

# AVANI

Pemba Beach

## Explore life under the sea

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### **Dolphin Playground**

Experience a shallow wall dive off the northern peninsula of Pemba Bay which is a 15 minute boat ride from Avani Pemba Beach. Spot a variety of fish and marine life. Diving at this reef is weather permitting due to its proximity to cliffs.

Average depth: 10m  
Maximum depth: 14m

### **Ponta Saide Ali**

Not far from Dolphin Playground is a coral reef which slopes down from 2 to 21 meters. Take in the awesome sight of flying gurnards and Scorpion fish, while various small reef fish swim in and out of the contoured coral.

Average depth: 12m  
Maximum depth: 21m

### **Beach Reef**

Situated in front of the hotel, there is plenty underwater bays along the rock ledge, with a variety of reef fish.

Average depth: 6m  
Maximum depth: 14m

### **Willy's Reef**

Willy's reef has a 2 to 3 meter high ridge on one side which slopes down to 16 meters. Divers can spot big orbicular batfish, small blue-spotted rays and floral morays. Pods of dolphins are often encountered during the boat ride.

Average depth: 10m  
Maximum depth: 16m

### **Baobab Rocks**

Baobab Rocks is made up of a string of boulders and rocks lying on a sandy slope. The reef has an abundance of tropical fish and beautiful coral life. Crocodile fish, numerous rays and Flounders can be spotted in the sandy area, while beautiful shells cover the ocean floor.

Average depth: 5m  
Maximum depth: 18m

### **Penguin Shoal**

Almost at the center of the bay lies a reef called Penguin Shoal with large banks of Clubhorn, Contoured and Brain coral. It also has some of the biggest crayfish and a stunning Whip coral forest. You can find Juvenile reef fish hiding in and under the hard corals along with a host of other smaller fish and crustaceans.

Average depth: 8m  
Maximum depth: 18m



### **Tunel**

Tunel on the way to Ponta Maunhane and is a 20 minute boat ride from Pemba going south. The continental shelf “drop off” is close to land, 600 meters from shore the shelf drops almost vertically down from 15 to 100 meters.

Average depth: 12m  
Maximum depth: 40m

### **Bay Garden**

Bay Garden is a shallow reef where sea grass patches cover one side and on the deeper side, a selection of corals can be found. Perfect for DSD dives.

Average depth: 5m  
Maximum depth: 15m

### **The Finger**

Situated just off the lighthouse at Ponta Maunhane and 25 minutes away from the hotel, Lighthouse Ledge has plenty of coral and a variety of tropical reef fish. There are small underwater bays along the rock ledge with cleaning stations and ample hideaways for crustaceans dotted all over.

Average depth: 20m  
Maximum depth: 46m

### **Anemone Rock**

Situated a little further up the coast, making it about 20 minutes out by boat from the launch area, the site has a gentle slope with a diversity of marine life such as butterfly fish, puffer fish, angel fish and trigger fish. The coral life is mostly soft coral, but hard coral can also be seen.

Average depth: 7m  
Maximum depth: 17m

### **First Reef**

Situated just off Wimbe Beach and 10 minutes away from the hotel, the reef has a variety of tropical reef fish and seagrass.

Average depth: 8m  
Maximum depth: 18m

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