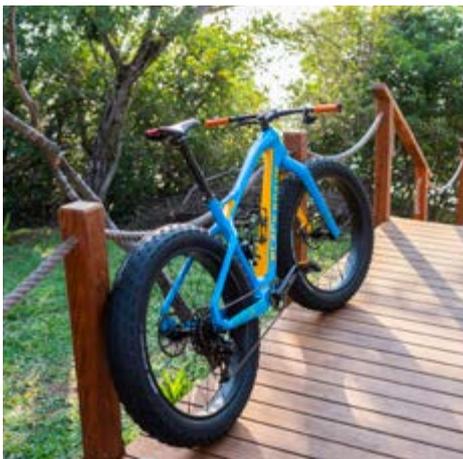




Activities at Balistidae



So much to see and do

Deep sea fishing

Head out through the gap in the safe and experienced hands of the skipper Marcos aboard Titan, a new 28-foot deep sea fishing boat. Santa Maria reef is only 4 kilometres out to sea where one will typically start the day off early, looking for schools of fusiliers to throw a popper or stickbait into, in the hope of hooking (and potentially landing) the ultimate gear busting game fish, the giant kingfish.

Flocks of common terns diving for sprats is a tell-tale sign that schools of bonito are feeding at the surface. This calls for accurate casts with a 'flick stick' and small spoon – as bonito make the most effective live baits for all sorts of predatory fish, specifically the king mackerel or 'couta'.

If the surface action is quiet and your live baits are not getting a bite, its time to bait up the boat rods and trawl target sail fish, dorado, yellowfin tuna and wahoo. All of these speedsters will eagerly eat a well-presented lure and get that reel singing as line is stripped.

More experienced anglers may want to drop shot or do vertical jigging and here all the kingfish species, jobfish, almaco and amber jacks are targeted.

Lastly, the waters east of Santa Maria offer world class blue and black marlin fishing in the summer months. These are the ultimate game fish – a challenge not for the faint of heart.

Titan is a 2019 built 28 foot Gecat Mk2. She is powered by 2 x 200hp Yamaha outboards. With ample deck space, a toilet, a fresh water washdown, carbon fibre outriggers, the latest Garmin fish finders and an autopilot, its the perfect craft for a long comfortable day on the water.

We insist on catch and release of all kingfish, jack and billfish species and allow mature mackerel, wahoo, dorado and small tuna to be kept for consumption at the lodge.

Rates:

Deep sea fishing on Titan (max 6 anglers)	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
Half day	6 500	29 900
Full day	9 000	41 400

The rate above includes skipper, fuel and fishing tackle. Lost/broken tackle will be for guests account.



Snorkeling and braai

Not much beats snorkeling in the tranquil and protected waters of the Inhaca marine reserve – a mere 5 minutes by boat from the lodge. Its best when the tide is pushing such that a group can simply float with the current, exploring the underwater treasures of this strip of shoreline, ending at the conservancy beach. Here you'll find a shaded gazebo and a cooler box full of ice-cold drinks. Best of all is the beach braai – amazing food at an amazing destination.

While snorkeling be sure to look out for the various triggerfish species that inhabit this reef. The largest and most prolific is the Titan triggerfish. Another must see is the school of 500+ juvenile green spotted kingfish that congregate just off the most northern rocky point at the end of the pushing tide.

Various species of angel fishes, butterfly fishes, bat fish, goldies, flute fish, surgeons, squirrel fish, boxies and emperors inhabit this reef. But so do venomous lionfish, so watch where you poke your fingers. Remember your underwater cameras/gopros – there is a full chart of reef fish at the lodge for identification purposes.

Rates:

Snorkeling (per person)	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
With braai	600	2 760
Without braai	300	1 380

Scuba diving

Dives are not conducted by Balistidae and divers are referred to the dive centre at Machangulo Hotel. Divers and their equipment will be dropped off at- and collected from the dive centre by boat before and after their dive.

Diving at Machangulo is for guests own account.

Rates:

Scuba diving - with own gear (200 bar cylinder included)	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
Nearby reefs (0-5km)	500	2 300
Distant reefs (5-20km)	1 200	5 520

Minimum 2 divers. Diving is only offered to experienced divers as the lodge does not operate a PADI/NAUI certified dive centre.



Dhow cruise

Dhows have ferried people and goods across the Maputo bay for centuries, and there is no better way to truly appreciate the grace and peacefulness of these historic sailing boats than to hop aboard a dhow for a sunset cruise. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Bring your camera and a splash proof top incase the wind gets up.

Rates:

Dhow cruise Minimum 6, maximum 12 guests.	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
3 hour dhow sunset cruise - per person	450	2 070
5 hour dhow sunset cruise - per person	600	2 760



Water skiing/tubing/wake snake

The protected waters of the bay offer the ideal location for kids and adults to learn to water ski. For something wet-n-wild, the inflatable disc (tube) or wake snake is loads of fun. All towing is done behind the 6m boat 'Boomerang' fitted with a 70hp engine.

Rates:

Powered water sports (behind 'Boomerang')	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
Water skiing or tubing - per 30 minutes	600	2 760



Beach cycling – fat bikes & fat e-bikes

Whether you're a cyclist or not, taking a ride along a deserted beach is a unique and unforgettable experience.

Balistidae is equipped with 4 bicycles ideal for cycling on the beach. Guests looking to stay fit and burn off some calories should opt for the 2 conventional full carbon fat bikes – which are a pleasure to ride on the hard beach at low tide.

For guests just wanting to enjoy the cruise, an electric fat bike is the answer. These very easy to use bikes make it easy to explore the pristine beaches on the east of the peninsula. Combine your raw leg power with some help from the battery to cruise along at any desired level of effort.

Activity is included in daily rate.



Mangrove cruise with optional kayaking

At high tide, the best place to watch and photograph large flocks of flamingos and other estuary birds is in the mangrove forests of Inhaca Island. A 20-minute boat trip gets you to this mystic web of salt-tolerant trees and plants, which have specific adaptations allowing them to cope with saltwater immersion, wave action and low oxygen conditions of waterlogged mud in which they grow.

Flamingos gather here in huge flocks, their bright pink underwings making for beautiful photos when they fly together. The birders will enjoy seeing pied kingfishers, egrets, cormorants and if you're lucky even the resident pelican.

Get really close to nature and take the kayaks with, in order to paddle further into the mangroves where the boat can't go.

Rates:

Max 12 guests travel on board 'Titan' to explore the birdlife and beauty of the mangroves.	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
	4 000	18 400



Turtle nesting

Loggerhead and very large leatherback turtles nest along the coastline from October to March each year, with hatchlings emerging from December to late March. This rare spectacle is best witnessed at night and at low tide. The electric fatbikes are the ideal mode of transport to cover large stretches of coastline in search of nesting turtles.

Elephant reserve game viewing

Trips to the Maputo Elephant Reserve can be arranged by prior request. Please take note that it does take approximately an hour to reach the reserve and approximately 2-2.5 hours to drive the inside of the reserve. All in all, one would require 5-6 hours to visit the reserve but for those that are interested, the scenery and game viewing is really rewarding. Good populations of elephant, wildebeest, buffalo, common reedbuck, zebra, nyala and red duiker are present with a smaller chance of spotting blue duiker, giraffe, leopard and hippo.

Rates available on request including pre-packed picnic and drinks.

Lagoon kayaking

The lagoon directly in front of the lodge is an ideal place for kids to lean to kayak while parents enjoy an evening cocktail on the sundown deck. The lodge has 4 plastic kayaks and life jackets available.

Activity is included in daily rate.



Rock and surf fishing & fly fishing

Numerous rocky outcrops offer fishing enthusiasts an opportunity to target a multitude of species from the shore. Green spot and giant kingfish, wave garrick, springer, shad and even bonefish can be caught from the shore. Bring your own tackle. Fishing licenses will be required and can be obtained locally.

Ponta Abril beach day

When the westerly wind blows, find shelter and spend the day at Ponta Abril. A vehicle will be arranged to transfer guests, food and drinks plus all required beach shade and toys to Ponta Abril. Here, you'll literally have the beach all to yourselves and calm breaking waves and rock pools are awesome fun for the kids.

Half day trip Santa Maria village and freshwater lakes

If you're felling all 'beached out' and keen on seeing something different, why not spend a half day visiting the local Santa Maria village, and then moving on to a picnic or braai at one of the local freshwater lakes? The lakes also offer birding enthusiasts opportunities to tick off new species and are generally safe to swim in – but check with your guide/Marcos beforehand if swimming is intended.

Price available on request.

Chef's dinner

Local chefs can be hired to prepared and serve dinner.

Rates:

	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
Own ingredients provided	1 000	4 600

Sushi experience

Enjoy an exclusive sushi experience, in association with Wabi Sabi, Maputo's leading sushi restaurant. Should you choose on site preparation, you'll experience the skillful art of Wabi Sabi's top chef as they prepare an assortment of sushi at Balistidae for your guests to enjoy. A truly impressive experience. Alternatively, you can choose for your sushi to be prepared in Maputo and sent over fresh to enjoy at your leisure (as per menu plus transport).

Rates:

	ZAR prices - incl VAT	MZN prices - incl IVA
On site sushi with Wabi Sabi's top chef - including 150-180 assorted pieces. Bookings essential.	10 000	46 000

