

PRACTICAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

MOZAMBIQUE



FORMALITIES :

Passport (valid 6 months after return date) and compulsory Visa.

Visa can be obtained with the Mozambique Embassy (about 2 weeks).

When leaving the country, travellers must pay an airport tax of \$20 per person for international flights. Tax payable only in cash (meticals, rands or dollars)

VACCINES :

Ensure your Polio vaccine is up to date, as well as hepatitis A&B, meningitis A, C, Y and W and Typhoid fever

Yellow fever vaccine is compulsory. It takes 10 days to be active after injection and it works for 10 years.

Mozambique is a malaria area.

CURRENCY :

Local currency is the Metical. It is divided in 100 centavos.

Some hotels and shops accept credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express); it is recommended to carry US dollars or USD travellers cheques.

The Banco Internacional de Moçambique (BIM) has ATMs in its Maputo, Xai Xai, Maxixe, Beira, Chimoio, Tete, Quelimane, Nampula, Nacala and Pemba's branches.

South African Rand is sometimes accepted, especially in the South.

BANK OPENING HOURS :

Monday to Friday 8 h 30 to 15 h 30 and Saturdays 7 h to 12 h.

TIME: Mozambique is on GMT +2

LANGUAGES:

Portuguese is the official language. However, many other african languages are spoken (Shona, Shangana, Manyika, Sena, Makua and Ronga)

VOLTAGE : 220 volts. 3 point plugs.

TELEPHONE : Mozambique's international code is +258

TEMPERATURES AND CLIMATE:

Mozambique's climate varies between tropical and subtropical.

Raining season starts in November and ends in April (Mars is known for storms).

Summer is generally humid and green while winters are dry and warm.

DRIVING :

The roads are mostly in poor condition, many gravel roads only for 4x4, and difficult during and after the rainy season. Speed limits need to be respected.

Drivers must have a valid international licence and car rental is **only** possible in Maputo. We do not recommend self drive tours in Mozambique unless clients are experienced off road travellers

CLOTHING :

Take light cotton clothes, warm for the evenings and semi-formal for restaurants. A rain coat, closed shoes, slip slops and sarong is recommended, sunglasses, hat, sun block and mosquito repellent.

Avoid short pants, mini skirts and deep cleavages.



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