

# Room with a view

MOZAMBIQUE VAMIZI ISLAND

## Villa One

Eco smart

If it's privacy you're after, this villa on Vamizi Island could be just the thing. In the far north of the Quirimbas Archipelago off the northern coast of Mozambique, the small, remote island is densely wooded and fringed with dazzling white beaches. The resort has 13 enormous villas set well back from a crescent-shaped beach to maximise the feeling of seclusion. Villa One is furthest along the beach, hidden behind a mini headland, a 10-minute walk from the dining and lounge area. From it, you can just see neighbouring Rongoi Island, 16km away. Established by the Maluane

Project to fund community and nature conservation in the region, the resort was built by villagers using sustainable materials; proceeds have funded a desalination plant (there is no fresh water on the island) which now provides locals and guests with thousands of litres per day. Village women bake all the bread, and fish for the restaurant is bought from islanders, who have also been trained to monitor green and hawksbill turtles, dugongs and humpback whales in the surrounding marine reserve.

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