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MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique, on the Southeast Coast of Africa, is a fascinating blend of serene landscape, beautiful beaches, breath-taking tropical islands, marine attractions, and rich traditional and modern culture. Although parts of the lush tropical coastline and islands have been developed, other areas remain mostly under-developed. Most of its citizens live in small, traditional fishing villages, tucked away in dune forests along its 1550 mile-long coastline.

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Useful Information



CLIMATE

The best time to visit Mozambique is during the winter months (April to September), which, while drier, less humid and cooler, can still be very hot, especially in the north along the coast. The hot, rainy season is from October to March. The climate along the coast is humid tropical, while the interior is dry tropical.

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

Mozambique's currency is called Metical (plural: Meticais) and banknotes are in denominations of 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 Meticais. 1 Metical is the equivalent of 100 Centavos. Coins are in denominations of 50 centavos, 1, 2, 5 and 10 meticais. United States dollars in cash are the most useful, as these are most easily exchanged, and are sometimes the only currency accepted. South African rands are also very useful, as some fees (border taxes, etc.) are cheaper at the rand rate. Avoid US\$50 and US\$100 bills, as they can be difficult to exchange. Visitors should not deal with 'Money Changers' who approach you in the street or at border posts.

Note: If carrying cash, it is recommended that you take only recently minted U.S. currency.

Credit Cards are generally accepted in Maputo, but not beyond the capital. The best card to carry is Visa as many places in Mozambique do not accept MasterCard. Check with your bank for any fees you may be charged.

SHOPPING HOURS

Shops are open on Mondays through Friday 8:00AM to 12:30PM and 2:00PM to 5:30PM Saturday they are open from 8:00AM to 6:00PM. Shops are closed on Sundays.

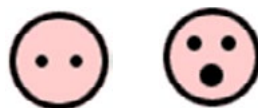
LANGUAGE

Portuguese is the official language. English is generally spoken in hotels and beach lodges, but not widely spoken or understood elsewhere in Mozambique. Bargaining at the markets, exchanging money and border formalities will be exercises in sign language, gesticulation and a chance for you to practice any Portuguese you may already know.

VOLTAGE

Power supply throughout Mozambique is 220 volts, 50 cycles.

ELECTRICAL PLUGS



220/240V 50Hz

PHOTOGRAPHY

Visitors should respect the outlook of the local people towards photography and only use cameras if they have permission from the person or people the picture is being taken. Never try to "steal" a photo against the will of the person concerned. Let your tour guide or escort help you negotiate terms before you start shooting! It is also against the law to take photographs of border posts, persons in uniform, and of course, military and government installations.