



Taking Flight

STEPPING OUT OF the helicopter that brings you to **andBeyond Benguerra Island**, you trade one whirling bird for a cast of thousands. The resort, which reopened in June following a multimillion-dollar renovation by the safari company andBeyond, occupies a sandy beach on Mozambique's Benguerra Island, where the more than 140 avian species range from kingfishers to flamingos. Each morning, the feathered locals provide a melodic soundtrack for the resort's 13 thatched cabanas and *casinhas*, which feature swinging daybeds, infinity-edge pools, and outdoor rain showers. While the wildlife may be a highlight, Benguerra is first and foremost a sublime retreat, where lazy days on the beach can be followed by sundowners at the resort's *dhow*-turned-bar. —SARAH KHAN



WHAT: andBeyond's \$5.5 million renovation of the far-flung—and formerly rustic—Benguerra Island lodge. **WHERE:** On the shores of the second-largest landmass in Mozambique's Bazaruto National Park, a marine wildlife sanctuary spanning six islands. **WHY:** Paradisiacal retreat equally suited to bird-watchers, post-safari beachcombers, or divers in search of an underwater adventure. **andBeyond Benguerra Island, andbeyond.com (\$765–\$880 per person, per night)**

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