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New Live-Aboard Dhow Experience In Northern Mozambique



A new overnight dhow experience, Fim do Mundo, has just launched off Ibo Island in Northern Mozambique's Quirimbas Archipelago. Combining the romance of the old with the convenience of the new, the custom built 42-foot traditional wooden dhow sleeps up to six people and offers a range of activities ideal for exploring this stunning area including scuba diving, snorkelling, swimming, fishing and kayaking. Trips are tailored to each group and can be from two days up to two weeks (or more).

Crewed by its South African owners, guests are encouraged to involve themselves with all aspects of the voyage and helping to sail the boat. No sailing experience is necessary, though enthusiasm and a sense of humour are highly recommended.

Mozambique's Quirimbas Archipelago is wild and beautiful and largely untouched by tourism, with sparkling blue seas, uninhabited white sandy atolls, and a coastline dotted with baobab trees and sparse fishing villages. You can dive beautiful sites including the famous St Lazarus Banks 80km offshore, while non-divers can snorkel the shallow coral reefs, kayak and explore the shore, fish or simply laze away the day in the tropical sun.

Each night the dhow anchors in a remote and sheltered bay or estuary, where dinner will be served under the stars. Good food, particularly fresh seafood, and wine is an integral part of each expedition. If you catch a fish, it will be served for dinner either cooked local-style or made into fresh sashimi served with wasabi. There are cabins below deck, though most guests prefer to sleep on deck under the night sky.

Five night's aboard the dhow from £397 per person with Farside Africa (0131 315 2464; www.farsideafrica.com) including all meals, hot and soft drinks onboard, and national park fees. Accommodation on Ibo Island prior or post the dhow sail can be arranged in addition to this by tailor-made Africa specialist Farside Africa. The price does not include international or internal flights.

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Editor's notes:

- All live-aboard trips take a maximum of 6 people.
- Beer and wine is carried on board and accounts for this are payable at the end of the trip. Guests are welcome to bring their own drinks.
- Scuba dives are \$25 each, including cylinder, fill and weight belt.