



DIVING INFORMATION

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Bazaruto is one of Mozambique's premier tourist destinations, with many undiscovered areas now opening up to the intrepid diver who dares to explore. Our waters are abundant with an extensive variety of hard and soft coral, a vast array of marine plants, countless different types of crustacean, a legion of fish species, a great variety of nudibranchs and marine invertebrates. There are also 4 species of dolphin, 5 species of marine turtle and whales (from August to November).

The protected Bazaruto Marine National Park is a scuba diver's paradise, teeming with large schools of tropical fish, with crystal-clear waters and a range of dazzling soft coral ridges and reefs to explore.

WATER TEMPERATURE

Water temperature is 28°C in summer and 21°C during winter.

THE DIVE BOAT

We use a 31 ft fiberglass Gulf-Craft for our dive excursions. Powered by two 115hp Yamaha outboards, we travel quickly and comfortably with ample cushioned seating in the front and rear. The vessel is fitted with GPS, Depth Sounder and Marine VHF. Safety equipment and Oxygen is carried on all journeys, as is a small first-aid kit. A bimini-top provides shade during travel and surface intervals but please plan for sun protection.

PADI DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING

Duration: 1/2 Day, Min age: 10yrs, Max depth: 10m

An exciting introduction to the underwater world! Includes basic instruction followed by a pool session and one open water dive. All equipment is provided, no prior experience required. This course can count towards a dive certification.

PADI SCUBA DIVER

Duration: 2-3 Days, Min age: 10yrs, Max depth: 12m

A pre-entry level course with a PADI certification. With academic study sessions and video, fun pool exercises on scuba and two open water dives to a depth of 12m, you will have a basic understanding of diving and earn a certification enabling you to dive under professional supervision. All study materials, dive equipment, logbook and certification included. No previous experience required.

PADI OPENWATER DIVER— REFERRALS ONLY

Duration: 3-4 Days, Min age: 10yrs, Max depth: 18m

Open water certification is offered to referral divers only. All academic study and confined water sessions must be completed prior to arrival at Indigo Island Resort and the appropriate paperwork presented for enrollment. With all the study and pool work completed before you arrive, you can focus on enjoying the underwater world with just four open water dives required to complete your course! All dive equipment and a certification card included.

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Additional Courses are available on request. This must be by prior arrangement, as we do not stock all of the relevant course material as a rule.

BOOKING YOUR DIVES

Our Activities Manager will be available to personalise your schedule with regard to experience level and preferred dive sites. Please provide Certification Cards and Logbooks, and complete our Indemnity Form before the first dive.

DIVE PLANNING

Depths and dive times are planned according to experience levels. Maximum Depth for any dive is 30m. All dives are guided by a PADI-certified Dive Master or Instructor. Groups are limited to 6 divers. Single and Double-tank dive trips are available and packages can be arranged to suit individual needs.

EQUIPMENT

Our diving equipment is of the highest quality. Fit your equipment at the Activity Centre, Personal Dive Gear will gladly be stored for you. Our staff will set up and rinse all dive equipment. We provide full-length wetsuits and closed heel fins. Cylinders are 10l steel at 200bar. Dive computers are not supplied.

BEACH TO BOAT

The Activities Manager will point out the area of departure, which depends on the tides and wind. All your equipment will be set up on board. Limited space is available for dry storage. We cannot accept responsibility for personal items.

ON THE BOAT

Boat Briefing will be given on board. Lifejackets are available and all vessels are non-smoking.

DIVING

You will be assisted to kit up. The boat will follow a surface marker buoy carried throughout the dive by the guide, there are no fixed lines or anchor ropes to descend along. Back-roll entries are standard. Once all divers are comfortable, the group descends together. After the dive, the divers assemble on the float line at the stern of the boat. The deckhand will assist with equipment before you climb aboard.

BACK ON THE BEACH

Please take care of your personal effects - we will do the rest. The dives will be logged at the activity centre with your guide and the following days' dives will be scheduled and posted.

FLYING

PADI recommends a surface interval of 12 hours between diving and flying for a single dive, and a surface interval of 18 hours for multiple dives. It is generally recommended that 24 hours is a safe surface interval between diving and flying.

SAFETY

No diving equipment or resources can be provided to any person who does not produce valid certification from a recognised diving organization / establishment.

MEDICATION

Please note that you are not allowed to dive on certain malaria medications. Lariam (Mefloquine) is not cleared for diving, as it causes psychological & neurological problems.

Malarone and Doxycycline are the only two malaria medications that are safe to use while diving.

NORTH POINT DIVE SITES

Brindle Bass Ridge (North Point) 18m

This large reef features impressive concentrations of snappers, angelfish, rubberlips, brindle bass and reef sharks.

Potholes (North Point) 12m

A series of shallow potholes, this site can be dived only in flat, calm conditions. You swim from pothole to pothole and the larger ones often shelter black-tail reef sharks.

Manta Ray Reef (North Point) 15m

A flat reef with spectacular concentrations of anemones sheltering both nose-stripe and two-bar clownfish. The reef is often frequented by green turtles and rays.

Rainbow Runner Reef (North Point) 25m

A flat reef where divers should concentrate on watching the open ocean above the sea floor. Manta and spotted eagle rays, potato and brindle bass, kingfish, rainbow runner, green jobfish and Zambezi shark pass through this area. The reef also has impressive accumulations of green-tree and whips corals.

Turtle Ridge (North Point) 14m

A narrow ridge with a depth of 14 metres; frequented by turtles and game fish such as barracuda.

Zenguelema Point 21m

This dive site, with a depth of 21 metres, is located on the western side of the island and is home to schools of reef fish, scorpion fish and crocodile fish.

SOUTH POINT DIVE SITES

Two-Mile Reef 6 - 21m

A short barrier reef protecting a narrow channel between Bazaruto and Benguerra. It's particularly well known for its excellent snorkelling sites inside the reef such as Aquarium, as well as for a host of exciting dives on the outside. These spots have alluring names such as The Arches, Shark Point, North Point, The Boulders, Surgeon Rock, The Drop-off, Cathedral and The Gap. The flat-topped reef supports a colourful diversity of hard and soft corals, with a highlight being the numerous schools of reef fish such as coachman, fusilier, snapper and surgeon. Schools of large pelagic and reef fish also frequent the area and you may encounter potato bass; kingfish; barracuda; devil, manta and honeycomb ray's and reef sharks.

Five-Mile Reef 16 - 22m

Situated off the south-eastern beaches of Bazaruto, the protected inside areas have spectacular coral outcrops for snorkelling. Some divers have seen Zambezi sharks in the 10-metre shallows.