



# Mozambique

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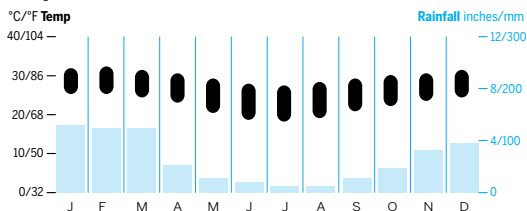
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## Why Go?

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



## Best of Nature

- » Gorongosa National Park (p199)
- » Chimanimani Mountains (p202)
- » Quirimbas Archipelago (p224)
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## Best of Culture

- » Mozambique Island (p210)
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- » Maputo (p170)
- » Inhambane (p186)

**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

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

