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Complete getaways

Ibo Island Lodge

Virtually unknown to the outside world and undisturbed for centuries, there is a place where time has stood still – Ibo Island, or as the locals call it, Iha do Ibo.

Floating in the awesome Quirimbas Archipelago of northern Mozambique and nominated for World Heritage status, Ibo is an island that is beautiful, remote and untouched by commercial developments. One of the most intriguing, idyllic and romantic islands you could dream of visiting.

For the last 500 years Ibo Island has been a prosperous trading post along the stunning coast of East Africa. Three forts, a beautiful old catholic church and numerous ancient trading buildings stand guard over the sea. Pirates, ivory, intrigue and the never-to-be-forgotten slave trade are a part of this tiny, palm-fringed, coral island's history. Boundless secrets, history and culture are still contained amongst the marvellous ruins, which date back to the early 1500s.

Ibo Island boasts much more than just historical importance. Easily one of the most unspoilt destinations on the planet, Ibo also falls within the newly created Quirimbas National Park. Beyond the warm turquoise waters inhabited by turtles and tropical fish, the ocean around Ibo is also home to dolphins, whales and the shy and mysterious dugong.



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Encounter vast stretches of idyllic beaches and explore some of the world's richest coral reefs. Discover a coastline fringed by tropical islands on an ancient Arab dhow – still built to the same design as the vessels, which, a thousand years ago, sailed from India. Snack on cashew nuts and tropical fruit and dine on the freshest of seafood of every description.

Become immersed in the unchanged, ancient culture of Ibo and the rare chance to interact with wonderfully hospitable islanders, or simply relax, refresh the senses and soak up the romantic atmosphere.

Ibo Island offers all the ingredients of paradise and a journey to an era quite forgotten.

Ibo Island Lodge

Encompasses three magnificent mansions – each over a century old with walls a metre thick and high lofty ceilings. Located right on the prime waterfront site, where romantic dhows sail out to sea on each high tide, the lodge offers a classic island experience and, with just 14 luxury rooms, assures guests of exceptional service and flexibility.

The large, en suite, air conditioned, luxurious rooms are individually designed and boast antiques and handcrafted furniture, with magnificent carved wooden doors and shutters that evoke the building's original design. The wide verandas are adorned with mahogany and teak day beds, carved by some of the island's most skilled artists and decorated with the softest of cushions covered in vibrant local fabrics. Ibo Island Lodge is stylish, elegant and unique.

Sumptuous wining and dining

Meals feature freshly grown organic vegetables, herbs and fruits and combine traditional specialities with seafood: giant tiger prawns, game fish and Ibo's speciality: crab with fragrant, soft, fluffy coconut rice.

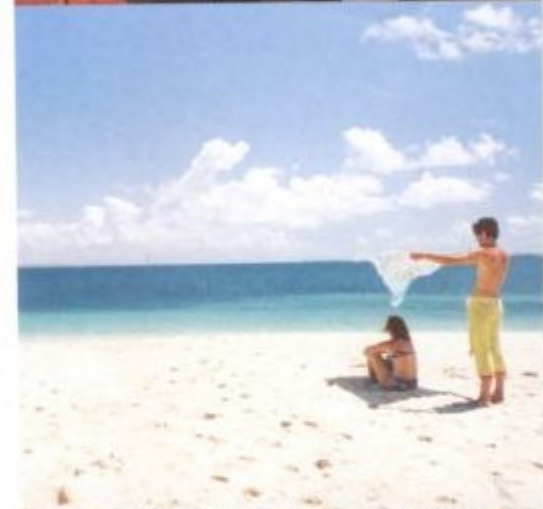
Romantic dinners are served on the tranquil verandas or on the rooftop terraces – all with awesome views over the sea. The lodge will cater for all dietary requirements and requests.

Ibo Island Lodge activities

- **Beach:** Close to the island is one of Ibo's best kept secrets – the most beautiful and pristine beach in the Quirimbas Archipelago! A 15-minute motorised boat trip takes you to the most perfect, powder white beach surrounded by sea and totally luxurious in seclusion.

Here you are free to enjoy the dazzling, aquamarine, clear waters perfect for snorkelling, swimming and relaxing. Transfers to this beach are included each day for guests, with dolphins and turtles regularly spotted en route.

- **Guided historical experience:** A remarkable, often emotional journey recounting the history of Ibo. Guided historical and cultural activities enable guests to immerse themselves in the unchanged, ancient culture of Ibo and the rare chance to interact with the wonderfully hospitable islanders.
- **Unique guided mangrove excursion:** Fully guided, guests will be 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 breathtaking scenery or island hop safely under the expert leadership of your guide.
- **Humpback Whales** protect their calves in the calm waters surrounding Ibo. Excellent sightings are possible in season from August to early November before they migrate.
- **Ibo massage and healing treatments:** Ibo inspires complete tranquillity and no stay at Ibo Island Lodge could be quite complete without experiencing our soothing Ibo-inspired massage treatments. Let the healing qualities of Ibo lull you to rest during each day's siesta time. Treatments are culturally orientated – traditional Ibo white face masks, mangrove mud treatments and ancient traditional healing treatments unique to Ibo Island.
- **Traditional sailing dhow safaris and cruises:** Take a sunset cruise or day trip on a magnificent teak sailing dhow.
- **Scuba diving and fishing:** The marine area of the Quirimbas National Park includes 11 islands and is one of the richest, most biologically diverse marine environments on earth. An underwater playground with illuminating and phenomenal drop-offs, walls and coral caves, you can expect to see all coral species typical of the Indian Ocean region. Game fish are the feature, with sightings of Yellow Fin Tuna, Dogtooth Tuna, Marlin, Manta Rays, eight species of shark, huge schools of feeding Barracuda, king fish of many species, Red Snappers, Green and Hawksbill Turtles, not to mention the Humpbacked Whales in season.



Fishing: The waters surrounding Ibo boast legendary fishing with Dogtooth Tuna, numerous species of kingfish, Marlin, Sailfish, Mackerel and the famous Bonefish, while St Lazarus Banks ranks amongst the best fishing destinations in the world.

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