



Mozambique

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Best of Culture

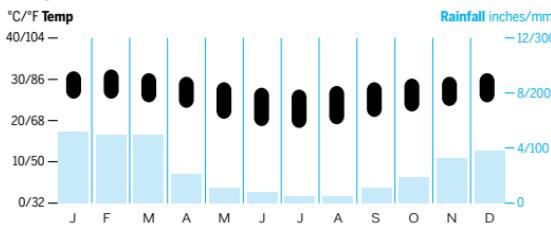
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Why Go?

Mozambique beckons with its coastline and swaying palms, its traditions, its cultures, its vibe and – most of all – its adventure. This enigmatic southeast African country is well off most travellers' maps, but it has much to offer those who venture here: long, dune-fringed beaches; turquoise waters abounding in shoals of colourful fish; well-preserved corals; remote archipelagos in the north; pounding surf in the south; graceful dhows with billowing sails; colonial-style architecture; pulsating nightlife; vast tracks of bush populated with elephants, lions and birds galore; and an endlessly fascinating cultural mix. Discovering these attractions is not always easy, but it is unfailingly rewarding. Bring along some patience, a tolerance for long bus rides and a sense of adventure and jump in for the journey of a lifetime.

When to Go

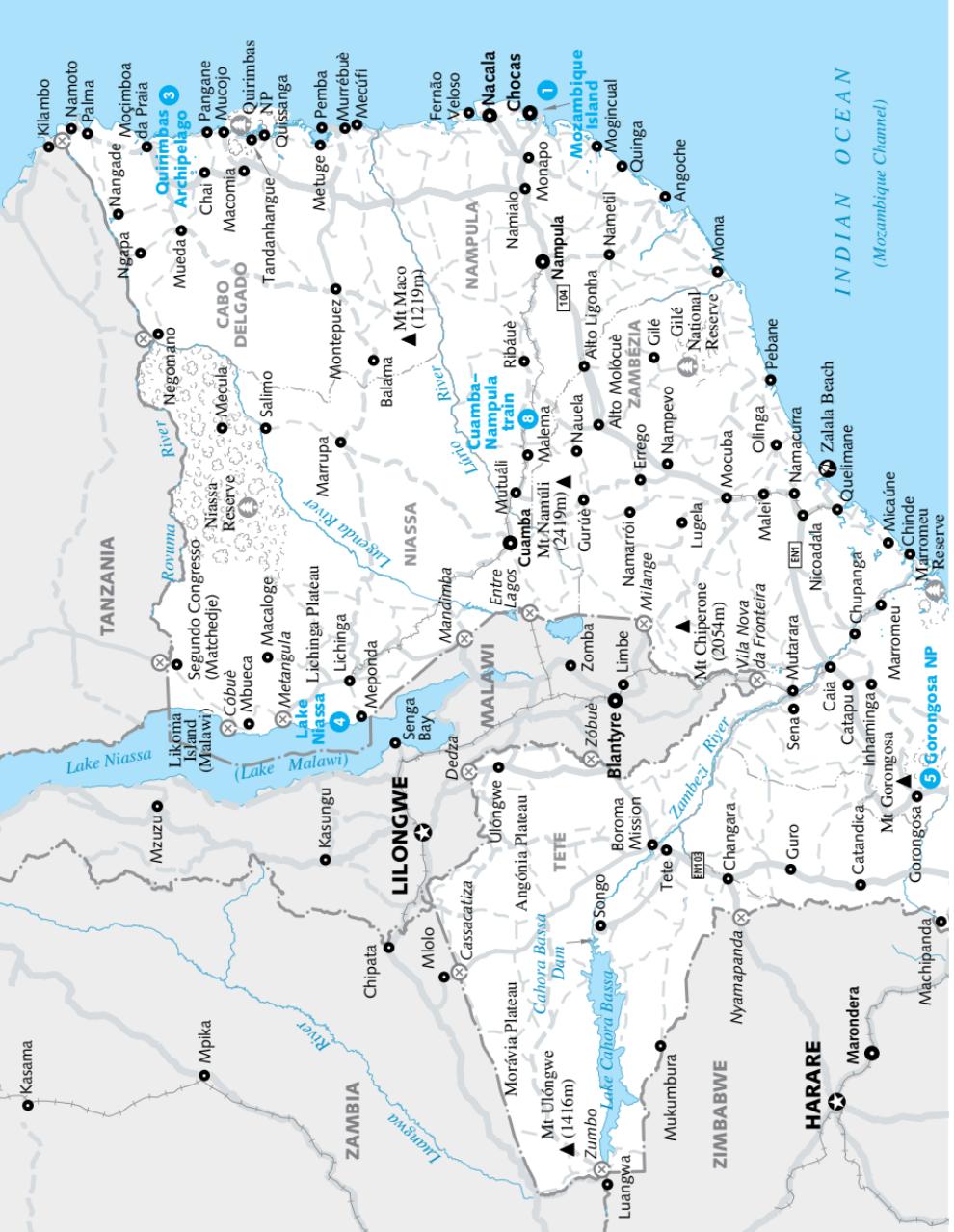
Maputo



Dec–Apr Heavy rains bring flooding in some areas, especially during February and March.

May–Oct Cooler and dry. In August, advance bookings are essential for the southern coastal resorts.

Nov Mostly dry and increasingly warm, but without the holiday crowds of December and January.



Mozambique Highlights

- Discovering enchanting Mozambique Island (p210), with its time-warp atmosphere, cobbled streets and colonial-era buildings
- Getting to know Maputo (p170), Mozambique's waterside capital with flame-tree-lined avenues, lively sidewalk cafes and museums
- Exploring the Quirimbas Archipelago (p224), including magical Ibo Island, with its silversmiths, fort and crumbling mansions
- Relaxing along the ruggedly beautiful shoreline of Lake Niassa (p216)
- Gorongosa NP (p216)

INDIAN OCEAN

(Mozambique Channel)

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