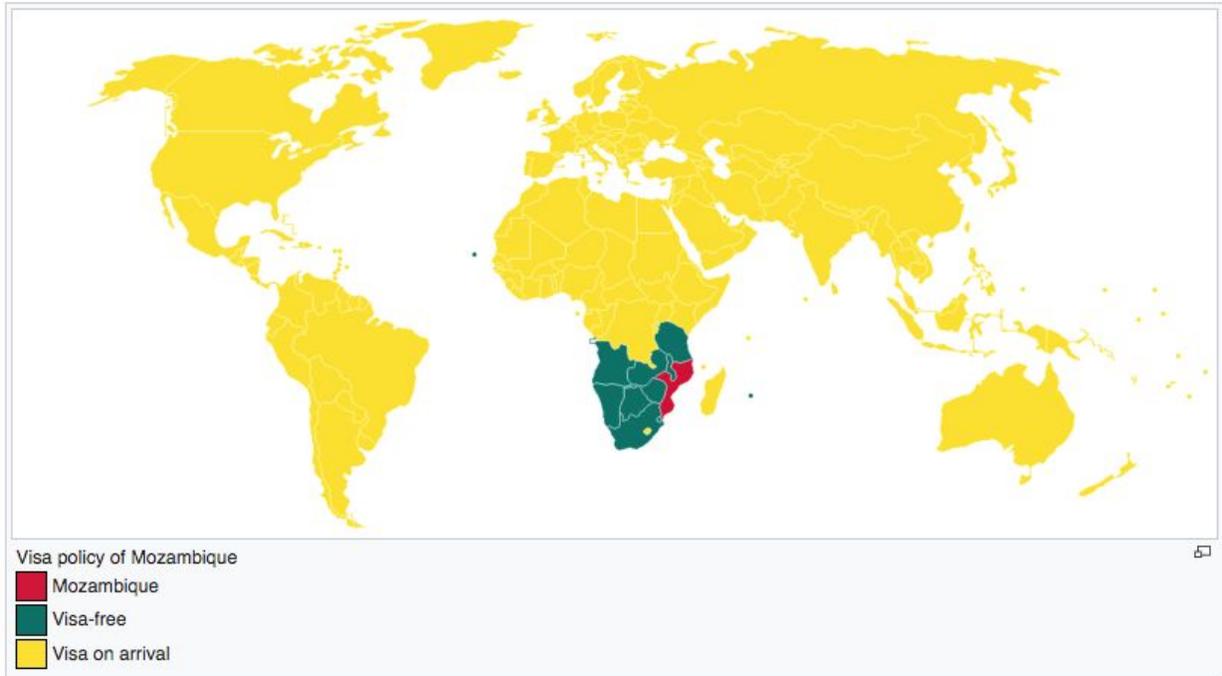


MOZAMBIQUE DESTINATION INFORMATION & TRAVEL TIPS

VISA INFORMATION FOR MOZAMBIQUE



Source : Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Mozambique

Visas purchased on arrival will cost US\$50 and are available at all the border posts listed below.

Border posts in Mozambique Issuing 30-day Tourist Visas on arrival

- The airports of Maputo, Vilanculos, Pemba, Nacala, Beira, Tete and Inhambane
- Ressano Garcia Border, Giryondo Border, Ponta do Ouro Border (South Africa)
- Namaacha Border, Goba Border (Swaziland)
- Chimefusa Border (Zambia)
- Mandimba Border, Zobue Border, Milenge Border (Malawi)
- Chicualacuala Border, Machipanda Border, Nyampanda Border (Zimbabwe)

CLIMATE & WEATHER

Seasons :

Summer - December to February

Autumn (Fall) - March to May

Winter - June to August

Spring - September to November

Mozambique enjoys a tropical climate characterized by a rainy and hot season from November through to March, a dry season from May to October with the coolest months between May and August. Temperatures are fairly consistent throughout the year, apart from the slight dip between May and August, making this the near perfect year round destination. However tropical conditions can allow for cyclones which are most common in January and February, bringing torrential rainfall. Temperatures average from the lowest of around 16°C (60°F) in the evenings in the coolest months to a high of around 36°C (96°F) during the day in the warmest months. Even in the heart of winter the average afternoon temperature is around 25°C (77°F)

Seasonality in Mozambique and best time of year to visit :

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Su	Su	A	A	A	W	W	W	Sp	Sp	Sp	Su
Low	Low	Mid	Mid	High	Peak	Peak	Peak	Peak	High	High	High

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is vital that all travellers to Africa take comprehensive travel insurance to cover for trip cancellation or curtailment as well as medical expenses. Most lodges will charge up to full cancellation for any trips cancelled between 30 and 60 days prior to travel, hotels are more lenient but may still charge a cancellation fee. Airlines will also charge cancellation fees on booked tickets and rebooking/rerouting fees.

PACKING TIPS & LUGGAGE

Accessing Mozambique is usually by regional flight with standard baggage allowance restrictions, however once in Mozambique the transfer to your destination will determine your final luggage restriction. Some lodges on the islands offer helicopter transfers with a strict luggage limit of 20kgs (44pounds) per person in soft sided luggage. This weight limit includes hand luggage. Alternatively if travelling by boat the luggage restriction will not apply.

Domestic and regional flights differ as they do allow checked luggage and two pieces of hand luggage, in most instances. Although our advice is to stick to the strictest luggage rules on your itinerary throughout.

Most lodges and hotels offer overnight laundry facilities to assist with the strict packing limitations, so no need to pay changes of clothes for every day and there is no dress code at the lodges to allow for more packing space. Basic toiletries are also provided at all hotels and lodges.

Recommended Gear Packing List :

- Camera with charger and additional memory sticks
- Travel Power Adaptor
- Mobile phone & charger (ask your service provider about international roaming)

Tablets are also useful for downtime between activities or during travel, for reading or watching downloaded programs. Remember to pack yours in if you wish, including charger and headphones.

Note on wifi at lodges - if available wifi is often supplied via satellite or routed to the lodge and can be intermittent. It may also be restricted to either lounge or room only. Mobile phone signal in safari regions is also generally quite limited.

Recommended Toiletries & Medical Kit List :

- Basic First Aid Kit - most hotels and lodges will carry an extensive first aid kit, however we recommend a small personal kit with plasters, antiseptic wipes, antihistamine cream etc.
- Basic Medication - hotels and lodges are not able to issue any medication to guests. Please do bring painkillers, anti inflammatories, anti nausea etc
- Hotels and Lodges will provide basic toiletries including bodywash, soap and shampoo. Lodges will usually also supply insect repellent. When considering toiletries only pack basics such as toothpaste or hair conditioner to save on luggage space and weight. A high protection sunblock is necessary in both winter and summer in Africa.

Rough guide to packing for safari :

Ladies :

WINTER/AUTUMN	SUMMER/SPRING
3 x T-Shirts	3 x T-Shirts
2 x Long Sleeved Shirts	2 x Long Sleeved Shirts
1 x Lightweight Jacket	1 x Lightweight Jacket

1 x Dress	1 x Dress
3 x Lightweight Trousers or Shorts	3 x Lightweight Trousers or Shorts
Sandals	Sandals
Swimming Costume	Swimming
Trainers	Trainers
Sun Hat	Sun Hat
Scarf	Scarf

Gents :

WINTER/AUTUMN	SUMMER/SPRING
3 x T-Shirts	3 x T-Shirts
2 x Long Sleeved Shirts	2 x Long Sleeved Shirts
1 x Lightweight Jacket	1 x Lightweight Rain Jacket
3 x Lightweight Trousers or Shorts	3 x Lightweight Shorts or Trousers
Cape or Hat	Cap or Hat
Sandals	Sandals
Trainers	Trainers
Swimming Costume	Swimming Costume

The same general packing list will apply to the cities as they do on safaris. Hardly any restaurant will enforce a strict dress code and will always default to smart-casual, which means guests can get away with jeans and a shirt. If travelling on a multi destination itinerary we recommend packing at least one fairly smart-casual outfit along with your safari packing list, that will see you through all eventualities. Closed shoes for gentlemen are preferable in most restaurants in the cities, although mainly only in the fine dining establishments where a shirt would be expected.

IMMUNIZATIONS & MALARIA

Mozambique does not require any immunizations. If travelling from a country where yellow fever immunizations are required visitors will be required to produce a yellow fever inoculation certificate.

Malaria is present throughout Mozambique and it is recommended, although not mandatory, to take antimalarials. The most recent malaria risk area map included below.



High risk antimalarials usually advised

Surrounding countries with malaria risk

This map is only intended as a guide and is not exact. The map must always be used in conjunction with the malaria advice text. Bite avoidance measures should be taken in all areas.

Click on an icon below for additional country information

Regional Information



Major Airports



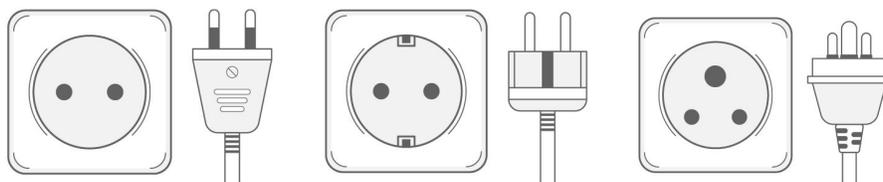
Major Railways



CURRENCY

The Metical is the currency of Mozambique, abbreviated with the symbol MZN or MT. It is nominally divided into 100 centavos. US Dollars and South African Rands are also accepted in Southern Mozambique, although further north US Dollars would be preferable. Visas are purchased in US Dollars and it is advisable to travel with US Dollars or South African Rands in small denominations for incidental purchases and gratuities. Credit & Debit cards are accepted at lodges, although at smaller establishments it would be best to use cash.

POWER POINTS



The outlets and plugs used in Mozambique are C, F & M. All outlets in Mozambique provide a standard voltage of 220V with a frequency of 50Hz.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are always at your discretion and are appreciated for good service. Gratuities are generally not included in any bill, however do always check your bill prior to paying as a handful of restaurants to levy a service charge for larger tables or during peak days. Below is a rough guide to tipping in Mozambique, and shown as per couple :

Transfer	\$1 or €1 depending on distance
Hotel or Lodge General Staff	\$10 or €10 per day
Activity Guide at Lodge	around \$20 or €20 per day
Gratuity at Restaurants or Bars	10-15% of total bill