



SLENDER AND CRESCENT-SHAPED, VAMIZI ISLAND  
NESTLES WITHIN THE QUIRIMBAS ARCHIPELAGO, A STRING  
OF ISLANDS ALONG THE LENGTH OF MOZAMBIQUE'S REMOTE  
NORTHERN COAST, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS THE NEW MALDIVES.  
THE ISLAND IS A SANCTUARY, SMALL AND INTIMATE,  
OFFERING THE DEFINITIVE BAREFOOT LUXURY OF  
YOUR OWN PRIVATE ISLAND.





# THE SEA

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I HAVE FOUND MY MOON'

The seas surrounding Vamizi Island are so dramatic they literally take your breath away. A kaleidoscope of blues provides the most spectacular backdrop to your stay. Snorkelling straight off the shore, or diving off a boat, reveals a myriad of vibrant life beneath the sea surface; further out in the deep blue, shoals of tuna jumping in the surf allude to the promise of bountiful catches. Relaxing whilst cutting through the waves in a wooden dhow, dolphins at your side, or watching a humpback whale breach – you won't believe how good this feels.





A man in a small boat on turquoise water with a tropical island in the background. The man is shirtless and wearing dark shorts, leaning forward and using a long wooden pole to navigate the boat. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the background, a tropical island with lush green trees and several thatched-roof huts is visible on a white sandy beach.

## THE LAND

JUST TWELVE KILOMETRES LONG AND ONE KILOMETRE WIDE, VAMIZI ISLAND, FRINGED WITH GENTLY-SHELVING BEACHES AND CALM WATERS, IS A HAVEN FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE.

### 'VAMIZI ISLAND IS OUR YIN TO THE OCEAN'S YANG'

Just twelve kilometres long and one kilometre wide, Vamizi Island, fringed with gently-shelving beaches and calm waters, is a haven for adults and children alike. Miles of unpadded white sand waiting to be explored entices you to kick off your shoes and feel the sugar-like grains beneath your feet, whilst beachcombing along the shore.

A refuge for both humans and animals, green turtles come ashore to lay their eggs on the beach; giant coconut crabs nestle within the coral, and in the mangrove forests rare samango monkeys and colourful exotic birds have made Vamizi their home too.





## THE LODGE

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### 'YOUR OWN PRIVATE DOMAIN ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD'

Crusoe invented castaway chic, but Vamizi Island defines it, with impossibly romantic timber villas strung loosely along one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Designed with the privacy of honeymooners as well as families in mind, your villa is your own domain where you can truly relax – unwind from the stresses of everyday life with a massage or simply indulge in the view of your own private beach.

Seeking a little island life, you can always find company at the bar and restaurant, the natural focal point of the island. Choose from a range of cocktails or explore our list of fine wines and sink back into the acres of cushions. There's no dress code here, so kick off your shoes – that is if you've even bothered to unpack them.







Vamizi Island's style of cuisine is all about local produce. The catch, from our bountiful fishing grounds, is prepared into a sumptuous array of dishes, all of which can be enjoyed in a range of locations from beachside barbeques, remote island picnics or sophisticated lantern-lit glamour. Our staff are extremely friendly and willing; nothing is too much trouble, so if you would like something you can't see on the menu, you only have to ask.





Vamizi Island is one big spa, nurturing from the inside out. We offer some of the best energy and body treatments available. We've also introduced beauty therapies that are uniquely Vamizi, using natural recipes borrowed from the local women on the island; we have even created a few oceanic inventions of our own.

Meanwhile, our yoga teacher will help you see yourself and your surroundings from a new and far more relaxed angle.



A man in a tan shirt is silhouetted against a bright sky as he handles thick, braided ropes on the deck of a sailboat. The white sail is visible on the left, and the blue ocean is in the background. The scene is captured in a cinematic, high-contrast style.

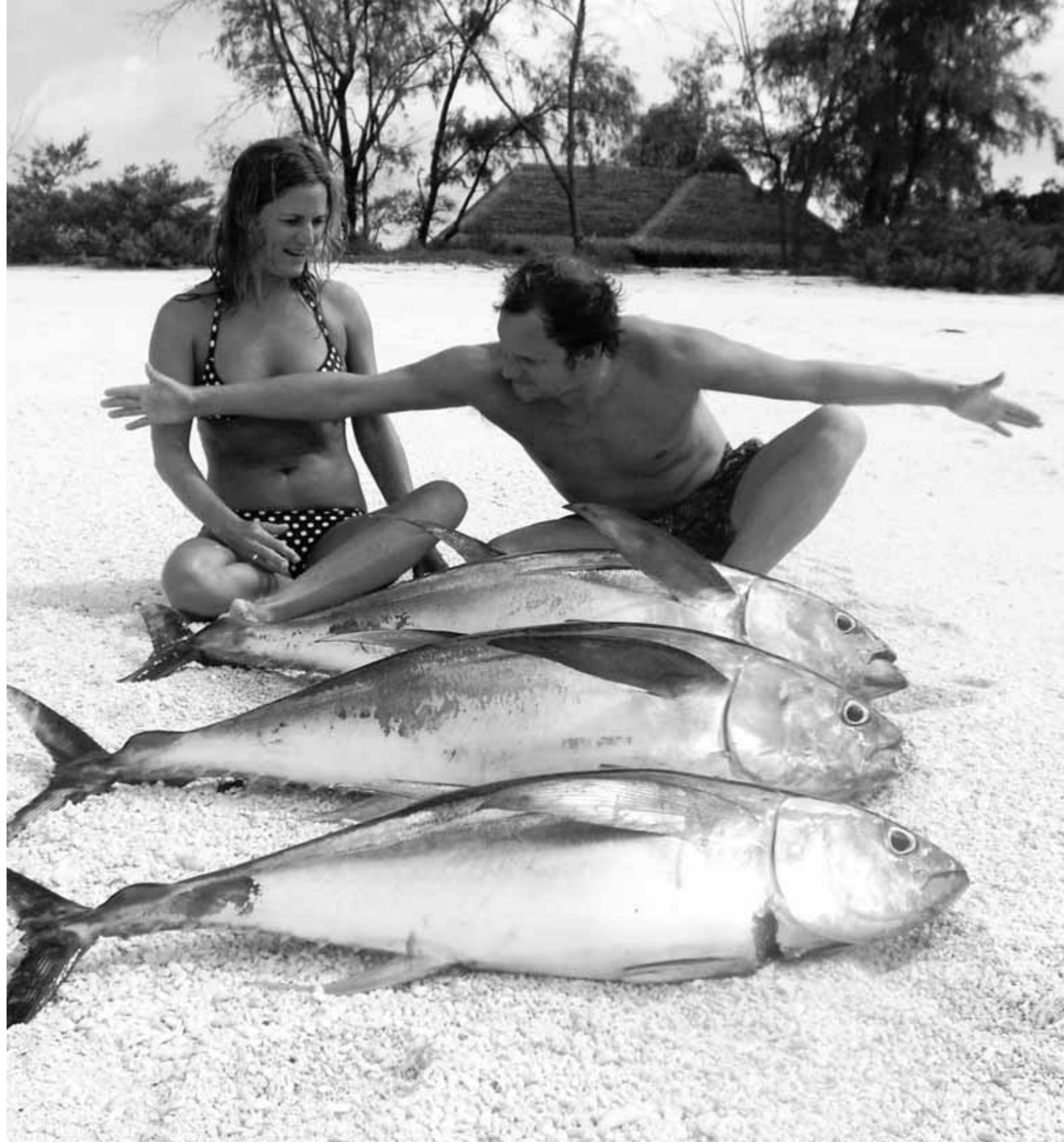
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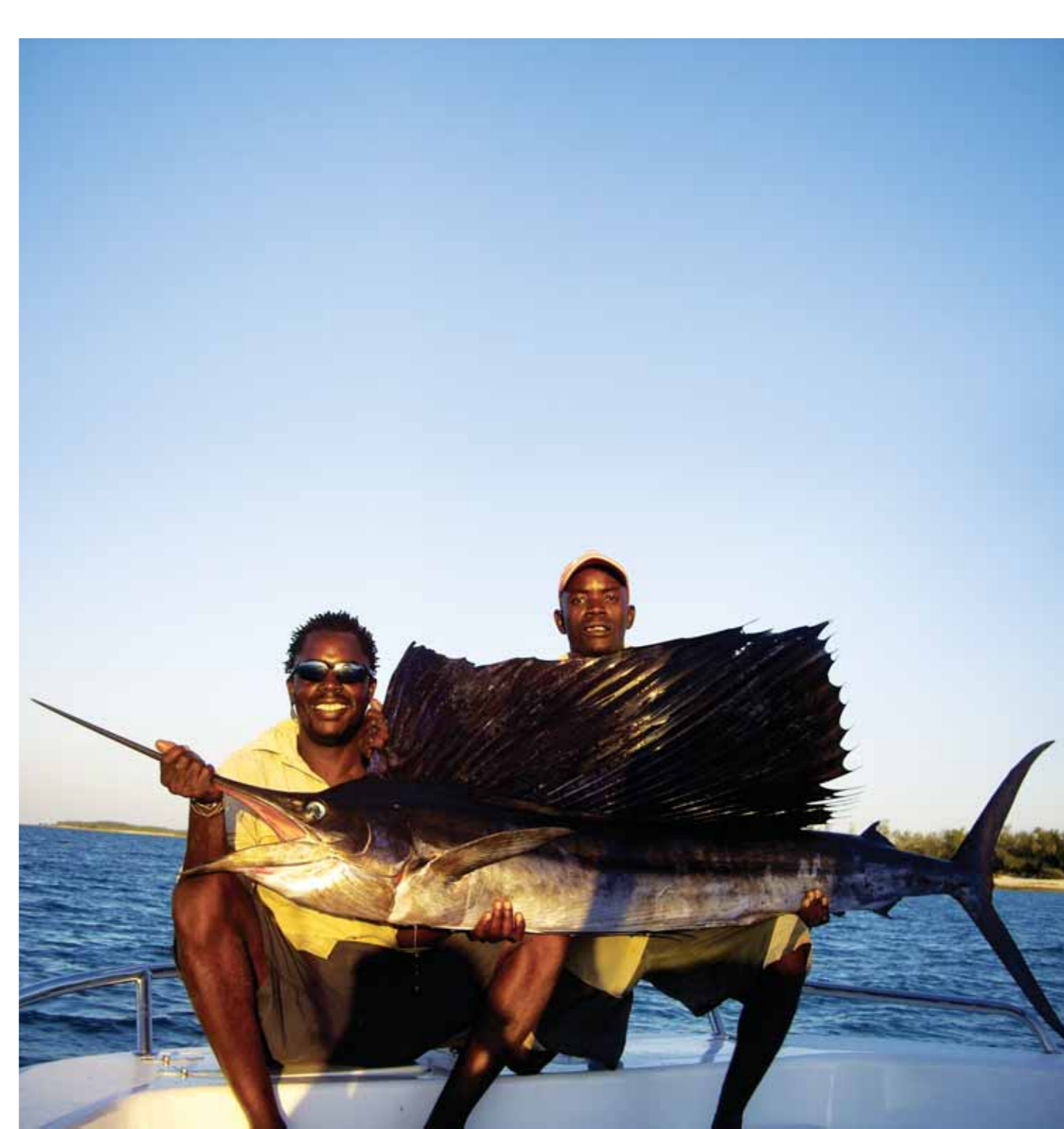
## 'AS ROMANTIC AS A TALE OF SINBAD'

Vamizi Island is not just about the beach. For the adventure seekers, Vamizi boasts truly world-class diving and big game fishing. The adventure continues on land with stretches of remote beaches to explore or forest walks and lagoon boat rides to uncover the diverse flora and fauna so particular to Vamizi.

Vamizi's coral reefs, protected from bleaching by cool rising currents from the deep, are vibrant with colourful sponges and corals and a myriad of fish species. Huge laced gorgonian fan corals cling to the sides of the drop offs and flamboyant anemones and whip corals sway in the gentle currents. One of Vamizi's best kept secrets is "Neptune's Arm", nominated as one of the top ten dive sites in the world. In this incredible ocean environment, the island's PADI-qualified dive team, which includes dive masters and instructors, take the tropical scuba experience to new depths.



Fishing enthusiasts are spoiled for choice with the abundance of fish species, including a huge variety of big game and trophy fish, such as wahoo, tuna, giant trevally, sailfish and marlin. Our professional fishermen are masters of their trade; they know the Vamizi seas intimately and have all the skills to ensure record catches, from jigging and popping to live-bait fishing and, for the more discerning, deep-sea fly fishing. And gratifyingly the guests' catch of the day can be brought ashore to be served at the bar as the freshest sashimi.







## CONSERVATION

VAMIZI ISLAND IS A CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY PROJECT, AIMED AT PRESERVING THIS REMOTE AND UNIQUE WILDERNESS.

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Vamizi Island is a conservation and community project, aimed at preserving this remote and unique wilderness and improving the livelihoods of its inhabitants. Vamizi's resident community consists of about one thousand islanders who, between 1976 to 1992, fled from the mainland to escape the civil war in Mozambique. Vamizi Island Lodge was built by the community and all building materials were obtained locally. The Lodge also supports village businesses; the womenfolk provide bread and create handcrafts for sale to guests and the island's fishermen supply seafood for the restaurant. Visits to the villages can also be made to experience the lifestyles, customs and traditions of the islanders.

As part of the conservation ethos, the fishermen, working with the island's conservation team, have come to understand the benefits of sustainable fishing and now help to patrol Vamizi's waters to prevent poor fishing practice. They also help to monitor populations of dolphins and humpback whales and, most importantly, have embraced Vamizi's turtle conservation project, aimed at preserving one of the last valuable nesting sites for green turtles in East Africa. As a result the area is turning into an important marine reserve.



Home to some of the most significant and endangered habitats in the western Indian Ocean, the island has over a hundred species of birds, samango monkeys, four species of turtle and giant coconut crabs.

Vamizi is a conservation project funded through carefully considered, low impact, high-end tourism. The integration of local knowledge and traditions with world-class scientific understanding benefits everyone: the community, the wildlife and, of course, the visitors.





## THE MAKING OF VAMIZI

We first discovered the Quirimbas Archipelago in 1998. We believed this undeveloped, and at the time unprotected, area to be of huge natural significance as a marine wildlife sanctuary for the whole of East Africa. In 2001, the Maluane Project was conceived and has since been supporting and funding the development of this concession. The primary aim of the project is to combine tourism with wildlife conservation and community development, thus protecting this unspoilt area of the Indian Ocean.

The development of Vamizi Island for luxury eco tourism was an extraordinary undertaking. There was no easy access beyond small local wooden boats and there were no proper roads beyond roughly-cut tracks through the bush.

However, despite adverse conditions and logistical challenges, Vamizi Island Lodge first opened in 2005 and soon after was visited by such luminaries as Nelson Mandela and Graça Machel. Now, five years on, Vamizi has a beautiful, barefoot luxury lodge visited by discerning travellers from all over the world.

The making of Vamizi Island has taken extraordinary commitment and persistence but as one of the donors to this project says, "Vamizi Island is where we still have a chance to make a difference. Once you've seen Vamizi, you become obsessed with protecting it."

