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### Ibo Island Lodge

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With its rich culture, ancient history, wealth of marine life and conservation initiatives, Ibo in the Quirimbas Archipelago, northern Mozambique, is more than just an exotic island getaway. Situated on Ibo's waterfront, Ibo Island Lodge is the perfect place from which to explore the region's attractions or merely soak up the island's tranquility.

#### Accommodation:

The lodge was created from three mansions, each more than a hundred years old, with walls a metre thick. The properties have been lovingly restored into a stylish, luxurious lodge with spectacular views of the Indian Ocean. Ibo is a potential world heritage site and the rooms have been individually designed to incorporate the original architecture of the buildings.

The 14 airy, en suite bedrooms all boast king- sized, extra-length beds with mosquito nets, although twin beds are also available. Each room is air-conditioned, has a ceiling fan and a spacious veranda. Locally hand-crafted furniture with soft cushions are used throughout to create spaces in which to absorb the peaceful ambience.

#### What to Do:

Guests can relax at one of the two pools set in tropical gardens, indulge in a massage or dine at the roof-terrace restaurant under the stars. The cuisine features freshly grown vegetables from the lodge's garden project. Traditional Ibo specialities such as fragrant coconut rice are combined with giant tiger prawns, game fish, crab and lobster.

Guests can also enjoy lunch, snorkelling, swimming and sunbathing on a private beach, compliments of a transfer by the lodge to a pristine sand bank.

There are also other sport, cultural and conservation-oriented pursuits. Visitors can wander around the magical old town, buy hand-crafted jewellery from local silversmiths; snorkel coral reefs; paddle in a kayak through the mangrove forests or visit the lodge's community and conservation projects.

#### Details:

Visit <http://www.iboisland.com/> or contact Jo-Anna Collard on 021 702 0285.



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