

## 6 Day Ibo Island Lodge Mozambique Adventure Safari ASA0838



### Where is Ibo Island Lodge located?

- Ibo Island Lodge is situated in the Quirimbas Archipelago of northern Mozambique
- The Island is approximately 70 nautical miles from the mainland city Pemba. Ibo Island is north of Pemba.
- Ibo Island is north of Quilalea Island and south of Matemo Island. Please show the map on the back page of our brochure.
- Ibo Island is the head quarters of the pristine Quirimbas National Park which encompasses 11 islands and a terrestrial area that covers 1522 sq meters.
- Ibo Island has been nominated for World Heritage Status to ensure the protection of its incredible culture and history.

### What is Ibo Island Lodge?

- Ibo Island lodge is located elegantly on the prime waterfront site, where romantic dhows sail out to sea on each high tide.
- The lodge encompasses original rehabilitated magnificent mansions each over one hundred years old with high lofty ceilings.
- Exposed coral and lime meter thick walls, solid original teak ceiling beams, large hand carved doors, windows, shutters and traditional Ibo floors.
- Wide verandas and spaces furnished with hand crafted furniture, antiques and beautiful fabrics.
- All rooms are individually designed, air-conditioned and have ceiling fans.
- Ibo Island Lodge offers a relaxed and informal atmosphere in fitting with the Islands ambience
- Ibo Island Lodge is set amongst beautiful tropical gardens with palms, established trees, bougainvillea and frangipani.
- Two pools keep guests cool and refreshed. The main pool is rim flow and faces the ocean and sunset.

### Unique Highlights

- Undisturbed for centuries, Ibo has remained forgotten to the outside world – until now.

- There is only one Ibo Island amongst the other 27 islands that make up the Quirimbas Archipelago and no Quirimbas itinerary is complete without the Ibo Island Lodge experience.
- Ibo Island Lodge is UNIQUE and is completely different to the other lodges in the Quirimbas.
- Ibo offers a pristine environment with no commercial developments. No vehicles and very few tourists.
- Ibo Island provides the ultimate setting for guests to experience a very 'real' ancient African culture, not mass produced for tourism.
- Ibo Island Lodge combines easily with all other beach lodges in the region offering guests a diverse and unique itinerary.
- Ibo's situation provides easy access by boat or light aircraft to all other Quirimbas properties.
- A 7 night + stay in the Quirimbas is now affordable for guests staying at Ibo Island Lodge, or combine Ibo with neighboring island properties.
- Ibo has been cited as one of the most romantic, tranquil and unique islands in the world.
- Consistent feedback from guests state the highlight of their Mozambique trip is meeting the people of Ibo Island against the fascinating historical backdrop.
- Ibo Island Lodges roof terrace restaurant with its open-air lounge area for after dinner drinks under the stars has been described as purely magical.
- Ibo Island Lodge offers a complimentary return daily transfer by motorized dhow to Ibo's best kept secret... a perfect powder white sand bank beach totally surrounded by sea and luxurious in seclusion...one of the most pristine beaches for snorkelling and swimming in the Quirimbas Archipelago.

### Accommodation

- Ibo Island lodge is located on the prime waterfront site, where romantic dhows sail out to sea on each high tide. The lodge encompasses magnificent mansions each over one hundred years old with walls over a meter thick and lofty high ceilings.
- Ibo is a potential World Heritage Site and therefore the rooms have been designed to incorporate the original architecture of the buildings. All are individually designed and unique.
- The wide verandas are furnished with hand crafted furniture and soft cushions.
- All rooms are air-conditioned and also have ceiling fans.
- The lodge has two swimming pools set in tropical gardens, an air-conditioned lounge and private dining room as well as a roof terrace restaurant with an open-air lounge area for after dinner drinks under the stars...

### Room facilities:

- Air conditioning and ceiling fan



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- Large windows for sea breeze
- King size extra length hand crafted bed with mosquito net (twin beds are also available)
- Indigenous teak and mahogany handcrafted furniture
- Solid mahogany wardrobe with hangers
- 'Chest' safe with lock
- Brass and antique fittings
- Linen gown for use whilst on the island
- A range of Ibo guest amenities
- Hair dryer
- Water flasks in the rooms
- Morning tea and coffee

#### Most popular guest activities at Ibo Island Lodge

- **The Ibo Island guided historical experience:** Guided by people of Ibo a journey recounting the history of Ibo and introducing the Ibo Island of today (included in rate).
- **Beach:** One of Ibo's best kept secrets...A short boat trip (included daily in the rate) takes guests to Ibo's perfect powder white sand bank beach totally surrounded by sea and luxurious in seclusion.
- **Mangrove excursions:** Fully guided, guests are taken into Ibo's lush, fertile mangrove channels to understand more about this precious ecosystem and the outstanding bird and marine life it supports.
- **Sea kayaking:** A chance to navigate winding channels with magical scenery or island hop safely under the expert leadership of your guide.
- **Guided bird walks:** With an abundance of birdlife Ibo is an ornithological wonderland.
- **Traditional sailing dhow safaris and cruises:** Take a sunset cruise or day trip on the calm waters surrounding the islands on a traditional sailing dhow – an experience never to be forgotten.
- **Silver Smiths Project:** visit traditional silversmiths who hand craft exquisite intricate silver jewelry using ancient Arab techniques and tools (included in rate).
- **Explore and interact:** Ibo is perfect to stroll around and explore on ones own. The islanders are hugely friendly and guests can sample a slice of Ibo life.
- **Photography:** Ibo Island is a photographer's paradise: magnificent buildings, people, dhows, birds and much more.

- **Traditional Massage and relax:** Ibo inspires complete tranquility. On Ibo guests can be as active or relaxed as they wish: Unwind at one of the pools, on the rooftop terrace, or enjoy a massage in the traditional spa.

### Wining and Dining

- The lodges restaurant and bar is situated high up on the roof terrace of the Bela Vista mansion facing west for unforgettable sunsets and affording spectacular views over the bay.
- Cuisine features traditional Ibo Island specialities and the freshest of seafood.
- An excellent wine list of imported South African wines.

### A brief history of Ibo Island

- Ibo Island of one of the most ancient settlements in Mozambique.
- As early as AD600 Arab traders established trading routes with local communities.
- Via these trading posts, slaves, gold and ivory were shipped to the Arab world.
- The Portuguese established control by 1522, and by the mid 1600's the Archipelago was ruled by 2 main families – the Morues and Meneses families.
- In the 18th and 19th centuries, Ibo was one of Portugal's main Indian Ocean ports.
- Since independence, Ibo has remained very isolated and un-spoilt this is part of its enormous charm.

### The people of Ibo Island:

- Ibo Island Lodge is the brain child of Kevin and Fiona Record, who have worked closely with the local communities on Ibo for many years.
- A key approach of theirs has been that of supporting and creating projects on Ibo that will serve to create income and livelihoods for members of these communities. This is community tourism where each guests visit makes a direct difference.
- The lodge employs approximately 30 permanent staff, who directly support about 600 people on Ibo with relatives and extended families.

### How to get to Ibo Island Lodge:

- Access to the Quirimbas Archipelago is increasing hugely. 3 airlines now fly into Pemba, and access is systematized and regular.
- The Ibo Island Lodge team will keep you abreast of any schedule changes or access updates, so please feel free to consult us for up to date flight information. We can also assist in booking your flights from either Dar or Johannesburg to Pemba. We have been issued IT fares, which we would be happy to pass onto you.



- From Pemba, clients fly by means of a light aircraft over to Ibo Island. This is a short 30 minute airhop that is charged at US\$140 per person return. These transfers are booked directly with our office.

**Combining Ibo Island Lodge with other island properties in the Quirimbas:**

- A visit to the Quirimbas Archipelago is NOT complete without a stay at Ibo Island Lodge!
- Ibo Island Lodge can easily be combined with its neighboring properties, namely Pemba Beach Hotel, Londo Lodge (Pemba Bay –mainland), Matemo and Medjumbe Island Resorts, Quilalea Island, Guludo beach Lodge (mainland) and Vamizi Island
- Inter-property transfers are done either by boat or light aircraft, depending on the distance between the properties. These transfers need to be booked at the time reservation.
- Boat transfers from Ibo to Matemo/ Quilalea/ Guludo (min 2 pax) are charged at US\$130 per person one way.



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