

## Vamizi Island Northern Mozambique

Ecotourism is a word too often misused and exploited, however, the Maluane Project in Northern Mozambique sets new boundaries and guidelines for how this specific type of sustainable, low impact tourism should be run. Research and planning started in the area in 1998 and today the project aims at creating some of the worlds finest beach hideaways and safari retreats whilst observing strict environmental and conservational guidelines.

Set on vast beaches that compete with anywhere in the world, the island lodges are breathtaking. Vamizi, the flagship lodge, consists of 12 extravagant rooms spread down one end of a 7km long beach. Rooms are huge with massive fourposter beds, open lounge areas and huge bathrooms providing fore some of the most luxurious accommodation in Mozambique.

Rongui is a smaller lodge set on a smaller island however the island is uninhabited apart from the 6 rooms of the lodge itself, the beach is just as stunning, surrounded by mangrove and palm trees. Just off the coast lies the world renowned fishing hotspot of the Lazarus bank, home to large numbers of sailfish and marlin. According to geologists from the Great Barrier Reef (who are some of the privileged few that have dived on these untouched reefs) the coral and sea life surrounding the islands is spectacular; diving here is considered a real treat.



- Private, 7 kilometer beach.
- Fantastic diving.
- Big game fishing.
- 10 secluded villas with bathroom, balcony, bedroom and sitting area.

### Our View

The main problem with northern Mozambique has long been the "getting there" element as the flights to and from Dar es Salaam were never reliable and so it kept Mozambique as an isolated spot accessed only by the adventurous.

Vamizi decided that enough was enough and started to fly their clients in themselves. This really reflects the approach to the lodge itself in that, if there is an issue, it is dealt with swiftly and simply. I could harp on about a whole host of reasons why this is the best lodge on the East African coast, but will leave you to discover them for yourself....go here!

