

This map is here to showcase Ibo Island and the Quirimbas Archipelago. As you wander through the ancient ruins of Ibo and feel the history come alive you will be enthralled by all that has happened here. First visited by the Sultans of Oman in the tenth centuries, and then came the Chinese, the Portuguese, French and English. This little island played a vital role in supporting the sea trade to India as well as the infamous trading in slaves. Ibo is located in the Quirimbas National Park, which was recently declared UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Go out on a dolphin safari and snorkel with these incredible marine mammals whilst you drift over some exceptional coral reefs. Take a dhow safari and overnight on one of the neighboring islands or take a walk through the mangroves to Quirimba Island and discover all it has to offer. Taste the delicious traditional food and the unique aroma of Ibo coffee. This map is offered to all who want to explore this undiscovered gem in Northern Mozambique. Enjoy Ibo island and the Quirimbas Archipelago on your travels!

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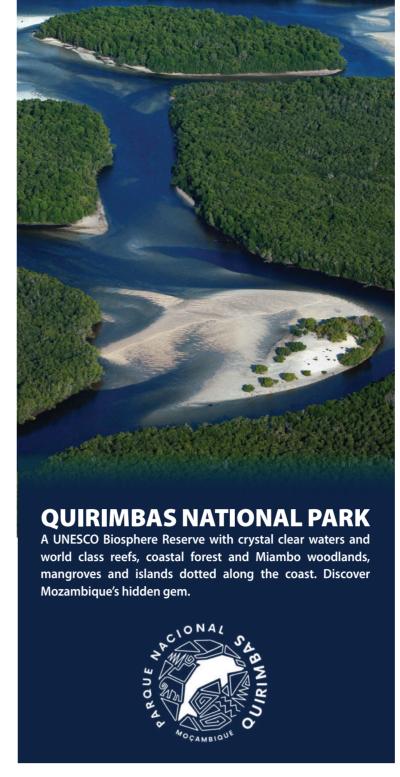








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## **ROLAS** 120 min. from Ibo

A small and beautiful deserted island "tongue of sand". Yoບ can see local fishers drying fish, octopuses and giant the island during a dhow safari from Ibo which often includes an overnight in Matemo island.

### **MATEMO** (b) 40 min. from Ibo

Remote island with breathtaking scenery and unforgettable beaches, spectacular marine life, offers the best place for a real island and enjoy the stars!

The Sand Bank is one of the most visited in the Quirimbas! One of the most pristine beaches for snorkeling and swimming. Stunning white sand bank totally surrounded by blue sea. Accessible only at low tide.

At the Shipwreck, you can see part of the ship peeking out the sea. Enjoy snorkeling on the wreck, surrounded by corals and colorful tropical fishes.

# **IBO**

The most important island

A treasure of biodiversity! This beach is perfect for spotting sponges, several species of crabs, starfish, sea snails, bivalves, sea slugs, sea urchins and much more.

White sand beach in a marine sanctuary, a spawning ground for sea turtles.

### **QUIRIMBA** (b) 40/50 min. from Ibo

Visit Quirimba Island with a tour guide. Return by boat or by foot, depending on the tide. The mangrove trail is spectacular. You can't miss it!

**7** A white sand beach with mangroves. At low tide, see coral rocks emerge from the

8 A long white sand beach with a coconut plantation.

9 A sandy beach with mangroves and beautiful rock formations about 1.5 mile (2.5 km).

## **MEFUNVO** ( 90 min. from Ibo

QUISIVA 100 min. from Ibo

## **ROUTES PEMBA TO** QUIRIMBAS

Road, boat, ferryboat and plane Pemba - Tandanhangue or Pemba - Quissanga Dirt road - 75 miles (121 km)

Public van (Chapa) Departure from downtown Pemba at 4 am Duration - 4 to 8 hours

Private transfer Duration - 3 to 4 hours

Tandanhangue - Ibo or Quissanga - Quirimba Motorboat - 1 hour

Ferryboat - 4 to 5 hours

Pemba - Ibo

Sanctuary

Pemba - Ibo Airplane - about 20 minutes

# **Five must-see tours!**

**TOP 5 TOURS** 

During the boat ride, look for the group of dolphins that live near the Lighthouse (31) on Ibo Island. history of the archipelago through the town streets and houses. The most famous attraction is definitely São João Baptista Fortress (6), where local craft workers display their craft.

At low tide, cross the mangrove labyrinth that connects Ibo Island to Quirimba Island, an amazing tour with lots of history and nature.

The most important island in Archipelago

Ibo island is considered a national cultural heritage, due to its architectural ensemble, its rich and vast biological diversity, as well as its history, culture and peculiar

Park, declared by UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in 2018. occupation of the island was the Swahili traders in the tenth century. Their range extended from the current Somalia to Mozambique. In 1498, Vasco da Gama's arrived in the Quirimbas Archipelago. During this colonial period, a series of buildings

It is part of the Ouirimbas National

built. The main church in the central square was first completed in 1760.

The largest fort, São João Batista, on the island's east shore, was completed in 1791. Ibo was an important slave trade center from the 17th century up until 1869 when slavery was abolished in the Portuguese. At that time, only the Island of Mozambique (Capital of the Portuguese Colony) was more important than the island of Ibo. During the war for independence. the fort was used by the Portuguese secret police as a detention center. After extensive restoration the fort can now be re-visited. The fort is home to a Maritime Museum, Makonde art workshop, the Military Chapel of São João Baptista and an artisanal shop of the island's typical silver. It is a beautiful place to watch the sunset.

After crossing the

mangrove, visit Quirimba. Its ruins and beaches are fantastic!

Whilst snorkeling, you can see see

several corals and the rich

biodiversity, do not forget to visit

the Shipwreck and snorkel there.

Visit the Sand Bank as well!



## (10) Ruins of the Nossa Senhora do Rosário Church (1564).

**QUIRIMBA** 

Ruins of São Luís Gonzaga

Church. Ruins of Santo António Chapel

in a rustic style with a beach restaurant and a beautiful sea view. 871961007 mussasplacequirimba.wordpress

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Biggest Baobab - According to residents, the baobab tree is almost 1.000 years old.

# **African Fishing Eagle** Haliaeetus vocifer

**BIODIVERSITY** 

**Humpback Whale** 



Common bottlenose dolphin Tursiops truncatus



Birgus latro

**Prickly pen shell Parrotfish** 



## **MANGROVE** Explore one of the most exotic and diverse ecosystems in Ibo Island.

Mangroves thrive where freshwater also provide a haven for many merges with seawater, creating a species of birds. merges with seawater, creating a unique ecosystem in shallow tida flats and estuaries. Resistant to regular ¬flooding, varied salinity, droughts and storms, mangroves have evolved peculiar ecological characteristics. They are valuable breeding grounds for fish, crabs,

# **Guided Tour**

Guided and informative tours to the mangroves are available. Take a three-hour hike that connects Ibo Island to Quirimba Island. A tour guide is recommended and prawns and various species of will be based on the tides. Return mollusks. Because of their by boat or on foot depending on



Recommended Tour guide Shoes for coral reefs Drinking water Sunscreen Insect repellent

## SILVERSMITH ARTISANS AND IBO COFFEE Discover the aroma and the most iconic art in the Archipelago



Coffee production on Ibo and Quirimba Islands was first introduced by the Arab traders in the 150kg of the best coffee was shipped to the Portuguese court every year. In 1906, Ibo coffee received the Gold Medal Award in Lisbon, due to its unique taste and aroma. Taste this amazing coffee on the islands today.

The silversmith art on Ibo Island has its roots in India, as Ibo was once home to a large Indian population. There are three co-operatives making silver jewelry on the island today with the best displays on show in the Fort of Sao Jao Baptista. It is fascinating to watch it being made by hand.



# **CORAL REEFS**

Coral reefs are some of the most diverse and important ecosystems on the planet. About a third of all marine fish species live on coral

Coral reefs are large underwater structures made up of coral skeletons. Corals are a species of marine invertebrates also known as polyps.

New coral polyps live in the exoskeletons of calcium carbonate of their ancestors. Corals grow slowly as centuries go by. Coral reefs are breeding grounds for about one quarter of the ocean's fish. About one

Coral reefs are often called the 'tropical rainforest of the sea', because they're home to a large number of species: not only fish but several invertebrates, including sponges, shrimp, lobsters, crabs, mollusks, starfish sea urchins, sea cucumbers and also vertebrates, such as sea turtles and mammals

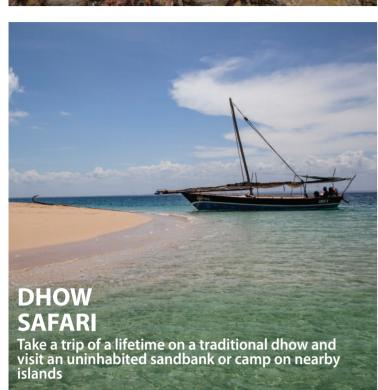
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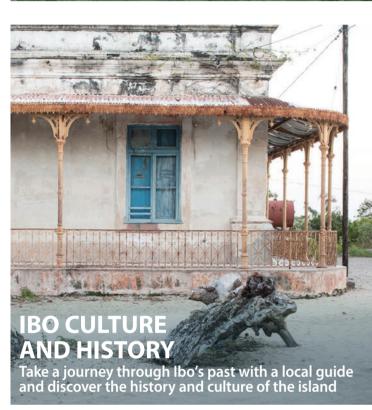
on these fish as a source of food, as

well as of income.











O1 LARGO DA REPÚBLICA REPUBLIC SQUARE - This square hosts several events, mainly cultural ones.

PRAÇA DOS HERÓIS
HEROES SQUARE – An historic site that represents the various martyrs who fought



for the independence of

**03** SANTO ANTÓNIO FORT The main defensive Portuguese fort on Ibo. Originally a Swahili fortification, which repelled Swahili the Portuguese attack of the Armada of D. Pedro in 1522.



04 SÃO JOÃO BAPTISTA CHURCH Built between 1760 and This church was destroyed by an earthquake in 1789 and an attack from

the Sakalaves (pirates from Madagascar) in 1816. Originally only a small chapel , it was rebuilt twice, enlarged and then named São João Baptista Church. This is the patron saint of Ibo Island. It was originally used as a military chapel until the construction of a church inside São João Baptista Fortress, between 1791-1795. The church is in good condition and you will need to ask your guide to get keys to enter. Remember to visit the small cemetery with Portuguese and French

**05** SÃO JOSÉ FORT This was the island's first fort dating built in 1760, and protects the entrance to Ibo's harbor. The construction holds a military barracks with a warehouse inside. The cornerstones facing the sea had guards and seven

canon of small caliber.

O6 SÃO JOÃO BAPTISTA

The star shaped fortress was built in the Dutch style stretching out from the sea and is built on solid with and is built on solid with walls almost 4 meters high. Each of the five pentagon stars is 50 meters long. Its total area is impressive at 6,400 square meters. Hand cut local coral blocks and locally produced lime were used to construct the

The fortress is home to the Maritime Museum, the famous lbo silversmiths, Makonde carvers and a whole lot more. The silversmith industry of old was revived started on lbo Island in the mid-1970s when the government recognized its value as crafts and means of livelihood.

This handmade silver is now world famous. A group of six makonde wood carvers brought the makonde craft to Ibo when they moved to the island in 2009. They beautifully sculpture ebony wood with saws, axes, and chisels to create intricate sculptures with everyday themes.

**IBO CITY** 

**07** MANGROVE The extensive mangrove forests around Ibo are a major attraction Tours by boat, guided kayak tours and walking safaris aré all available. mangroves of the island of Quirimba and the entire bay of Ibo are accessible to be explored.

**TOURIST ATTRACTION** 

**HOTEL AND** 

**GUEST HOUSE** 

**RESTAURANTS** 

For those who prefer exploring the bay and the island's surroundings independently, single and double kayaks are available for rental. The birdlife is exceptional especially November to February. 866237785 mail@mitimiwiri.com

08 CEMETERIES The interned remains of wealthy lbo traders or "patrons" are visible in the lbo chapel and were made

between 1796 and 1798 There are a number of interesting cemeteries including the Christian cemetery on the way to the airport, various Muslim cemeteries and the Hindu crematorium. All worth a visit with your guide. 09 OLD COLONIAL TENNIS COURT 10 OLD CUSTOMS BUILDING

This building dates back to the late colonial era. Its blue wrought iron balcony from Toulouse France adds an incredible flair to the building. Worth a visit to see the archives but in poor state of conservation



11 SILVERSMITH ARTISTS well-structured co-operatives have been formed by the Ibo silversmiths to promóte their craft and 12 IBO COFFEE

PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION Coffee production in Ibo Island started with the first Arab settlers, who spread the coffee culture through the region. In the colonial period, around 330 pounds (150 kg) of the best coffee was shipped to the Portuguese court. In 1906, Ibo coffee received the Gold Medal Award in Lisbon, due to its unique taste and aroma.

Saakata Handcraft & Coffee Shop is a local craft gallery. The place has a fantastic terrace overlooking the sea, where you can watch the dhows go by. The perfect place for a morning coffee, fresh pastry and to taste some delicious hómemade Ibo ice-cream. There is a great range of locally produced curious handcrafts on sale.

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14 MITI MIWIRI LODGE Miti Miwiri, meaning "Two Trees" in the local language Kimwani. Itis in the heart of the old town and is a friendly location to meet both travellers and locals. Good value for money accommodation with aircon and well-priced restaurant set in the rear garden. 866237785 mail@mitimiwiri.com

www.mitimiwiri.com 15 IBO ISLAND LODGE An irresistible option for those

who want to refresh their senses with a massage and enjoy a cold cocktail at one of the pools. inclusive ' four-star accommodation with dive center and island hopping dhow safaris. Best place for sundowners on 217852657

reservations@iboisland.com

**16 MWANI HOUSE** 

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Mwani House is located on the paradise island of Ibo, in the heart of Quirimbas. Under an old restored colonial house and surrounded by a large and colorful garden, guests here are lodged in our bungalows. Its buildings are located along the coast, providing in each cozy corner sights of the island's most beautiful sunset. 861366540 info@mwanihouse.com www.mwanihouse.com

17 RESIDENCIAL DAS QUIRIMBAS Next to São José António Fort. It has nine en suites and a restaurant that serves excellent local food.

Great views of the harbor. 879859648 arquipelagoresidencial@gmail.com

18 ULANI LODGE

Ulani Lodge is situated in the heart of Ibo and resonates charm and atmosphere. Fantastic rooftop restaurant and a great place to soak up the sights and sounds of Ibo. En suite rooms in beautifully restored colonial mansion. 875958114 booking@ulanilodge.com

www.ulanilodge.com



19 SAAKATA GUEST HOUSE Saakata Guest House offers entry level rooms for up to two people. Breakfast included. Great more secluded location out of town and on the way to the lighthouse. 861446408

saakataibo@gmail.com **20** SUMBURERO RIWE A hostel with five en suites that accommodate up to 10 guests. Make a table reservation to enjoy a meal in Riwe da Sumburero.

21 CASA DAS GARÇAS LODGE Casa das Garças is a conservation

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oriented establishment created in a joint initiative of Quirimbas National Park and the Italian NGO Istituto Oikos. It was funded by the Italian Cooperation. Casa das Garças offers good value entry level accommodation, has a great position on the edge of town and it is also a center for environmental education and 860518565

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22 CINCO PORTAS LODGE Cinco Portas was created after

the old colonial house and the warehouses were restored. The inn has a lush tropical garden and a beautiful swimming pool. 869262399

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Baobibo guest house has four peaceful and ecological bungalows overlooking the entrance to lbo bay, its mangroves and wonderful sunsets.

It is within Ibo old town 200 meters away from the pier, along the marginal road. 861502014



**24** KISIRWA TCHA WIBO

The restaurant and Kisirwa Tcha Wibo inn are managed by Saíde and Maria, who cook typical local food from the **25 NACIR KUMAWE** 

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Kumawe restaurant is in the district of Parakatchi, in Ibo town. Nacir started this restaurant using funds raised from the cultivation and sale of Ibo Coffee. This is served at his restaurant along with typical local dishes, such as lóbster curry, grilled peri peri chicken and coconut rice. Traditional mussiro mask is available at Nacir's place. 861539563

26 DONA ANA

Near the main mosque of Ibo the restaurant first opened in 2010 and is owned by Ana Mandala. Dishes include ingredients associated with the traditional livelihood of the islands - fresh fish, seafood and local vegetables from

the island. 849035945



27 ESPLANADA CHIVA Family-run restaurant in Cimento neighborhood (Bairro). It serves a variety of local dishes, such as coconut rice, coconut curry, matapa manioc, matapa moringa, shrimp, macaza and squid. Open year-round fo breakfast, lunch and dinner. 878458391

28 BENJAMIN'S

This restaurant is located in Rituto neighborhood (Bairro). It is within walking distance from all the lodges. Friendly service and tasty food, but reservations are required. Typical dishes delicious cassava chips, crab curry and coconut rice. The restaurant is run by Benjamin and his wife... unique atmosphere!

29 CHICO'S This family-owned restaurant is run by Ćhico's daughters in

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Cimento neighborhood (Bairro), within Ibo town. The coolest local bar and restaurant on Ibo by far! Chico's most popular dish is

fried squid. Food must be ordered early as all ingredients are fresh and caught from the sea on the same day! 860892004

**30 IBO CENTRAL MOSQUE** Built in 1880 and later rebuilt,

the Central Mosque of Ibo Island has stained glass and Arabic engravings that embellish its traditional architecture.

LIGHTHOUSE
The lighthouse was built in 1876 to warn boats against docking in this part of the island, because of its dangerous rocks, large coral reef, big waves, strong currents and shallow depths. From the lighthouse, enjoy a privileged view of the year. privileged view of the vast open ocean, a cool sea breeze and a beautiful and unforgettable skyline.



**32 PONTE CAIS OR JETTY** You can see it when arriving



