



INFORMATION GUIDE FOR GUESTS

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Health:

There is Malaria in Moçambique and therefore recommended that precautions be taken.

No other vaccinations or inoculations are required.

Passport & Visa Requirements:

Visas are required for all passport holders, except South Africans. These are available on arrival in Vilanculos. Cost is US\$31 per person.

Insurance:

All guests should carry comprehensive travel insurance, which includes Trip Cancellation cover. We need to charge cancellation fees as per our stated policy.

Currency:

ZAR and US\$ are accepted in Moçambique
For US\$ - no \$1 bills or old bills (with small heads)

At the Lodge we accept all major currencies as well as Visa & Mastercard. No Amex, Diners Club or Traveller's Cheques.

Taxes:

These are payable in Vilanculos in US\$ or ZAR:
\$3.00 Border Tax – on Arrival
\$11.00 Departure Tax – Helicopter transfers

Gratuities/ Tipping:

Tipping is by no means compulsory, but if guests do want to tip for good service received at the Lodge the staff are always appreciative. As a guideline we recommend 10% of your extras bills.

General:

Voltage: AC 220 V (round 3 pin plugs)

Laundry: Complimentary daily service

Medical: 1st Aid trained staff
Emergency Evacuation cover.

Communications: Phone, fax & email

Water: Bottled water is available,
although the tap water is safe.

Baggage Limits:

Please note there is a 20kg per person limit, inclusive of hand luggage, for baggage on Pelican Air.

Transfers:

Helicopter Transfers The Island is a mere 8 minute, scenic flight from Vilanculos.

Boat Transfers (only offered if the helicopter transfers are not available) Boat transfers take approximately 35 minutes.

Please note: Wading through shallow water may be required.

Bazaruto Archipelago Trust:

The Bazaruto Archipelago is a National Park. A donation of US\$10 per person is requested: US\$6 into trust for the Benguerra Community and US\$4 to the National Park.

Dietary Requirements:

Please inform Reservations of any dietary requirements and/or allergies. The cuisine is comprised mostly of fresh seafood.

Facilities:

The Main Lodge consists of:

- Large Reception Area
- Gift Shop
- Expansive Lounge and Bar
- Dining Room
- Large wooden decks with indoor and outdoor seating areas
- Swimming Pool
- Small Wellness Centre

What to Take:

- Passports, Visas, Money, Tickets
- Malaria medication (please consult your doctor)
- Sun hat & Sunglasses
- High factor Sunscreen (the African sun is harsh)
- Light cotton clothing – with a jacket in winter
- Light rain gear for summer (November – April)
- Camera – with lots of film
- Binoculars (for birdwatching & star gazing)
- Insect repellent
- For Divers: Log Book and Certification
- Gifts for children at Benguerra's school:
www.benguerra.co.za/community_help

Weather:

Weather is increasingly difficult to predict – below is a guideline of what can be expected:

- **January:** Hot. 28-35°C. Rainy season
- **February:** Hot. 28-38°C. Rainy season, mostly storms in afternoon.
- **March:** Cooling down. 25-30°C. Little rain.
- **April:** Weather settled. 25-30°C. Little rain.
- **May:** Lovely month, weather settled. 20-28°C. No rain.
- **June:** Fine weather. 18-27°C. No rain.
- **July/August:** Winter months, but warm. 15-25°C. No rain.
- **September:** Warming up again. Nice month. 18-28°C. Rain unlikely.
- **October:** Getting hot again. 23-30°C. Rains unlikely.
- **November:** Hot. 22-33°C. Rains could start.
- **December:** Hot. 23-36°C. Could rain.

Rates Include:

All Meals & Snacks, local beers & spirits, house wines, soft drinks & bottled water, Daily Laundry service, Local taxes and Medical Rescue Insurance. Included activities are snorkelling, sea kayaking, dhow cruises, Landrover picnics, Landrover Island tours, birdwatching and Village visits.

Activities at Benguerra:

- Scuba Diving
- Saltwater Fly Fishing/ Deep-sea Fishing
- Catamaran trips
- Horse Riding
- Snorkelling
- Landrover Island Tours
- Dhow Cruises
- Village Visits
- Sea Kayaking
- Castaway & Landrover Picnics
- Bird Watching

Highlights:

Gorgeous African sunsets, solitude and peace are a reality at Benguerra. Guests can choose to do as little, or as much, as they want... Relax on unspoiled and uncrowded beaches or dive the pristine, uncharted depths. Take a walk through the indigenous forest and enjoy excellent bird watching, or have a castaway picnic on a remote stretch of beach. Spend hours teasing the fish on fly or indulge in a relaxing aromatherapy massage... This is barefoot luxury at its very best.

Benguerra is passionate about conservation and dedicated to the involvement of the local community in sharing and conserving the spirit of Africa.