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Mozambique Travel Guide and General Information

What language do they speak in Mozambique? Do I need a visa for Mozambique? How can I make a call to or from Mozambique? This page provides you with the answers to frequently ask questions most travellers have, when going on holiday to Mozambique for the first time.

Time in Mozambique

As most countries in south eastern Africa, Mozambique is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2). Since Mozambique doesn't operate daylight saving time, there's no difference between summer and winter time.

Currency in Mozambique

Mozambique's currency is the metical (MZM). For latest exchange rate with major world currencies, kindly check with your bank or check with www.oanda.com. Most hotels and lodges in Mozambique accept US\$ and usually credit cards.

Mozambique's International Dialing Code

The International Dialing Code for Mozambique is +258, followed by an area code. Calling from Mozambique, you dial 00 plus the relevant country code (e.g. 001 for the United States, or 0044 for the United Kingdom).

Food in Mozambique

The food served in Mozambique's beach lodges is excellent, and the seafood is superb. Mozambican beer is popular, as are South African wines and beers. The local cuisine is mainly Portuguese, with Far Eastern influences. Specialties include Piri-piri chicken (chicken with spicy chilli sauce), Shellfish and Delagoa prawns with piri-piri sauce, rice with matapa (ground peanut and cassava leave sauce),

Health in Mozambique

Malaria is endemic in Mozambique. The islands are generally healthy, though the usual vaccines (typhoid, polio and tetanus) are sensible and yellow fever certificates may be required. Check with Mozambique Embassy or high commission for the latest update on health requirements before visiting.

Language in Mozambique

Portuguese is the official language, although this is generally only spoken by the more educated amongst Mozambique's population. Beside this, more than 60 different dialects of Bantu languages can be found in Mozambique. English is generally spoken in hotels and beach lodges.

Visas for Mozambique

Visas can often be obtained on arrival; the same day visa express service costs £60 per single entry. Please check the latest information for your trip with your closest Mozambican Embassy or High Commission before travelling whether you require visas. Your passport must be valid six months after arrival date. Where needed, visas are readily obtainable from consulates and diplomatic missions. Where no diplomatic representation exists, visas may be issued on arrival.

Weather and climate in Mozambique

Mozambique follows a typical southern Africa weather pattern, with slight differences between the north and the south of the country.

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