

# HOUSE MARAPE MOZAMBIQUE

## Property Overview

House Marape as an exclusive, privately owned beach retreat in Vilanculos, Mozambique, overlooking the Bazaruto Archipelago. The property offers five elegant stand-alone villas, accommodating a maximum of 10 guests on a sole-use basis, ensuring complete privacy and a deeply relaxed atmosphere.

House Marape invites guests to unwind at their own pace, with each day thoughtfully tailored to individual needs and natural rhythms. Attentive hosting and exclusive use allow guests to feel genuinely pampered. With elegant living spaces, uninterrupted ocean views, and a naturally unhurried pace, House Marape provides a truly restorative and exclusive beach escape.



## KEY FACTS



**Please note:** At House Marape we require a **minimum of four nights' stay**. This way you get to enjoy the full island experience and truly relax. House Marape is **closed from 7 January until 28 February** due to cyclone season

Property Type .....	Luxury Coastal Lodge
Rating .....	4-Star
Number of Rooms .....	5 Villa Suites
Exclusive use only .....	Minimum of four guests (or rate thereof) and minimum of four nights
Check-in .....	14:00 - 19:00
Check-out .....	10:00
Minimum Child Age .....	6 years (younger children on request)
Languages Spoken .....	English, Portuguese
Power .....	Off the grid; solar, batteries and gas
Wifi .....	Starlink Wifi
Ideal For .....	Beach & Coastal Experiences, Nature, Relaxation, Fishing, Marine Activities

## ACCOMMODATION



The villas are designed to create a seamless connection between indoor comfort and the surrounding coastal wilderness.

### Villa Suites | 5 Suites

**House Marape offers five private thatched Villas, connected by wooden walkways through lush coastal vegetation.**

Features include:

- King or Twin bed configuration with overhead fans
- Floor-to-ceiling windows with ocean views
- Private deck overlooking the Indian Ocean
- En-suite bathroom with natural stone finishes
- Outdoor showers
- Natural materials including driftwood and woven palm
- High thatched ceilings designed to capture sea breezes

## FACILITIES



The central lodge space serves as the social heart of House Marape, where guests gather for meals, sunset drinks and relaxed conversation.

- Open-plan communal lounge
- Bar and sundowner deck
- Dining area featuring fresh, locally inspired cuisine
- Swimming pool and sun decks
- Wooden walkways connecting Villas and main lodge
- Ocean-view relaxation areas

## DINING



Meals at House Marape are fresh, locally inspired, and beautifully simple, making the most of regional ingredients and the daily seafood catch. There are no fixed menus; instead, the chef prepares seasonal, daily-changing meals tailored to guest preferences and what is freshest and available at the time. Meals are generally served family-style, creating a relaxed and sociable dining experience.

Meals are centered around fresh, responsibly and legally caught seafood, prepared in a simple yet flavourful style by resident chefs Castigo and Amina. Reflecting Mozambique's Portuguese history, the cuisine is infused with gentle Portuguese Flavors and influences, from marinades and grilling styles to the way dishes are seasoned and shared. Guests can expect offerings such as grilled prawns and calamari, exceptionally generous local crayfish, and freshly caught line fish, alongside Portuguese-style grilled chicken.

## EXPERIENCES & ACTIVITIES



House Marape offers a marine and coastal experience in a region of remarkable biodiversity. The surrounding waters are home to dolphins, dugongs and vibrant coral ecosystems.

### Activities may include:

- Snorkelling and marine exploration at 2 Mile Reef
- Island picnic
- Sunset boat excursions
- Ocean and island experiences
- Sanctuary safari on open vehicle - a bird lovers paradise
- Deep sea fishing (additional cost)
- In room spa treatments by arrangement (additional cost)
- Heli flips of area (additional cost)

## RATE TERMS



### The rate includes:

- All meals and snacks
- Waters, softs, local beers and selected spirits and house wines
- Transfer from the airport to the harbour and again the boat transfer to the retreat
- Your stay includes a curated selection of immersive excursions such as **traditional dhow sunset cruises**, where you sail into golden horizons; **self-guided kayaking** through calm turquoise waters and hidden coves at your own pace; and **inland adventures on an open safari vehicle**, exploring the surrounding landscapes and spotting wildlife and diverse birdlife
- An absolute highlight is the **guided snorkeling boat trip** to a spectacular reef approximately 40 minutes away is also included. Here, guests can swim among vibrant coral and turtles before enjoying a relaxed island picnic, you might even get to see the elusive dugong as we did beginning January!

### The rate excludes:

- Top shelf or excluded bar items
- Spirits are paid per bottle instead of per tot (you crack it you pay it policy) and can be enjoyed for the duration of your stay
- Laundry
- Additional excursions such as deep sea fishing, scuba etc.
- Gratuities at discretion

## DESIGN & ATMOSPHERE



The lodge draws inspiration from East African coastal architecture, blending natural materials, handcrafted details and vibrant colour accents. The atmosphere balances refined comfort with relaxed authenticity, creating a tranquil setting that celebrates Mozambique's culture, landscape and ocean rhythms.

## LOCATION



Located in the Vilankulos Coastal Wildlife Sanctuary region in Inhambane Province, Mozambique, House Marape is positioned on the San Sebastian Peninsula, offering sweeping views over the Indian Ocean and access to the marine ecosystems of the Bazaruto Archipelago, known for its dolphins, dugongs, and coral reefs.

## ACCESS



House Marape is accessed via a flight into Vilanculos Airport, with connections available from either Nelspruit or O.R. Tambo International Airport. Please note that there are no return flights to Nelspruit, and the onward journey would therefore be via O.R. Tambo. On arrival in Vilanculos, guests are transferred by road to the harbour, a short drive of approximately 10 minutes. From there, a scenic boat transfer of around 40 minutes takes you to House Marape.

Alternatively, a helicopter transfer can be arranged from Vilanculos airfield to a landing area close to House Marape. This option is available at an additional cost, and I would be happy to provide a quote should you wish to consider it.

## WEATHER



**It is hot year-round at The Sanctuary, with a typical friendly sub-tropical climate.**

- **Please note that House Marape is closed from 7 January until 28 February due to cyclone season**
- **Summer (October - March):** Beautiful sunny days with the occasional short afternoon thunderstorm to clear the air. This is peak tourist season time and there are many visitors to the area. It is also the rainy season and there may be one or two days of light continuous rain or short, heavy, refreshing downpours. Temperatures generally range from 28°C - 33°C with humidity between 70% and 95%.
- **Winter (April - September):** Cooler and dryer with average daytime temperatures of 22°C - 27°C with humidity much lower than in the summer. Frequent mist and dew in the mornings.

## CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY



House Marape operates within the Vilankulos Coastal Wildlife Sanctuary, supporting conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems.

The lodge team is predominantly local, reflecting a strong commitment to community involvement, cultural exchange and sustainable tourism.

## CONTACT DETAILS



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