

WHERE YOU HEADED? TOWN & COUNTRY

SUMMER 2025

Let's Meet Up!

For Fancy
FRIED CHICKEN

To Get
DOG PASSPORTS

For Cocktails with a
MAHARAJA

To Debate the State of
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION

For Sara Murphy
COSPLAY

To Solve That Crazy
ART WORLD
MURDER

For Oatmeal with
OLIGARCHS

To Model for
VELAZQUEZ

For Cézanne-Level
CHERRIES

For Malvolio in the
MOONLIGHT

To Not Discuss
THE WEDDING

Grace Burns does expat
on Long Island.

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Bug Juice Wishes
& Caviar Dreams



Its beaches and dunes make Benguerra Island ideal for horseback riding. And horseback swimming—it's a thing here.

Going the Distance

Sometimes, getting to the shores of your dreams means going that extra mile—or 8,000.

BY SARAH KHAN

It's been said that Mozambique's 1,600-mile Indian Ocean coastline, probably the most beautiful in Africa, and the islands of its archipelagos will spoil a sand-and-sea lover forever. This is true. I once spent a few days sailing on a traditional dhow through the northern Quirimbas Archipelago, stopping every evening to set up camp on another untouched island. This was more basic than anything I'd do now, but it imprinted on my mind the particular beauties of Mozambican waters: a shifting, unfurling canvas of turquoise, sapphire, and aquamarine. When I lived in South Africa, a decade ago, Moz's coast and the lively capital, Maputo, a pastiche of colonial and brutalist architecture, made a convenient roadtrip. But the country has been off the radar for many Americans because of its distance and a string of setbacks (a civil war that ended in 1992, political unrest, a series of cyclones).

But with the arrival of high-end resorts in the last decade and a half—the gorgeously located, intimate **&Beyond Benguerra**, in the Bazaruto Archipelago in the south, remains the classic—more and more travelers are bypassing Zanzibar and the Seychelles for their post-safari—or making Mozambique's white sands a stand-alone getaway. (**Kisawa**

Sanctuary opened on Benguerra Island in 2021, and **Azura** just opened a second property here in May.)

Once you've arrived in the town of Vilankulo, on the mainland, Benguerra is just a 10-minute helicopter ride away. Think wide dunes perfect for horseback riding (&Beyond will arrange it), dense forests of casuarina and cashew trees, and hundreds of bird species, from flamingos to pelicans. A morning drive leads to a castaway picnic in a secluded cove; a sunset cruise on a dhow rented from a local fisherman has you surrounded by somersaulting dolphins. Oceanic activities abound: The waters here are a teeming, protected marine environment. (&Beyond's serious Oceans Without Borders conservation initiative allows guests to join in various hands-on projects.)

I'm just as content to hole up. My casinha is a sprawling thatch-roofed villa with Afro-Indian-Portuguese flair and oceanic blue notes everywhere, from the cobalt chaises longues, bedspreads, and tiled outdoor showers to the turquoise beach bar, a converted dhow sunken in the sand. It's the perfect spot for a sun-downer—except, come sunset, I keep finding myself on the hanging daybed in my beachside sala, watching a dhow's billowing sails. **T&C**

OTHER FAR SHORES

Have seaplane, will travel.



NUJUMA, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE Saudi Arabia

In the Red Sea and surrounded by one of the world's most unvisited archipelagos, the Middle East's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve—shell-shaped villas set on sand or elevated above water—is a diver's paradise. But every imaginable water activity can be arranged by your personal host. This might be a new Maldives in the making.



ELEVEN RIO PALENA LODGE Chile

Fly-fishing is one of the most meditative and cerebral of watery pursuits. The experience at this remote seven-room Patagonian lodge from the luxury adventure company Eleven is nonpareil. When you tire of trying to outsmart the fish, you can kayak or raft.



NIMMO BAY Canada

Originally catering to fishing-obsessed billionaires, Nimmo, on a remote inlet on British Columbia's Pacific coast, is now a premier spot for experiences in the wild, with water excursions of all kinds. Bear-viewing in a floating hot tub, anyone? **J.M.**

THIS & THAT

Islas Secas, a resort and nature preserve off Panama's Pacific coast, occupies a single island in a privately owned archipelago of 14. The owner's house is now available for rental, and life revolves around every beach and water activity imaginable—yet Panama City is just 60 minutes away by private plane.