Bakwa lodge is the story of the transformation of an abandoned edifice into that of an ecological gem, when a group of friends discovered the abandoned construction site they immediately saw the potential of developing something sustainable in this enchanting part of Rodrigues, known as Var Brulé.

BAKWA LODGE

SIMPLE, UNDERSTATED LUXURY ISLAND LIVING

Bakwa Lodge is set along the beach of the opaline waters stretching from Mourouk to Graviers, it lies secluded in a magnificent seascape, home to a rural backdrop, sloping gently to the unspoilt beach, undisturbed but for occasional footprints.

The view over the crystalline lagoon of Rodrigues' South East coast, sets the scene for this unique guest house nestled between the gentle hills culminating at Montagne Cherie and the white beach leading for kilometres to the distant fishing village of Graviers.

BLISS OF SOUTHERN SKIES AND STARS

The abandoned constructions were transformed into this charming lodge that blends comfortably into the vegetation, flanked by local vacoas trees emerging occasionally from savannah like plains. This is a beachfront property where beach access is direct from the lodge; one casually meanders down to the beach finding shelter from sun and rain under the filao trees bordering the lagoon whilst occasionally witnessing rural life go by as goats and cows are herded along the beach.

The lodge has been developed with the environment and people of their community in mind. As water is scarce in Rodrigues, Bakwa Lodge recuperates rainwater, which is filtered and pumped to its own treatment plant and transformed into drinking water. "*Grey water*" is used to water the garden set with plants that blend perfectly into the natural endemic environment. Few flowers ornate the garden that respect natural habitat, yet the garden is lush with filaos, "*baume de Rodrigues*", bakwa trees, frangipani... and other robust creepers.

Deliberately soft in garden lighting, night time will enable you a bliss of southern skies and stars ....

The lodge comprises of 1 double room, 6 suites & a large beachfront villa.

This villa offers accommodation for two couples with 4 additional beds nested in the mezzanine enabling accommodation for family fun.

Spacious, light filled interiors feature concrete floors, louver shutters and marine decks that create an island ambience. All spacious suites feature large beds with superior cotton linens, mini bar, en-suite bathrooms and outdoor showers along with daily housekeeping and laundry service on request.

Although all rooms are equipped with air conditioners, one will probably choose to sleep with the caress of the ocean breeze through the shutters.

All rooms are tastefully decorated with Rodrigan artefacts and remnants of broken discarded Rodrigan fishing boats, creating a unique atmosphere of understated and comfortable luxury.

CAPTIVATE YOUR SENSES

Whilst lingering on your terrace, one is mesmerized by the amazing view overlooking the turquoise lagoon. This location is world renowned for kite and wind surfing, here kite surfers & windsurfers from around the globe have private beach access to launch in front of the lodge and race along offshore reefs, the best months for this activity are from June to September.

For those with an adventurous spirit, Rodrigues is an island that can be discovered on foot, coastal or inland, awakening you to rural ways of life where time stands still. The lagoon can be sailed with local fishermen, discovering the smaller islands or just having fun fishing and snorkeling. The locals are warm welcoming people who are happy to guide you on the right trails & welcome you to experience island life.

The light and airy, beach-house styled restaurant and bar has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, it's the perfect place for a romantic candle lit dinner or to chat with lodge staff and other guests.

A combination of Rodriguan delicacies and European fares will captivate your senses and make your stay memorable... indulge in fresh local fares of fish, octopus, free range chicken, delicious pork & crayfish barbeques all delicately flavoured with local herbs and spices, the chef is happy to accommodate any specific dietary requirements,

Bakwa Lodge is simple, comfortable, understated contemporary island living, it was never intended to be a hotel, and it isn't. It is a castaway island retreat appealing to those who appreciate a return to simple luxuries that reawaken the senses, rather than the predictable comforts of the modern world.

Its logo has been derived from the typical Vacoas trees locally named "*bakwa*" trees dotting the island.

Rodrigues is also renowned for its tangy lemons known as "ti Limon" whereby we make our famous lemonade, hence our slogan:

Lazy days, laughter and lemonade ...

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