

Travel Itinerary

4 night Mozambique Dhow Safari
AD Active Experiences



At a glance...

- 2 nights Ibo Island Lodge – Full board basis
- 2 nights Dhow Safari Mobile Camp – Full board basis

Day 1: Pemba / Ibo Island

Transfer by light aircraft over coral islands and turquoise waters **from Pemba to Ibo Island** and check in at the Ibo Island Lodge (own expense).

Ibo Island lies within the Quirimbas Archipelago, bursting with a history of Portuguese and Omani-Arab tradition, as well as Ibo Island Lodge. A magical destination with miles of coral and palm fringed coastline, Ibo Island Lodge is set on a prime waterfront site within walking distance of old historical Ibo town, where it feels like a place forgotten and time has stood still.

Three historic and characterful mansions, each over 100 years old, have been restored to their former glory and offer 14 individually designed rooms incorporating elements from the original architecture such as elegant pillars, meter thick coral and lime walls, lofty tall ceilings and solid teak beams. Simple, with splashes of opulence, the rooms are historical, sea or garden facing. All rooms boast en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning, ceiling fans, enormous 4-poster beds, teak and mahogany furniture, iced water flask at turn down, morning tea and coffee and wide verandahs with soft cushions to soak up the atmosphere. At the heart of Ibo Lodge is the Bella Vista roof terrace restaurant with an open-air lounge area facing west for unforgettable sunsets and spectacular views. The lodge has two swimming pools set in tropical gardens, an air-conditioned lounge and private dining room.

This is an authentic island of intrigue and history and using the lodge as a base, guests may partake in a multitude of experiences or simply relax. Activities include the secret sand bank beach, guided historical and cultural tours, scuba diving, snorkelling, fishing, kayaking, traditional dhow sailing, the mangrove forest, and cultural and community interactive experiences, massage and romance. Ibo Lodge was built by the community who directly or indirectly benefit from a visit.

NOTE: Ibo Island Lodge does not have direct beach access. There is a considerable tidal range between low tide and high tide which means the sea at low tide could be a fair distance away from the lodge.

- 14 rooms in historic property
- Roof terrace restaurant & open-air lounge
- 2 pools & tropical gardens
- Variety of activities: diving, fishing, kayaking, cruises
- Culture & interactive community experiences



Spend the afternoon exploring the 200 year old ghost town, 16th century forts, mysterious ruins and ancient trade buildings. Interact with friendly locals as you uncover this fascinating culture and heritage. **Dinner at Ibo Island Lodge.**

Overnight Ibo Island Lodge, on a full board basis.

Day 2: Ibo Island / Matemo Island

After breakfast, board your dhow, the motorized sailing boat under the control of a professional guide and crew. **Depart Ibo for your exploration north, into the Quirimbas Archipelago**, the blue waters home to dolphins and coral reefs. Explore the southern tip of Matemo Island, and **enjoy a delicious seafood extravaganza around a camp fire.**

Tonight, **overnight at an eco-fly camp on Matemo Island**, with the sounds of the ocean lulling you to sleep. Your canvas tent has a foam mattress and linen. Ablutions are semi-permanent long-drop loos & bush showers (filled up by staff). Meals are cooked by a chef, part of the Dhow crew, and served al fresco, where the stunning atmosphere may be best appreciated.

Overnight fly camp, Matemo Island, on a full board basis.

Day 3: Matemo Island

Sail up the beautiful Ulumbwa River, from the rural fishing villages which dot the shore and on up the estuary to view the variety of birds and mangroves which thrive here. **Return to your beach camp**, set up under the palms on the shores of Matemo Island, and spend a lazy afternoon soaking up the sun as you doze on the beach, stroll along the shoreline and cool off in the sea. **Dinner at your eco-fly camp** on Matemo Island.

Overnight fly camp, Matemo Island, on a full board basis.

Day 4: Matembo / Ibo Island

Sail back to Ibo Island today.

Spend some time relaxing at the pool, or perhaps taking advantage of the lodge's full PADI dive centre and wide variety of marine-based activities. **Dinner at Ibo Island Lodge** on the rooftop terrace.

Overnight Ibo Island Lodge, on a full board basis.

Day 5: Ibo Island / Pemba

Depart by light aircraft returning to Pemba International Airport.

Inclusions

Exclusions

- 2 nights accommodation Ibo Island Lodge
- 2 nights accommodation Dhow Safari mobile camp
- All meals – occasionally brunch instead of breakfast & lunch
- Experienced English & Portuguese-speaking crew
- Guided tour of Ibo Island
- All camping & catering equipment
- All drinks
- Departure tax
- National park fees
- Optional excursions
- Light aircraft transfers between Pemba & Ibo Island