





INTRODUCTION

Sava Dunes is enviably located on a remote part of the Mozambican coastline. Cocooned between bustling Barra and Tofo, and enveloped by golden sand dunes, Sava Dunes certainly sets the standard in terms of location. Perched on top of a sand dune, this luxury eco lodge (completely solar powered) enjoys expansive views of both beach and ocean. There are 5 ocean facing cottages and 1 garden view family chalet, each providing a pocket of luxury amidst completely wild, raw and rugged coastline.

The main area of the lodge houses the bar and dining area, and is connected to each of the rooms via a winding wooden walkway that cuts through sparse coastal vegetation carpeting the undulating dunes. The beach is a few metres from your doorstep, and offers warm waters with a peeling wave ideal for bodyboarding. In season, whale-sharks and humpback whales frequent the area; and bottlenose dolphins are also commonly spotted. There is a shoal of seahorses in the neighbouring estuary, a place that is ideal for snorkelling. Expect to see sea cucumbers, puffer fish, lion fish and other species of fish while in the water.

When you're done with a day of water-based activities, return to the lodge's outdoor lounge and deck area, and take a dip in the refreshing swimming pool. Glide towards the swim-up bar and order a tropical cocktail while in the water.

Day excursions for snorkelling, diving, ocean safaris and big game fishing can be arranged at the lodge, or prior to arrival. The surrounding area is world-renown for its ocean safaris, and guests are also able to indulge in a few cultural tours. Sava is all about providing a tranquil beach retreat experience, while minimising your carbon footprint. Basic snorkelling equipment, bodyboards and longboards will be available at the lodge. Die-hard scuba divers need to pre-arrange their diving activities during season.

The culinary journey at Sava is exquisite, and in-season local produce is used with a combination of traditional seafood. Think barbecued prawns with lime zest and chilli. Meals are always crafted to suit any dietary requirements, and dinner is always a protracted affair.

Authentic, off-the-grid, tranquil and luxurious - this is Sava Dunes, Mozambique's best kept secret.

AT A GLANCE

- Exquisite swim-up bar and poolside lounge area
- Located in a remote area on a stretch of sandy beach
- 5 ocean facing cottages each with their own private deck giving rise to sweeping views of the coastline
- 1 garden facing chalet ideal for families sharing
- Decks are kitted out with hammocks, swinging chairs, tables and chairs
- Snorkelling equipment available at the lodge
- Incredible cocktails available at the fully-stocked bar
- Neighbouring estuary is home to a shoal of seahorses
- Dive activities take place off-site, and dive safaris can be arranged prior to arrival
- Special sundowner sessions on top of the dunes
- Beach lodge atmosphere
- Romantic occasions can be arranged

FEATURES AND FACILITIES

- Total sleeping capacity : 5 x ocean facing cottages (10 pax) and 1 x garden view family chalet (5 pax - 1 on sofa bed in room with 2 twin beds)
- The garden view family chalet has 2 bedrooms with a shared bathroom and outdoor covered deck. The main bedroom is configured to be a double, and the other room has twin beds and room for a sofa bed. The bathroom is accessed through the second room. It's ideal for families with teenagers.
- Ocean facing cottages have a private deck area complete with a hammock, swinging chair, 2 chairs and side table.



- Beds have mosquito nets
- Cottages can either be a double or twin configuration. Twin beds are normally placed right next to each other to be protected by the mosquito net.
- Ocean facing cottages have solar heated showers with ocean view windows.
- Turn down service
- Please note that bathrooms in the ocean facing cottages are open-plan, and there's no partition between room and bathroom.
- Bathroom amenities provided
- Peaceful sleep (mosquito spray) is provided
- There are two South African 2 point plugs in each cottage and 1 universal adaptor
- Main area has a pool with a swim-up bar
- Poolside furniture adorning the deck area : 1 x built in double bench seat, and 6 x sun loungers. There is also a covered deck area with a dining table and 2 x L-shape soft seating areas.
- Covered deck and poolside deck area have sweeping views of the ocean
- Fully-stocked bar with cocktail menu
- Small library nook inside (book swap)
- There is a WiFi hotspot in the main lodge area and there is excellent 3G cell phone reception (Vodacom).
- Basic snorkelling equipment available at the lodge. Bodyboard and longboard available at the lodge.

ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of beach and sea based activities in the immediate area. Sava Dunes provides the ideal spot to explore your surrounds and day tours/activities can be arranged upon arrival at the lodge.

Sava Dunes works closely with local operators to deliver a wealth of activity options to guests.

- **Big game fishing** : responsible sports fishing is a huge past time in Mozambique, and there are ample opportunities to catch barracuda, yellow-fin tuna and other fish.

- **Ocean safaris** : this is a two hour ocean safari that speeds through the turquoise waters in search of whale sharks, manta rays, dolphins, turtles and humpback whales.
- **Snorkel** : snorkel with the sea horses, puffer fish, lion fish and other species in the Barra estuary, a short walk from the lodge.
- **Surfing** : there are a variety of waves on the coastline, for both experienced and beginner surfers. The beach in front of the lodge is home to a small wave ideal for bodyboarding.
- **Diving** : the Barra / Tofo region is fast becoming one of the most popular destinations for diving because of the sheer diversity of marine life, and abundant concentrations of manta rays and whale sharks. Please note that there isn't a dive school at the lodge. We suggest you arrange a dive trip prior to arrival during peak season.
- **Cultural experiences and city tours** : Mozambique has a rich cultural heritage worth exploring. Take a tour and meet the locals, or join a city tour of Inhambane.
- **Mangrove kayak** : drift through the tranquil waters of the biodiverse mangrove swamp.

GETTING THERE

Sava Dunes is along the Inhambane coastline, and sits neatly on top of the beach dunes. The location is quite a bit north of the bustling fishing village of Tofo (roughly 5.5 km) and close to the south of Barra beach (1.5 km).

In terms of getting to the lodge, we recommend flying. Sava dunes is also a self-drive destination, but only seasoned 4x4'ers should attempt the drive. The roads are sandy and the location is remote. It requires a certain level of skill to navigate the landscape.

You will need to fly into either Vilanculos or Inhambane, and the lodge will transfer you from the airport. These road transfers are at an extra cost and will need to be arranged along with your booking.



Inhambane is the closest and most accessible, and the lodge is only 25 km from the centre of Inhambane. Vilanculos is about a 4 hour drive from Inhambane. Mozambique's National Airline (LAM) has flights to Inhambane from OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg, and connecting flights from Mozambique's capital city Maputo. Both LAM and SA Airlink offer flights to Vilaculos.

GPS : 23°48'19.7"S 35°32'09.4"E

• Please enquire for driving directions to the lodge, and ensure you have a 4x4 and relevant experience before committing to driving.

CHILD POLICY

Children age 5 and older are welcome.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

WHAT TO PACK

Mozambique is a beach destination, which means your wardrobe needs to be ready for the coast. Temperatures soar during the summer months, so be prepared for warm tropical waters and the African heat.

- A selection of bathing suits
- Light summer clothes
- Slip-slops for the beach and comfortable walking shoes
- Hats and sunglasses
- For cooler evenings around the lodge a light long sleeve top is needed.
- Beach towels and sarongs
- Waterproof camera if you have one - there's plenty to see.
- High factor suntan lotion. UV (Ultra Violet light) index can get high.

WEATHER

Mozambique enjoys a tropical climate with humid conditions during the summer months (December to March). Winters

are mild and the evenings cool. November to March is the rainy season. Weather patterns can be unpredictable and erratic. The water temperature is perfect and visibility sharp (40 metres). Water temperatures range from 22 degrees to 29 degrees.

VISAS

You might be required to arrange a visa, so please consult with you local embassy.

MEDICAL

Mozambique is on the malaria belt and you will need to take prescription medicine prior to arrival. You will need to consult your local GP for the right anti-malaria prescription. There are prescriptions with minimal side-effects, which we recommend. There are malaria prophylactics which are contra-indication to scuba diving. Please consult with your GP or a dive network about this. *You will also need travel insurance - Sava Dunes is in a remote area.*

MARINE LIFE

The azure waters of Mozambique offer the perfect habitat for a wealth of marine species. The Inhambane coastline boasts high concentrations of whale sharks, humpback whales, turtles and manta rays. Spot bottlenose dolphin, eels, rays, barracuda and maybe even the rare dugong while you're diving through crystal clear waters laden with coral reefs. Bays, lagoons and open waters offer ample habitats to explore and if you're passionate about whales then you'll be pleased to know that whale season is from June - September.

