

Maluane is one of the last truly pristine and unspoiled places in the world. It is made up of three islands, a coastal strip and an inland safari area in Cabo Delgado - Mozambique's most northern province.

There are two parts to Maluane. In the north are two islands - Vamizi and Rongui; to the south is the inland safari area, the coastal strip and Macaloe Island just off the coast.

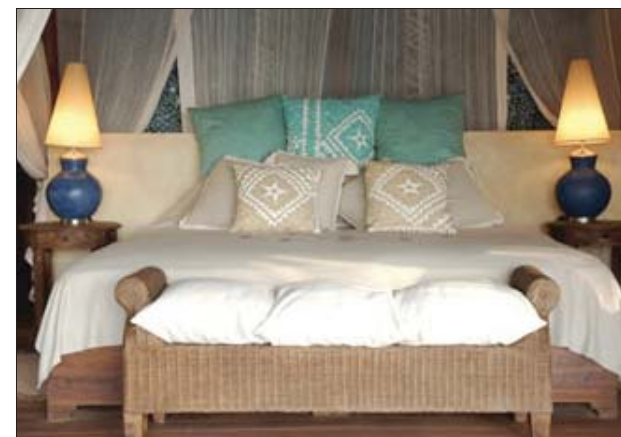
Maluane has coral reefs, mangroves, beaches and large areas of forest and savannah inland. Few places can offer such variety, privacy, beauty and security.



Vamizi Island lodge, the first of the Maluane lodges, opened in December 2005. The spectacular 24-bed lodge is built on the northern side of the island and looks towards Rongui from the end of a long powder-sand beach.

The lodge comprises ten separate beach houses, each with its own large living room, spectacular bathroom and breezy veranda; two houses can accommodate four guests, the rest of the houses take just two guests. The houses are all secluded from each other and look out to sea from the shade of the forest that forms the centre of the island. Samango monkeys play in the trees and prowl the glades, hunting the land crabs that live there.

The roofs of the lodge are makuti (palm) thatch, based on the Mozambican style, and the emphasis is on space and openness, so the rooms are large, with high ceilings. The bathrooms have a solid slab of marble forming the wall of the shower, and hand-carved screens which provide the privacy and aesthetic detail of a Zanzibar palace. The bedrooms have king-size beds – four-posters – with free-standing frames draped in beautiful natural muslin mosquito nets.



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The private lounges lead off from the bedrooms like giant verandas, with deep cane couches and colonial-style planters chairs. Masses of cushions bring colour and texture to the rooms and encourage you to sink deep into them, put your feet up and relax into the lazy comfort of your surroundings.

All furniture in the rooms, the dining room, the central lounge/bar area has been chosen, designed and mostly custom-made, incorporating traditional carvings reflecting the Arabic influence in the area. The outside decks and private beaches have a selection of loungers, swinging beds and local 'Swahili day beds' to chose from, to encourage guests to relax wherever they wish.



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Guests can enjoy a correspondingly wide variety of activities - from studying primate behaviour to sport fishing.

Our dive teams are constantly surveying the coral gardens and sea grass beds that surround the islands to identify both sites suitable for divers of all levels and the abundant and diverse marine life. Five species of turtle have been discovered, calving hump-back whales, basking whale sharks, and a variety of oceanic wildlife unrivalled on the East African coast.

The deepwater channel that separates Rongui from Vamizi attracts migrating marlin and has never been sport-fished before. All fishing is on a tag and release basis.

Vamizi and Rongui have spectacular coral gardens very close to their shores: the snorkelling around the islands is therefore excellent, and the scuba diving is world class. Maluane's fly-fishing is excellent - trevally, Spanish mackerel and other coastal game fish abound - and the unexplored sand-flats among the islands and wider archipelago hold significant potential.

Maluane develops its trails in the Messalo Wildlife Area, guests on the islands will be able to transfer there for game drives and walking safaris, and stay in the tented camps which are now under design.



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