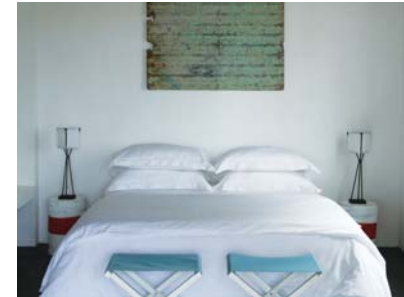




BAKWA LODGE

FROM RUINS TO AN ECOLOGICAL GEM...

Formerly known as Venus Transit, the Bakwa lodge is the story of the transformation of an abandoned edifice into that of an ecological gem. When current shareholders discovered the abandoned construction site they immediately saw the potential of developing an ecological gem in this enchanting part of Rodrigues, known as *Var Brulé*.



Bakwa Lodge is set along the beach of the opaline waters stretching from Mourouk to Gravieres, it lies secluded in a magnificent seascape which is 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 long white stretch of beach leading to the distant fishing village of Gravieres.

The abandoned constructions were transformed into this charming lodge which 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.

As water is scarce in Rodrigues, Bakwa lodge recuperates rain water that 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 which is lush with filaos, "baume de Rodrigues", bakwa trees, frangipani...and other robust creepers.

Deliberately soft garden lightning will enable you to enjoy a glimpse of the southern skies and stars at night....

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

INDULGING IN THE SUN

The villas are tastefully decorated with Rodrigan artifacts and remnants of broken pirogues, creating a unique atmosphere of understated and comfortable luxury.

The main villa offers accommodation for two couples

with 4 additional beds nested in the mezzanine enabling accommodation for family fun. Although all rooms are equipped with air conditioners, one will probably choose to sleep with the caress of the ocean breeze through the shutters.

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

For those with an adventurous spirit, Rodrigues is an island that can be discovered on foot from the coastal routes or inland routes. Your senses will be awakened by the rural ways of life where time stands still. The lagoon can be sailed with local fishermen and during your visits you will be able to discover the smaller islands or have 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 will captivate your senses and make your stay memorable... Indulge in fresh local produce 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, luxurious, contemporary island living. It's logo has been derived from the typical Vacoas trees locally named "bakwa" trees dotting the island & Rodrigues known for its tangy lemons known as "Ti Limon" which has inspired the slogan:

Lazy days, laughter and lemonade.... Await you

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