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Mozambique Information Pack

This document contains all necessary information needed for traveling into Mozambique.

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1. Personal Information

Passports

- Valid passport of each traveller in transit. No travellers will be allowed to cross without a valid passport.
- Passport should be valid for at least 6 months after you intend to leave Mozambique.
- Visitors can be asked to provide proof of outgoing travel documents or sufficient funds to provide for their needs during their stay.
- Lawfully all visitors should carry identification at all times. Police may ask for documents at any given time.
- Carry certified copies of your passport and driver's license with you at all times and store your original documents safely.

Visas

- Visas are not required by SA passport holders for tourism purposes for a stay of up to 30 days.

Unabridged Birth Certificates

- All travellers under the age of 18 is required to travel with an Unabridged Birth Certificate (showing the particulars of both parents) along with their passport. The Department of Home Affairs in South Africa made this effective from 1 June 2015.
 - For more information on the application process, please follow the link below:
- <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/civic-services/birth-certificates>

2. Vehicle Requirements

- Valid passport of the driver.
- Valid driver's license of the driver.
- Certified copy of vehicle certificate of registration.
- Letter of authority from the registered owner if the driver does not own the vehicle.
- If vehicle is still being financed, carry a letter of authority from the bank (must include dates of travel) together with the vehicle license papers.
- Customs will issue a gate pass.
- Temporary Import Permit for Vehicle: o Compulsary – approximately ZAR15 payable in Meticals

Third-Party Insurance:

- Compulsary – approximately ZAR160
- Valid for 30 days o Available at: §§Any AA Accredited Sales Agent store §§Border Posts

Red Warning Triangles:

- 2 triangles required (does not need to be displayed on car)
- Reflective Jacket - If more than two people are travelling in the car, then two jackets will be required (to be used when changing a tyre, at an accident scene, or if loading).
- The jackets must be visible; it is recommended that the jackets be fastened on the two front seats of the vehicle for visibility.

Immigration Fees:

- ZAR17,50 per person
- Declaration form for vehicle - Cost is approximately ZAR50
- Yellow and Blue Mozambique Warning Triangle - Two stickers required if towing a trailer; one in the front of the vehicle (on the bumper) and one on the rear of the trailer.
- ZA Sticker - Available at any AA Accredited Sales Agent
- International Driving Permit - No compulsory but recommended.

3. Health & Safety Tips & Requirements

Compulsory Vaccinations

- Yellow Fever §§Required if arriving within 6 days after leaving or transiting countries with infected areas. Exempt from Yellow Fever vaccination are those not leaving the country into the infected countries concerned.

Recommended Vaccinations

- Typhoid
- Hepatitis A & B
- Tetanus
- Polio
- Malaria Risk. Please contact your doctor for further information on malaria treatments.

Recommended Clothing

- Besides the usual holiday attire it is recommended to bring the following clothing with to Mozambique:
 - Long sleeved shirts and long pants of light fabric, socks and shoes for the evenings. It helps for protection against mosquitoes when most of the body is covered.

General Health & Safety Tips

- Insect repellents to take with you into Mozambique: §§Citronella §§Tabard §§Mosquito coils
- Herbal insect remedies and repellent aids: §§Aqueous cream with a few drops of citronella, eucalyptus and lemon grass essential oils serve both as a moisturiser and insect repellent.
- Homeopathic insect remedies and repellent aids: §§To make the blood sour:

4. Commercial Goods & Import Restrictions

- All commercial goods must be declared through Clearing Agents.
- Customs validate and process entries. Goods declared are subject to search.
- Declare all goods in your vehicles:
 - All commercial foods
 - Register all your valuables and the vehicle(s).
 - Declare your vehicles and identifiable valuables such as cameras, laptops, ipads, cell phones, etc.
 - Submit an invoice to stamp for validation and VAT refund purpose for commercial goods such as groceries, alcohol, etc.
- Free import to Mozambique:
 - 400 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco
 - 1 litre of spirits
 - 2.25 litre of wine
 - 50ml of perfume
 - Total cost must not exceed USD 200
 - Any person under the age of 18 is not allowed to carry alcohol or tobacco.

5. Mozambique Border Information

Mozambique / South Africa Border Lebombo / Ressano Garcia Border Post:

- Description: Lebombo Border Post on the South African side.
- Ressano Garcia Border Post on the Mozambican side.
 - Contact Number (RSA): +27(0)13 793 7201 +27(0)13 793 7311
 - Mr. Henson Msongweni +27(0)83 555 3357 +27(0)13 793 7626
nlima@sars.gov.za hmsongwenie@sars.gov.za
- Lebombo Gate Times Opening Hours: 06H00 – 18H00
 - Lebombo Border Post Police (RSA): +27 (013) 793-7311
 - Ressano Garcia Gate Times Opening Hours: 06H00 – 00H00
- Komati Border Post:
 - Contact Number: +258 2155 0010 Mozambique / Swaziland Border Lomahasha / Namaacha Border Post
 - Description: Border post closest to Maputo between Swaziland and Mozambique. Lomahasha Border Post on the Swazi side.

6. Mozambique Public Holidays and Working Hours

- 1 January New Year's Day
- 3 February Heroes Day
- 7 April Women's Day
- 1 May Workers' Day
- 25 June Independence Day
- 7 September Lusaka Agreement Day
- 25 September Armed Forces Day
- 4 October Day of Peace & Reconciliation
- 19 October Samora Machel Day
- 25 December Christmas Day

Businesses are closed on public holidays.

Banks and many businesses are closed for siesta between 12H00 – 14H00.

7. General Mozambique Contact Details & Information

Contact Details:

- Mozambique Dialling Code: (00258)
- Mozambique Consulate General: +27 (011) 327-5704/ 5/ 7/ 9
- Mozambique High Commission: +27 (012) 401-0300
- SA Representative: +258 2149 1614 consular@tropical.co.mz
- Mozambican Customs:
 - Praca da Marinha Popular
Maputo PO Box: CP 272
+258 2131 5000
- Automobile & Touring Club of Mozambique (AA Club):
 - Address:
Marginal Avenue
Bairro Triunto
Maputo, Mozambique
Telephone: +258 82 3284 790 +258 84 3284 790
E-mail: atcm@atcm.org.mz
Web: www.atcm.org.mz
- Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport: Ms. Elda Ferreira +27(0)83 555 4609

8. Important Notes

- Never give your passport to anyone and avoid using locals to assist with border assistance.
- Look out for speed traps when travelling back to SA (5km before the Border Post on the downhill) it is a 60km/h zone and you will be fined at least ZAR300.
- The official language spoken in Mozambique is Portuguese.
- Mozambican currency is Metical (MZT).
 - Exchange rate is generally ZAR1.00 = MZT3.00 (subject to change)
- Rand currency is acceptable in Mozambique.
- Always carry cash in ZAR or USD. Credit/debit cards are not accepted everywhere in Mozambique, except for in cities, some towns and at most luxury hotels and resorts.
- Money can be exchanged at most markets, shops, petrol stations and banks.
- Wear seat belts at all times.
- Goods transported on the back seats of vehicles are not allowed. All goods should be in a trailer, on the back of a pick-up or in the vehicle trunk ("boot").
- It is not uncommon to be stopped at one of the police checkpoints at any given time. If you do get stopped, be patient and polite. They normally want to see your driver's license, 3rd party insurance and road tax (purchased at the border). If possible, avoid giving these documents to the officials.
- Stick to the speed limit: ~~SS~~ Generally 40 / 50 km/h in towns, and ~~SS~~ 120 km/h on the open road.
- No firearms are to be brought into Mozambique. Transport of arms must have a special license. Any transactions with Customs should include corresponding receipt.
- Narcotics and pornographic material are prohibited.
- Travelling after dark is NOT advisable, as there are no streetlights and sometimes the other vehicles on the road have inadequate lighting.
- It is advisable to fill up your vehicle at the last garage in South Africa just before the border.

9. Terms and Conditions

- 50% deposit on booking. Balance payable on day of departure.
- Refund policy:
 - 50% on 90 days from date of arrival
 - 25% on 60 days from date of arrival
 - 0% on 30 days from date of arrival
- 50% discount on accommodation rates apply to children under the age of 10 years sharing with parents.
- Cash accepted in ZAR, USD, MZT.
- Electronic Funds Transfers accepted.
- No credit/debit card facilities, no cheques, no travelers' cheques.