

# BAZARUTO ARCHIPELAGO - MOZAMBIQUE'S ATTRACTION NO. 1



Nearly twenty years have passed since the civil war ended in Mozambique and today, the country is finally reaching up to its potential. The Bazaruto Archipelago is in fact deemed as one of the top destinations of the 21st century.

Until the end of the 20th century, Mozambique was basically off the tourist map. The civil war which struck the country between 1976 and 1992 lefts its deep scars and recovery was long and painful. However, timing could not be better for Mozambique now. **Its Bazaruto Archipelago has been pronounced a natural gem by experts and visitors alike; the country may hope for a glamorous reputation of this new up-and-coming destination.**

Bazaruto, Beguerra and Quilalea are names many tourist agencies will soon pronounce very often. The islands are basically an Earthly paradise; they are pure, extremely rich in terms of marine life, offer a diversity of activities and most importantly, do not suffer from the unbearable tourist influx.

Local waters are warm and feature a bewildering variety of marine life. **Scuba diving in such pure sea environment with visibility of some 40 meters becomes an unforgettable experience.** What adds value considerably is the overwhelming number of fish one may encounter. Over 600 species can be spotted on a dive, including humpback whales, dolphins, moray eels, Loggerhead, Green and Hawksbill turtles, even the puzzling dugong. The adventurer will rejoice over numerous shipwrecks waiting to be explored on the seabed.

The environment on Bazaruto is carefully protected, local sand dunes are known to change color several times a day and the variety of sporting activities from sailing to kayaking and kneeboarding, dune-boarding and game-fishing leaves no doubt the Bazaruto Archipelago is bound to become the hot new destination.

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