

Sailaway Dhow Safaris

Established in 1997, Sailaway has developed a reputation for providing unique safaris to the Bazaruto Archipelago.

Overnight Safaris

Discover and explore various islands in the Bazaruto Archipelago. Overnight options include a 1 night/2 day safari, or 2 night/3 day safari. Our overnight base camp is situated on the mainland, 12km north of Vilanculos.

- Day 1: Meet at 08.30, fit snorkelling equipment, and depart for Magaruque Island. There are opportunities to both snorkel and explore the island beaches. Lunch is served at about 12.30. Thereafter, set sail for the camp in Chigamane, arriving late afternoon. Supper around 19.00.
- Day 2: After breakfast, head out to Bazaruto Island. Hiking up the sand dunes on the south point is recommended, and thereafter 2 Mile Reef for snorkelling. The order of activities is tidal dependent. Lunch on an island and return to Vilanculos in the late afternoon.
- Day 3 option: Set off from Chigamane to Benguerra Island for a morning hike to the fresh water crocodile lagoons, or snorkel again at 2 Mile Reef. The snorkelling option is tidal dependent. Lunch is served at noon, after which the dhow sets sail for Vilanculos, arriving late afternoon.

Overnight Safari Rates:

1 night/2 day safari: US\$ 245 p/p

2 night/3 day safari: US\$ 370 p/p

Day Safari

Discover Magaruque Island. Snorkel along the base reef and hike along the island beaches. The fish and bird species are diverse and plentiful. The seafood lunch prepared on the dhow and served on the beach is highly recommended.

- 08.30 - meet at Sailaway office for trip briefing, fit snorkelling equipment and depart for Magaruque.
- 10.15 - approximate arrival time on Magaruque Island
- 12.30 - lunch
- 14.45 - departure from the island, returning to Vilanculos at around 16.15

Day Safari Rate:

US\$ 90 p/p

Safari menu

Breakfast consists of fruit salad, eggs, bread, tea/coffee and fruit juice. Lunch and supper consists of fresh fish or squid, salad, rice/spaghetti, or local cuisine. We do cater for vegetarians.

Please note the following:

- Whilst Sailaway does provide snorkelling equipment, we recommend that you bring your own mask and snorkel with you if possible. We are happy to purchase this equipment from you after your safari.
- Our safaris are at the mercy of the weather. If it rains whilst you are on the dhow you will get cold and wet, so remember to pack appropriate clothing.
- The dhow needs to make use of the auxiliary motor to ensure arrival in good time at various destinations on route. This is due to a lack of wind, often in the early morning, or wind blowing in the wrong direction.
- Sailaway cannot guarantee arrival at all of the islands or reefs, however every attempt will be made to ensure the trip is as inclusive as possible.
- If the weather takes a turn for the worse during your safari, and you need to return to Vilanculos urgently, speedboats can be hired for approximately US\$200 from various operators in the area. Sailaway will not bear this cost.

- If you wish to tip the crew, speak to your guide after the trip.

Trip Preparation

Sailaway provides all meals, juice, tea, coffee, drinking water and ice on safari. Alcohol, carbonated drinks or spirits should be purchased in on the mainland before departure.

The Sailaway camp is equipped with a shower and ablutions. Tents, bedding and mattresses are provided on an overnight safari. Bring a towel, sunscreen, hat and warm clothing and a torch.

There is dry storage for cameras and luggage on the dhow whilst on route. Don't leave any valuables unattended on any isolated island beaches. Passports, valuables and excess luggage can be stored in the safe at the Sailaway office, which offers 24 hour safe parking for vehicles.

The islands are a malarial area, so take precautions. Bring a basic first aid kit with you. If prone to seasickness, bring medication.

Rules of the Sea

- No excessive consumption of alcohol whilst under sail.
- Do not jump off the dhow without permission, as there are often strong currents.
- Listen to the advice from the tour translator.
- The Sailaway crew are very experienced. The captain's decision on the safari route is final. Weather and wind conditions affect the trip itinerary.

The Environment

The Bazaruto Archipelago National Park is a protected wildlife reserve. Payment for park entry is included in the safari fee.

Do not step on or touch any coral. Littering or removal of corals or shells is prohibited. See our information pack on the dhow for more details.

Snorkelling advice

- Marine life is diverse and plentiful, home to many coral types and over 200 species of fish. We provide snorkelling equipment, but if you need corrective lenses, please bring your own mask.
- Wear a t-shirt whilst snorkelling in summer.
- The Magaruque rock reef is a good snorkelling area, but also home to razor sharp rock oysters, so tread lightly and wear the boots provided. When walking in any shallows wear boots provided or sandals to avoid sharp clams or shells.
- Wherever you go snorkelling be aware of the strength and direction of the current. On Magaruque Island the current can run up to 5kmh, which is impossible to swim against. Snorkelling at the extreme south point of Bazaruto Island is not recommended for beginners, as there are strong currents there. Please inform the tour translator if you are a novice snorkeller or swimmer, as we have life rings to assist you.

Sailaway Indemnity

Sailaway is not liable for any injury sustained whilst on tour. Sailaway does not accept responsibility for any client or dependant thereof in respect of any loss, illness, damage, accident, fatality, delay or inconvenience from time of departure to time of return. Each participant must understand and accept all conditions laid out in this document prior to departure.

Ready to Sign Up?

Sailaway Dhow Safaris are committed to providing a hassle free, attentive, adventure safari to the Bazaruto Archipelago. Keep in mind that our overnight safaris are for the adventurous spirit. If you experience any problems on your trip we trust you will raise the issue with the tour translator.

Enjoy your trip!