

## LOOKING FOR... BEACH LUXURY

A tiny sliver of land just off Mozambique's north east coast, Vamizi is one of 32 tropical islands which make up the Quirimbas archipelago – an idyllic paradise of white sand beaches, turquoise waters and untouched coral reefs.

**WHERE TO STAY:** Just a 15-minute speedboat ride from the island's airstrip lies the romantic hideaway of Vamizi Island Lodge – a first-class, eco-friendly resort and the only one on the island. The definition of castaway chic, each of the 16 beach houses and two villas boast designer interiors with authentic natural touches and palm-thatched roofs. Step outside and the ocean is literally on your doorstep, so you can relax on a sun lounger with your toes in the sand on your own stretch of beach. With every lodge built discreetly out of view from the next, you'll be treated to the luxury of absolute privacy and could literally go days without seeing another soul.

**WHAT TO DO:** Make the most of your private island paradise by spending as much time as you can barefoot on the beach doing absolutely

nothing. For those occasions when you are looking for a diversion, you could book a sunset cruise aboard traditional dhow boats, there are quaint fishing villages to visit, bird-watching trails to join, and a monkey-filled forest to explore. There's also an array of watersports to try, from snorkelling or fly fishing to scuba diving. If you visit between June and September, you could even be lucky enough to spot humpback whales migrating through the deep channel beyond the island's reef.

**HOW TO DINE:** With the ocean at its disposal, the Vamizi kitchen specialises in surf-fresh seafood. Locally caught fish, prawns, calamari, lobster, crab and crayfish are cooked to perfection by a talented team of chefs, who incorporate delicious local flavours into the menu. Enjoy laidback dining in the thatched open dining room, retreat to the castaway restaurant of Muntu Nkulu on the south side of the island, experience a castaway picnic on the beach, or dine under the stars on your own private deck. 

***“All you need  
to pack for  
everyday beach chic is  
a gorgeous new bikini!”***



**BOOK IT:** Ultimate Safaris & Islands (020 7589 8800, [www.ultimatesafarisandislands.com](http://www.ultimatesafarisandislands.com)) offers five nights for the price of four all inclusive at Vamizi, including return flights on British Airways from £2,999.





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