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Visiting Rio Azul with the family offers one a unique opportunity to re-educate not only yourself but also your city-bred children on the WONDERS OF NATURE.

**DECEMBER
JANUARY
LIMITED
SPECIALS –
BOOK NOW!!!**

John with his sons
Tristan and Guy

Bring the Family

Rio Azul prides itself on being a FAMILY friendly resort.

For many of us the necessary stresses required to survive in this day and age results in us not having as much quality time with our immediate family as we should have.

Rio Azul is constantly striving to accommodate the needs and requests of all members of the family.

To this end we have introduced the following alternative activities for yours and your family's enjoyment.

Kayaking
Bird watching
Snorkelling
Pristine beaches
Beach picnics.
Romantic getaways
Nature Walks
Exploring estuary in tinnies
Windsurfing (arriving soon)

Please note that as we are a new resort we would welcome any suggestions on additional activities that you may enjoy:

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The Ultimate Losing-Track-of-Time destination

IT'S THE VIEWS,
COME FOR THE
VIEWS!

THEY'RE
AWESOME!



Had a tough year?

The reality is that every single person one approaches expresses relief that 2008 is drawing to a close...are you ready to recharge your batteries and face 2009 with renewed vigour and enthusiasm?

The further one gets from the major cities and the closer we get to Mozambique the more tangible is the evaporation of stress and negativity.

It would appear that the translucent waters of the Indian Ocean act as a soothing balm that helps us to re-focus on LIFE and where our priorities should lie.

The final entry into Rio Azul is along a 30km stretch of pristine beach, the holiday begins...

On arrival you are welcomed with a refreshing cocktail and staff that make you feel as if you're a long lost friend...life's worries fade away.

Our in-house chef combines the freshest local ingredients (largely freshly caught seafood delicacies such as prawns, crab and crayfish) with mouth-watering flair and style.

Romantic dining/picnic experiences can be

arranged.

As the sun sets on the estuary a kaleidoscope of colours plays out on the mirror surface.

Wander in and out as you please. Find a quiet corner to read a book or visit the bar where you can share the stories of your day with others.

Should you feel the need to partake in some television viewing, we have a discreetly positioned viewing area with DSTV and an impressive library of DVD's.

Something for everyone!

There is no shortage of romantic settings at Rio Azul.





Our first American visitors. **Peter** with a Yellow-spot kingfish, and **John (Chip)** enjoying their Rio Azul fishing

Fishing in October

*A BAD DAYS
FISHING IS
BETTER THAN A
GOOD DAY IN
THE OFFICE*

The summer season is upon us and the weather is starting to warm up. There have been a lot of unseasonably late winds, mainly strong south easterlies, which have limited our trips offshore at times. When the wind has allowed, however, the fishing has picked up and been very good.

There have been



Our Fisherman of the month/month? - **Louis Day** with a Golden kingfish

some good marlin caught in the area and the general game fishing has picked up as the water has warmed up. On the offshore side there have been great catches of yellow spot kingfish, GT's, plenty of couta, the odd Indian mirrorfish and springer and the first queenfish are making an appearance. We have had some good dorado action, with a couple of very nice fish caught on fly.

The estuary has been fishing well at times, with some very good river snapper and grunter being caught along with sea pike, kingfish, rock cod, and a couple of springer. Some anglers were treated to the sight of huge shoals of mullet being chased up the banks about 3km's up the river, presumably by big kingfish or barracuda.

The point has been a bit quiet lately, with no big fish

for a while. There have been a number of smaller kingfish up to 5kg's caught, but the big guys seem to be holding further offshore.

The island has also produced the odd big kingfish and couta, but has been quiet lately due to the weather.

We had our very first American guests out who managed some successful catches. Another of our guests Louis from Hermanus had satisfying catches. Incidentally, Louis is also an acclaimed long-board surfer who in his youth caught an 18 foot (yes 6 meters) Great White in Gans Bay, on a boat the size of a tinnie. Needless to say, his dad gave him a good hiding for coming home late for supper.



Mangrove Kingfisher



Pelican

Birding update

For those of you who love bird watching, Rio Azul is your ideal bird watching destination. With both the sea birds and the estuary/mangrove birds on offer.

Although bird watching is rewarding no matter the time of day, early morning and evening trips into the estuary in our little "tinnies" with their silent electric motors are sure to promise maximum sightings.

Rio Azul is currently endeavouring to become part of the "Mozambique Bird Atlas Project" which is a project in collaboration with the "Endangered Wildlife Trust" to update information on local

birds. To this end we are currently compiling a list of birds sighted and encourage guests to note all and every existing and new sighting.

All in all, Rio Azul is still one of the most exciting and unspoilt birding destinations available on the sub-continent.

Whether you are a bird watching enthusiast or just a casual bird watcher the birds of Mozambique are sure to delight!

*Seasons Greetings from everyone
at Rio Azul.*



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