

AZULIK

Vilanculos Wildlife Sanctuary

AZULIK eco lodge is perched on a very unique ridge called “Worlds View” on the most northerly point of the San Sebastian peninsula within the boundaries of the Vilanculos Coastal Wildlife Sanctuary. From this isolated vantage point, about 60m above the high-water mark, we enjoy arguably one of the best views in Mozambique. Ever changing turquoise seas with emerging sandbanks crisscrossed with local Dhows forms the backdrop to this unspoiled luxury retreat.

THE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY:

The Wildlife sanctuary comprises 30 000 hectares of pristine Marine and Wildlife territory and is the first Privately Managed Specially Protected National Park in Mozambique. Azulik overlooks the beautiful sea creatures in both shallow and deep-water reefs, including Great Leatherback Turtles, Sailfish, Angel Fish, Manta Ray, Dolphins and most importantly, the nearly extinct Atlantic Dugong (which resembles a sea lion). This diverse Eco-system of wilderness and wetland, with its powder white beaches and crystal clear water provides a barefoot luxury experience like no other, all in a hidden corner of sub-tropical Africa. Also found on land are Livingstone's Eland, Kudu, Sable antelope, Blue Wildebeest, Plains Zebra, Giraffe, Nyala, Duiker and Steenbok. Deep-sea fishing of Marlin and Barracuda is truly spectacular and the large flocks of Flamingos and Pelicans are a sight to behold. All of these animals live in harmony in this conservation paradise and are truly a “Gift to the Earth” as stated by the WWF.

ACCOMMODATION:

Azulik lodge offers exclusively decorated and contemporary designed tented lodgings with original charming Mozambican architecture.

The lodge has four luxury semi rigid thatched tents each with an en-suite bathroom with outdoor shower. The bungalows have a private viewing platform, with a hammock to make the most of the astonishing views.

All rooms are equipped with a queen size bed with a mosquito net, fan, tea and coffee facilities, mineral water, hairdryer mosquito repellent and the necessary bathroom amenities.

Our lodge is ideally suited for groups of friends or family up to eight who are after a relaxed bush and beach experience and offer extreme privacy for the most discerning guest. Azulik Lodge is an exclusive use lodge and you will therefore have the entire lodge to yourselves

THE MAIN BUILDING:

The main building has an open plan lounge, dining and bar area with a balcony overlooking the Bazaruto islands. It has a real indoor - outdoor feel, scattered with hammocks, hang beds and sunken seating surrounding the cool rim flow pool. The lodge is the epitome of style and luxury with its own unique décor.

A beautiful wine selection that can be purchased as well as soft drinks and local beverages that are on offer throughout the day as part of your daily inclusions package.

We delight our guest with a variety of local cuisine, prepared by your butler host for the ultimate personalized dining experience.

Meals are served either in the dining room or under star studded skies at various locations.

A variety of other dining options such as beach picnics, bush dinners or packed island lunches can also be arranged at no extra cost (Weather permitting).

Guests can also spend an evening around the fire in the outside BOMA area.

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ACTIVITIES:

These are centred around the beautiful beaches and the wildlife Sanctuary. Beaches are accessed via game viewing vehicle and are ideal for kite surfing (equipment not provided) and swimming. On route to the beach you may encounter wildlife that might inspire you to take in a sundown game drive or bush walk a little later. Snorkel and dive the magnificent colourful reefs in the surrounding area that are home to unique species of small and large sea creatures. Alternatively, island hopping, deep-sea fishing or a dhow excursion can be arranged. For that extra special experience, hop onto a helicopter and view an explosion of turquoise from above.

For more information contact the supplier directly at:

Big Blue at www.bigbluevilankulo.com

Archipelago Charters at www.archipelago.co.za

Sailaway Dhow Safaris at bookings@sailaway.co.za

The neighbouring islands include Bangwe, Magaruque and Linene Island. Cowrie point is renowned for its beautiful shells, balmy waters and dolphins can often be spotted around the area. 2-mile reef offers superb snorkeling and diving opportunities. 6-mile reef is famous with experienced divers where certain times of the year whale sharks can be spotted. Further afar is Benguerra, Bazaruto, Paradise and Pansy Island. A nature conservation fee is charged on most islands, which is not included in the daily rate.

GETTING HERE:

Flights are available from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg to Vilanculos Airport and from Kruger National Park Airport to Vilanculos Airport. Charter or private flights can also easily be arranged.

RATES & TRANSFERS TO THE LODGE:

We have 2 rate options, one which includes the return helicopter transfers from Vilanculos Airport to Azulik Lodge and one that does not include transfers to and from Azulik lodge.

Should the transfer exclusive rate option be selected, you would need to book either a boat or helicopter transfer in addition to your nightly Azulik Lodge rate.

For the helicopter transfers, you will be met at the airport and guided to the helicopter charter company. You will then be flown directly to Azulik Lodge. Here a warm welcome and an ice-cold cocktail await you.

For the boat transfers, you may be required to wade through knee-deep water, so bear this in mind when choosing your attire.

Once you arrive at the Sanctuary, you will be met by Azulik game viewing vehicle, and driven the 20 min drive to the lodge. Here a warm welcome and an ice-cold cocktail await you.

VISAS for Business and Tourists can be issued on arrival.

South African passport holders do not require a visa.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

The Archipelago is a malaria area and it is advisable to wear protective clothing such as long sleeve tops and trousers in the evening. Ensure that you consult your doctor or pharmacist about a suitable malaria prophylactic. All personal medication should be brought with