matemo Island Resort.

Once part of the mainland the Bazaruto Archipelago was formed an estimated 25 000 years ago when a peninsula broke away from the African mainland. Declared a National Park in 2000, the archipelago comprises the larger islands of Bazaruto, Benguerra and Magaruque as well as the smaller Banque and Santa Carolina, and sustains a diverse range of fauna

and flora including forest, savannah and wetland ecosystems. Lodges in the area include Indigo Bay, Marlin Lodge and Benguerra Island Lodge.

Mozambican Government policy is to develop low profile lodges rather than mega hotels in the eco-sensitive areas, to allow tourism to develop without spoiling the environment by over population.

### Day 5

Fully relaxed and refreshed you will need to transfer back to Vilanculos or Pemba for your onward journey.