

Cape Verde, Maio

Area

The Cape Verde archipelago is about 600 kilometres off the coast of Senegal, just a few hours from central Europe. Cape Verde consists of about ten islands that together form the independent republic of Cape Verde. Originally a colony of Portugal at the time of the famous Columbus and later of Great Britain when Sao Vicente was used as a repository for coal for the steamships. Independence was obtained in 1975 and Portuguese is still the official language of the country. However, the locals mainly speak Crioulo; a mixture of Portuguese and Creole. The capital of the republic is Praia and is located on the island of Santiago, but for fishing you can best visit the island of Maio.



Maio is a flat island with salt marshes and little vegetation. It has many beautiful white beaches and the highest mountain is Monte Penoso with 436 meters. The island owes its name to the fact that it was first seen by its namesakes on 1 May (1460). Maio is 269 km² and has about 8000 inhabitants. The main sources of income are tourism and fishing.

Here you have a choice of different villas to stay in. The villas together have access to a large swimming pool located by the sea, as well as a private beach belonging to the location. The park is fenced and therefore child friendly as there is no road traffic.

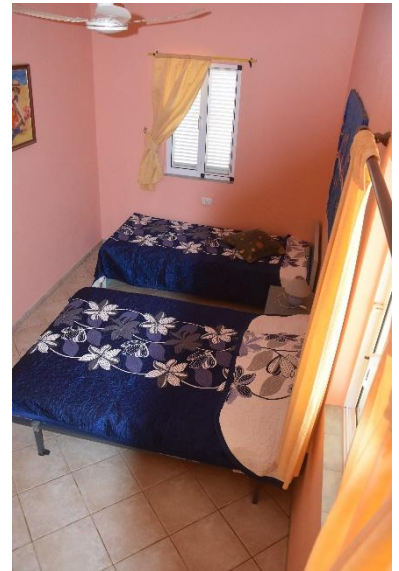
Villa bifamiliaire: max 4 persons

This villa has 2 bedrooms, 1 room with a large double bed and a bedroom with two single beds. The kitchen is fully equipped and equipped with all daily necessities. There is a private bathroom with shower and toilet and a private garden with a dining table and bench. You can also use the large swimming pool by the sea. Electricity, gas, water and final cleaning are included in the price.



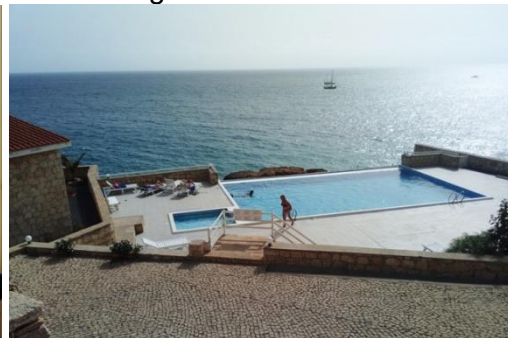
Villa Cristophe: max 5 persons

This villa has 2 double rooms and an extra one bed can be added if a 5th person is present. The kitchen is also fully equipped with stove, oven, kettle, fridge with freezer etc. The house is 20 meters next to the fishing guide. The house is located in a quiet area, has hot and cold running water and because you stay next to the fishing guide you can quickly get questions answered and after consultation also use the car to do some shopping.



Villa 10: max 4 persons

This 4 persons villa has 2 bedrooms, 1 room with a double bed and 1 room with two single beds. The kitchen is equipped with the daily necessities including a luxury coffee machine. It also has a private bathroom with shower and toilet. A private garden with dining table and 2 sunbeds. Villa 16 has sea view and is one of the more luxury cottages we can offer you. Water, gas, electricity and final cleaning are included in the price and there is also wifi available in this villa. You step out of your backyard to stand directly at the large swimming pool which is equipped with plenty of sun beds. This villa is situated in a nice and quiet location. The house is within walking distance of the sea.



Casa Djarmai: max 4 personen

Casa Djarmai is our best recommendation. There are three two-person apartments here with a living room with kitchen studio and refrigerator, an outdoor terrace for relaxing in the evening and a separate shower with toilet. The separate bedrooms has 2 single beds. There is also a 4 person apartment here with a spacious living room, two showers with toilet, and two bedrooms each with 2 single beds. There is also a beautiful and spacious terrace for the early or late hours. All apartments include wifi as well as water, electricity, bed linen and towels.



Food

The Maio fishing club has its own restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinners. If necessary you will be picked up in the morning and taken to the Maio Fishing Club Restaurant where you just have to sit down and enjoy the delicious local dishes. After breakfast you will go directly to the (boat) fishing. During breakfast you also make your sandwiches for lunch on board. During the day water and soft drinks are available on board. In the evening dinner will be served here as well. Homemade and super tasty! These meals are included in the package. So during your stay you don't have to think of anything at all but the big fish of the next day. Drinks are extra and to be paid on the spot. The meals are aligned according your fishing schedule.



Fishing

Cape Verde is known as a destination with many species of fish. For the real specimen hunter this is probably one of the best destinations in the world. Amberjacks grow here up to 80 kg! But also mahi mahi of 20 kg + is not rare here. The size of sharks is also large and the pictures say more than enough. Below is a list of the most common species and the best periods. Outside the species list there are many other species of reef, deep sea and bottom fish to catch.

Entire year

- amberjacks
- yellowfin tuna
- wahoo
- snappers
- triggerfish
- tiger shark
- bull shark
- stingrays
- hammerhead
- lemon shark
- nurse shark
- blacktip reef shark
- dogfish
- mako shark
- african pompano
- red grouper
- brown grouper
- nassau grouper
- parrotfish
- moray eels (in more than 8 colours/species) including the vampire moray eel
- there is also a chance of blue marlin from March until the end of January.

April to September

- wahoo (April and May optimal)
- big eye tuna
- rainbowrunner
- sailfish
- skipjack tuna

August to January

- dolphinfish(mahi mahi)



There are also fish species that occur here but are caught very little like the thresher shark, swordfish, bigeye tuna, cubera snapper, escolar, bonefish and the sand tiger shark.



In addition to the large number of species, the various types of fishing are also an important challenge for the anglers among us. Because you shouldn't be surprised if you suddenly have a tiger shark weighing 100 kilos or more on the hook during a shore fishing session. Or how about an amberjack of 30 kilos or more while jigging. But also a wahoo of 30 kilos plus when trolling is a real possibility. Or just enjoy a week of after-summer or early summer because the weather here is practically always nice. And if you want to go here with your family, that is also possible. Michael knows several spots where also the children can catch small sharks of 50 to 70 centimetres. Or catching a beautiful mahi mahi together from the boat How exciting is that?

Besides trolling, it is more than worth to jig here, or spend a day fishing for sharks. All the equipment you need is available. Shimano jigging rods and Stella 20000 reels are used. For the enthusiast it is recommended to bring your own equipment. Think for example of a Hart Bloody Classic Jig with a good reel with a fast retrieve, braided line with a breaking strength of 40 to 50 lbs. As bait you use speed jigs of 200 to 400 grams depending on depth and current. As a rule between 60 and 130 meters depth is fished.



This location is also perfect for shark fishing. From the coast of Maio, this fishing often takes place at night in pitch darkness, which makes it extra spectacular. Tiger sharks, bull sharks, hammerhead sharks but also giant stingrays up to 300 kilos+ are among the possibilities. Tiger sharks between 200 and 500 kilos are no exception! Michael captured a potential world record for the nurses shark himself.





Material

In order to fish here, you can not compromise. The material must be of top quality. The sizes of the fish can be enormous. Take the great variety of fishing and you need a jungle of material.

To fish on a sandy beach for big sharks and rays you need 80 lbs of stand up material and a little bit further you will be fishing on the rocks and need a long and heavy beach rod to cast your baitfish of 500 to 750 grams. If you are going to fish from the boat you will need other equipment but luckily Michael has it all here and you don't have to take anything with you.

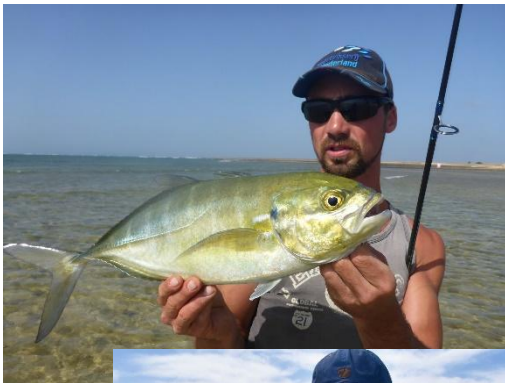


So all fish materials are taken care of. Among them are our custom designed rods for shore fishing with the possibility to remove the butt and they can also be used to cast heavy bait. Shimano Stella's and Daiwa Saltiga's for jigging, and Shimano, Penn and Italcanna rods and reels for other fishing such as trolling, chummen or bottom fishing. Also bait and live bait is included in the fishing day. For trolling from the boat there is also a wide range of lures available as well as speedjigs for jigging. All in all you will be completely taken care of and it is not necessary to bring your own equipment.



Material Shore fishing

Species include groupers, snappers, bonefish, bonito, african pompano, moray eel, triggerfish, jackets, pufferfish, needlefish and the rest.



There are several options for fishing from the shore.

Fishing rods of 2.4 to 3 meters to cast far with a weight class of 40 to 100 grams and a 2.4 meter rod with a casting weight of up to 40 grams. A 4000 reel on the first rod and a 3000 reel on the second is fine with a 12 kilo and an 8 kilo braided line. Consider using a good piece of fluocarbon as a leader. The rocks here are very sharp and braided line and rocks don't go together.

In terms of lures, lures of 10 cm +, poppers and stickbaits are perfect to catch the larger species. But be sure to bring shads of 5 to 10 cm with jigheads of 10 to 30 grams. In natural colours, silver, blue, green, oil etc, this is a perfect bait to catch several smaller species. In addition, the classic Toby spoons of 12 to 24 grams are also very effective.

Besides lures, the classic bottom mount is also very effective. A simple paternoster with one or two single hooks with a piece of bait / fish always does well. Often we use local stones with a hole as lead because the lead often gets stuck in the rocks and then you only lose the rock and not the lead.

For the enthusiast a fly rod is also very well possible and streamers in different sizes are the right tuning. All in all, a lot is possible here and it is wonderful to pioneer along the coast.



Boat

Fishing will take place from the 40-foot Dimeu with two 400 HP caterpillar inboard diesel engines. The boat is equipped with the necessary safety equipment and fitted with gps and latest generation Lowrance fishfinders. There is also a combat seat and cabin. The Dimeu can accommodate groups of up to 6 people.

The boat includes all fishing equipment, bait, lures and fuel. Equipment is available for jigging (light and heavy), natural bait, trolling and shark fishing from 20 to 130 lbs.

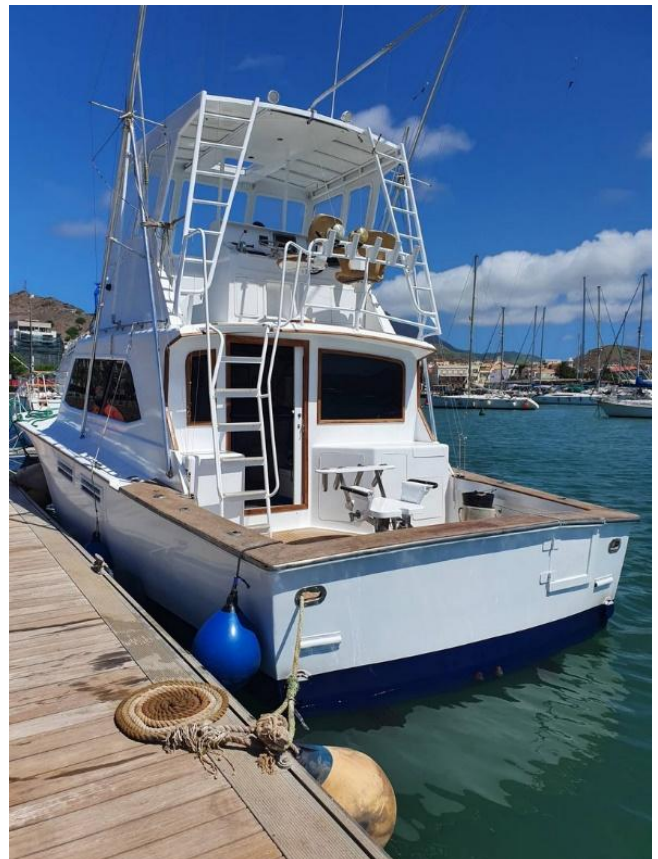
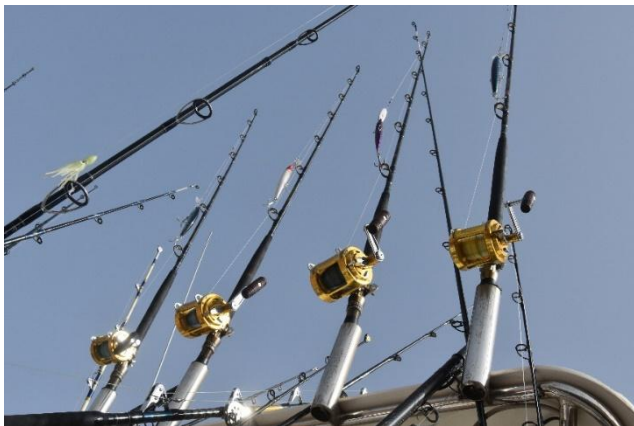
There are different ways of fishing from the boat:

Bottom fishing general: Fishing for the huge variety of fish species in all kinds of colours and sizes. This involves anchoring or drifting the boat and fishing with lures and natural baits for the regularly occurring species.

Bottom fishing XXL: This fishing is similar to the set-up above, but we target sharks such as nurse shark, lemon shark, bull shark and tiger shark. These are specimens ranging from 50 to as much as 1,000 lbs. This requires heavier equipment and also an extra deckhand.

During both disciplines of bottom fishing, it is also possible to jig and troll for wahoo, mahi mahi and tuna on the way to the fishing spots.

Big Game trolling: This type of fishing targets the big species involving wahoo, mahi mahi, tuna, marlin and sailfish. The boat will continuously be moving and therefore this type of fishing has a higher price due to increased fuel consumption.



Local transportation

For local transport you can rent a quad or pick up.

The Pick Up: This car is perfect for local use and to discover more of the island or to get to more distant fishing spots on the coast. The car is suitable for up to 5 people and you can also transport a lot of equipment in it. It is from 2014, fully inspected and has air conditioning.



The Quad: This Yamaha 660 cc is a 4 x 4 which is suitable for 1 or 2 persons. Nice to enjoy your surroundings with your nose in the wind and to be able to wander around the whole island. The accompanying helmet is of course included.





Season / weather

The season for fishing runs throughout the year, according to your wishes of course. There are indeed better periods for different fish and type of fishing. Below you will find an overview of the periods in combination with the fish species.

	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec
Bue marlin	M	M	G	P	P	P	E	E	G	G	G	M
Bonito	M	M	M	M	G	E	E	E	G	M	M	M
Yellow fin tuna	M	M	M	M	M	G	G	G	E	E	G	G
Skipjack tuna	M	G	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	M
Sailfish	M	M	M	M	M	G	E	G	G	M	M	M
White marlin	M	M	M	M	M	M	G	G	G	G	M	M
Wahoo	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Amberjack	M	M	G	G	G	E	P	P	P	P	G	M
Grouper	M	M	G	G	G	E	P	P	P	P	G	M
Barracuda	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Snapper	G	G	G	G	G	G	E	E	E	E	G	G

P = PERFECT **E = EXCELLENT** **A = AVERAGE** **M = MEDIOCRE**

The weather conditions on Maio are perfect. Maximum temperatures up to 27 and minimum temperatures of 22° C during the day also make the water temperature stable and therefore a perfect climate for all tropical fish species. In August and September there may be a shower, but it won't be much.

	Ave max temp (°C)	Ave sun per day	Ave days rain per month	Ave mm rain per month	Ave sea temperature (°C)
January	22	7	4	☔	23
February	22	8	4	☔	22
March	23	9	4	None	23
April	23	10	3	☔	23
May	24	10	4	☔	23
June	25	9	3	None	24
July	26	7	3	None	25
August	27	6	4	☔	26
September	27	7	6	☔☔	27
October	26	8	4	☔	26
November	25	8	4	☔	26
December	23	7	3	☔	24

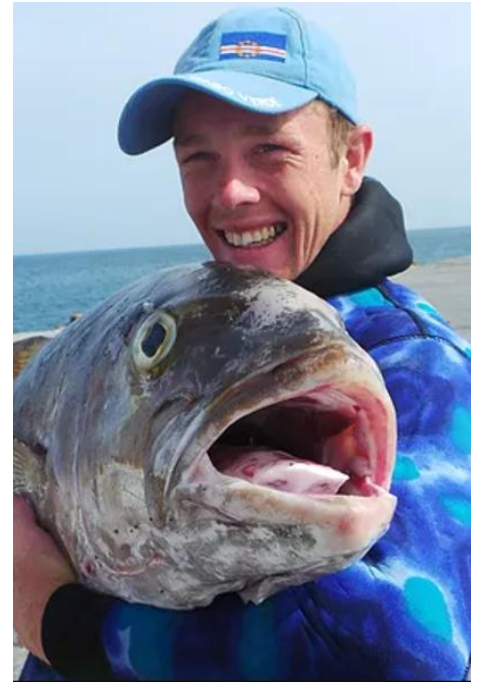
none 0-5 mm • ☔ = 6-30 mm • ☔☔ = 31-60 mm • ☔☔☔ = 61-100 mm • ☔☔☔☔ = 101-200 mm • ☔☔☔☔☔ = more than 200 mm

It's not necessary for this location to get vaccinations. Only if you come from a yellow fever area, you should be vaccinated for that. Hepatitis A and DTP are recommended. However, always ask your general practitioner, hospital, or local healthcare institute for the latest advise.



Michael van Stein

I have been a fishing guide, captain and deckhand for over 20 years. I have had a passion for fishing since I was 8 years old. I started in the local pond next to my house in the Netherlands. First I started carp fishing in the Netherlands and later also in France. Then I also went fishing for catfish in Spain. And the last few years I lost my heart to biggame fishing. Because I've always been fishing I have been able to gain a high level of knowledge for all different disciplines of fishing. At the moment I am record holder of the island record tiger shark of 650 kg. Together with our clients we fish for many sharks and other (biggame) fish species. In my opinion, no fish is too big. And I try to raise the bar a little higher every time. Do you dare to compete with a mega shark, or one of the many other powerhouse fish from the Atlantic Ocean. Then I'm your man! Hope to see you soon!



Travel & Price

There are several possibilities to get to the island of Maio. But the most practical one is to fly to the island of Santiago to the capital Praia. Depending on the flight schedule we do this on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday. On Santiago we arrange a good hotel to spend the night based on double rooms and breakfast. This way you can take the flight to the island of Maio the next day. It's a flight of only 10 minutes but the airline is known to change the flight times at will so it is not recommended to align your itinerary too tightly with the regular flight schedule. On the island of Maio you will be picked up by Michael and brought to your villa and fishing can begin!

The total cost of the trip is determined by the number of persons, the period, choice of airline, length of stay and choice of boat and fishing. The average price based on 4 persons, a 7 night stay on Maio with 6 days fishing (3 boat and 3 beach), dinners, soft drinks / water on board, on the basis of a four person villa and a hotel stay in Praia on the way out on the basis of double rooms is € 1,250 per person. On top of that, there are flights from Europe from € 400 to € 700 per person depending on the desired period from booking to flight.





Prices

Villa bifamilaire:	€ 700, - week 2 pers and € 950, - week 4 pers
Villa Christophe:	€ 700, - week 2 pers and € 950, - week 4 pers
Villa 10:	€ 800, - week 2 pers and € 1100, - week 4 pers
Casa Djarmai:	two persons apartment € 700,- a week
Casa Djarmai:	four person apartment € 835,- with 2 pers and € 1100,- with 4 pers week
Full board	€ 350 per person per week in Maio Fishing Club restaurant
Boat fishing	General bottomfishing € 750,- day
	Bottmfishing XXL € 900,- day
	Trolling Big Game € 1350,- day
	max 6 people, min 8 max 10 hours of fishing including bait, fuel, captain, fishing tackle, bait, drinks and transport apartment
Shore fishing	€ 375, - ma x 3 pers and € 450,- for 4 – 6 people 6 to 8 hours fishing including bait, fishing rod material, guide.
Snorkeling	€ 150,- with 2 pers, trip along the coast, goggles / snorkel, if necessary flippers and wetsuit, transport apartment. Additional person € 40,-
Quad	€ 80,- per day and € 500,- per week excluding fuel
Toyota Pick Up	€ 110,- per day and € 600,- per week excluding fuel

Additional costs are drinks w=during diner, tips for the crew and tourist taxes. As tip we advise to give an amount of € 75,- to € 100, -per fisherman for one week but that is of course voluntary. On the island of Maio you can best pay with both euros and escudos. Credit cards are NOT accepted on the island.



The electricity grid in Cape Verde is the same as in Europe. But it is always good to bring an adapter and an extra electrical socket to charge multiple devices (photo camera, video camera, phones etc) at the same time. Furthermore, your passport needs to be valid for another 6 months after returning from the trip. In summer there is a time difference of 3 hours and in winter there is a time difference of 2 hours from CET.

It is not recommended to drink the tap water on the spot. Also pay attention with ice cubes. If you are not sure that they are made of spring or mineral water, the motto 'prevention is better cure' is important. After all, it's Africa where you are and it's all different here than in Europe.



Things that are important to take with you:

Sunglasses, sunlotion (min. 30 +), Labello, long sleeve T-shirts to protect against the sun, first aid kit, binoculars, flashlight / headlight and batteries, plastic zip bags for protection of photo / video cameras, socket.

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