



Mozambique

## SAFARI ON THE HIGH SEAS

It's whale-migration season in Mozambique, so prepare your sea legs

Clockwise from top left: An aerial view of Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort; watch for humpback whales in Mozambique's waters; a diving expedition with White Pearl resort; the lounge at Anantara Medjumbe Island Resort; ocean activities and a guest room of White Pearl

With 2,500km of pristine coastline, you'll have plenty of opportunity to witness the migration of southern right and humpback whales that takes place annually from July to November in Mozambique. These gentle giants come to the warmer waters to give birth close to shore and feed a bit further out. Some of the best chances to spot them are around the southern coast and archipelagos – but even if you're visiting outside of the migration season, world-class diving and the possibility of spotting dugongs (the sea-cow-like creatures that inspired the myth of mermaids) is a year-round draw.

Resorts dotting the beaches can help with whale-watching expeditions. **Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort** (doubles from AED 4,300; 0027-10-003 8977, [anantara.com/en/bazaruto-island](http://anantara.com/en/bazaruto-island)) has just revealed an extensive facelift of its property set along placid waters and beaches brimming with biodiversity. In addition to diving and snorkelling excursions, you can head out on a traditional *dhow*, keeping an eye out for flukes breaking the surface. At private-island sister-stay **Anantara Medjumbe Island Resort** (doubles from AED 4,885; 0027-10-003 8977, [anantara.com/en/medjumbe-island](http://anantara.com/en/medjumbe-island)), bright colours capture the exoticism of East Africa. Set in the remote "cradle of coral", the northern Quirimbas Archipelago, the destination is thickly forested with mangroves and boasts some 180 species of coral inhabited by 400 species of reef fish. You can embark on sea-safari cruises, meander around islands and picnic in wild spots. On the southern shores of the mainland is **White Pearl** (doubles from AED 4,995; 0027-11-026 2674, [whitepearlresorts.com](http://whitepearlresorts.com)), with its 22 stilt-perched suites with private pools and giant ocean-facing daybeds from where you might spy whales breaching. There's the option to head out on safari to see the world's two largest mammals, too – on water for whales or on land into the Maputo Special Reserve

