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Mozambique's major attraction is the country's 1,500-mile coastline, which is replete with idyllic beaches, tropical islands, crumbling forts and delicious seafood. This, combined with endless sunshine and warm weather make Mozambique a travelers paradise.

VISAS

A visa is required for US passport holders traveling to Mozambique. Visas may be purchased upon arrival. Please refer to your Pre-Travel Checklist and itinerary for details. If you are not a US passport holder your entry requirements may vary; please contact your local government office for entry requirements.

CURRENCY

The currency in Mozambique is the Meticaís. Bank notes are in very high denominations. The U.S. Dollar and the South African Rand are the most acceptable foreign currency to carry and can be exchanged in commercial banks in large towns and cities. Changing currency at a hotel will usually involve the charging of a higher commission than at a bank. When converting foreign currency you will be required to show your passport.

CREDIT CARDS

Luxury hotels and certain shops and restaurants in Maputo accept valid, Visa and MasterCard. Outside Maputo credit cards are often not accepted.

PERSONAL SAFETY

It's sensible to take the same precautions in Mozambique cities as you would in any of the world's metropolitan areas. Never leave luggage unattended. Deposit your valuables in the hotel's safety deposit box. Always lock your car doors when self driving and keep the windows closed. Do not walk around the city looking like a tourist and keep your camera concealed.

Do not walk around with large amounts of cash. The Mozambican Police are available at any time to assist in the event of any difficulties; however you may experience communication difficulties if you are not conversant in Portuguese.

LANGUAGE

Portuguese is the official language of Mozambique; however, Mozambique is considered to be a multilingual country with 43 languages spoken throughout.

RECOMMENDED READING

- * *A Complicated War: The Harrowing of Mozambique* - William Finnegan
- * *Kalashnikovs and Zombie Cucumber: Travels in Mozambique* - Nick Middleton
- * *With Both Hands Waving: A Journey Through Mozambique* - Justin Fox (Vintage/Ebury).
- * *A History of Mozambique* - Malyn Newitt
- * *The Human Factor* - Graham Greene



JUST FOR FUN

- * Fertilizer companies don't send their salespeople to Mozambique—the country's soil is so good that it rarely needs to be fertilized.
- * Among Mozambique's chief attractions are beaches, African culture, quiet islands, Portuguese-style architecture and deep-sea fishing.
- * Three of Africa's major rivers flow through the country—the Limpopo in the far south, the Zambezi in the center (pouring into the Indian Ocean south of Beira) and Rovuma along the northern border with Tanzania. The immense Rift Valley lake known to Malawians as Lake Malawi and to Mozambicans as Lago Niassa forms part of the border with Malawi.
- * Mozambique's first-ever Olympic gold medal was won by female track-and-field athlete Maria Mutola at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Known as the "Maputo Express," Mutola, snared her victory in the 800m sprint and raced her way into the hearts of her fellow countrymen.
- * In 1998, Graca Machel, wife of the late Mozambique president Samora Machel, married Nelson Mandela, then the president of South Africa. She remains unique in having been the first lady of two different nations.

Mozambique *Average lows and highs													
Temp		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
MPM	°F	76/86	75/86	74/85	70/82	65/80	59/76	59/75	62/77	65/78	68/79	71/82	74/85
MPM	°C	24/30	24/30	23/29	21/28	18/27	15/24	15/24	17/25	18/26	20/26	22/28	23/29
*Rain variations occur each year. Amounts are dependent on your specific location.													
Rain		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
MPM	in	6.00	5.30	3.90	2.00	1.10	0.70	0.60	0.50	1.20	2.00	3.10	3.70
MPM	mm	152	135	99	51	28	18	15	13	31	51	79	94
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