

Luxury Honeymoon: Kruger and Mozambique



Overview

This trip is the ultimate in safari & beach combination. The common thread in both destinations, South Africa and Mozambique, is the unspoiled, natural environment. Owned by Sir Richard Branson, Ulusaba Private Game Reserve is set in the heart of the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. This private game reserve borders on the sprawling Kruger National Park in South Africa's Mpumalanga province and is home to an abundance of wildlife.

Benguerra Island off the coast of Mozambique, is famous for its unspoiled white beaches, remarkable dive sites and excellent fishing. Azura Lodge is an eco-island retreat providing a luxury island hideaway with watersports and spa facilities available.

Day 1

Overnight flight to Johannesburg from London

Days 2 - 6

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to your charter flight to Ulusaba Lodge for a 4 night luxury safari experience.

Under a canopy of ancient trees is the magnificent Safari Lodge in the [Ulusaba Private Game Reserve](#). Wooden swing bridges and candle lit dinners in the Boma are part of the charm and splendour of this lodge, but it is the ten Safari Lodge rooms that truly make this area special.

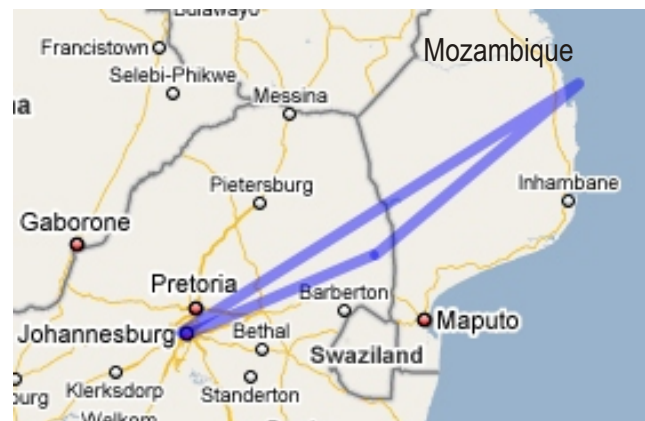
Each room is equipped with air conditioning and fans, and is designed to resemble a tree house. This elevated living provides stunning views of the African veld, allowing guests a form of live entertainment that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The nearby waterhole ensures that there is a constant stream of animal traffic passing each of the Safari Lodge rooms.

Each room is on stilts and is shaded by majestic indigenous trees. A sun deck surrounds each of the Safari Lodge's rooms, providing ideal game watching opportunities that can be enjoyed in complete privacy. Guest's will revel in watching the sun set from this deck, cocktail in hand, as all the lazy creatures emerge with the cooling air. Each of the Safari Lodge's rooms is connected by a swing bridge and it is not uncommon to walk to breakfast and catch a giraffe ambling below.

The Sabie River flows through this private game reserve and many animals regularly stop off here to quench their thirst. Lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos are regular sights along the river banks.

During your stay here, experienced trackers and game rangers will accompany you on [game drives](#) in open Land Rovers, tracking the Big Five and sharing with you their vast knowledge of the surrounding wildlife. Game drives in open 4x4 game viewing safari vehicles as well as nature walks are on offer.

The daily walk usually commences after breakfast. This is a fascinating activity as it allows you to observe the smaller animals that you would usually not see while out on drive. The ranger and tracker will provide commentary



about the medicinal properties of plants, local beliefs regarding the wildlife and fascinating facts regarding the animals.

Ulusaba also has a boutique spa at both Rock Lodge and Safari Lodge. The Aroma Boma Virgin Touch Salon offers a fabulous range of treatments to help you relax and unwind after the excitement of game drive. There is also a swimming pool for cooling off during the hot afternoons.

Day 6

This morning, you take an onward flight from Kruger to Mozambique, connecting in Vilanculos to Benguerra Island off the coast of Mozambique for a 7 night stay at Azura Luxury Lodge.

Days 6 - 13

Each villa at Azura offers guests their own private pool beach frontage, outdoor Sala, his & hers outdoor showers, full bathroom, king size beds, mini bar, air conditioning and butler service. Guests need only take a few steps to the pristine white beach or they may choose to just lounge around on plump cushions and have their butler serve them tea and ice cold drinks.

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They can dine on the private deck, or sip a cocktail in the beachside Sala as the sun goes down. Lie in the large bath and gaze at the view, or shower beneath the stars. One of the highlights of a stay at Axura is the cuisine. The freshest local ingredients are used, including freshly caught seafood delicacies such as prawns, crab and crayfish.

The dining area is on a deck on the beach, but you may choose to be dropped off at a secluded spot for a picnic or to dine by candlelight on the beach beneath the stars or dine in the comfort and intimacy of your own private villa.

Watersports available include diving, snorkelling, deep sea fishing, sea kayaking, dhow sailing, sunset cruises, whale tracking, walking trails, etc. There is also a spa for beach-side massages. Treatments on offer include being rubbed down with ground coconut shells, covered head to toe with tamarind and aloe, or being gently massaged with warm marula oil.

Day 13

This morning you will be transferred back to Vilanculos for your return flight to Johannesburg and onward flight to London.

Day 14

Arrive London

General Information

Visas

Visas are NOT required by UK citizens for South Africa. (Note that all nationalities travelling to South Africa must have 2 consecutive blank pages in their passport which lie side by side when the passport is open. Passports must also be valid for at least six months from the date of entry to South Africa. Passengers travelling to South Africa with passports that do not comply with these requirements could be refused entry. British nationals require a visa to visit Mozambique – for information, see <http://www.mozambiquehc.org.uk/visasection.html>. Note that passports

should be valid for a minimum of six months beyond the intended date of departure.

Note: Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travellers are advised to check their entry requirements with their embassy or consulate.

Health

The World Health Organisation (www.who.int/en/) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for hepatitis B. Hepatitis A, malaria and typhoid are also recommended by the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for travel in South Africa. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory for all bookings. Guests on group departures must take their policy documents with them on the trip as the guide will ask to see this at the start. The documentation must state in writing that you are the named policyholder and that the cover is valid for the period of travel. The policy document must also indicate that medical expenses and emergency repatriation cover is included and a 24 hour contact telephone number for the insurance company must be shown on the documentation in case of emergency. Guests unable to provide all this information at the start of the trip will be asked to purchase a policy prior to joining the trip.

Electricity supply

220v, 3pin South African plug. Adaptors are required to charge cameras, etc.

Money

Currency is the South African Rand. There will be ATM's en route for guests to withdraw money. In Mozambique, the official currency is the New Metical (MZN), which is divided into 100 centavos. In the southern parts of the country, South African Rand, US Dollars and Pounds Sterling are also accepted.

What to bring

Binoculars, torch, walking shoes, swimming gear, plenty of high factor sunscreen, sunhat, insect repellent, camera, a day pack. Warm clothing is recommended for evenings, and a waterproof jacket. Lightweight clothing is recommended for the day. Avoid brightly coloured clothing for game viewing.

Tipping

It is normal to tip for good service in bars and restaurants in South Africa. Guests may also consider tipping their guide at their discretion.

