



Mozambique

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Best Places to Eat

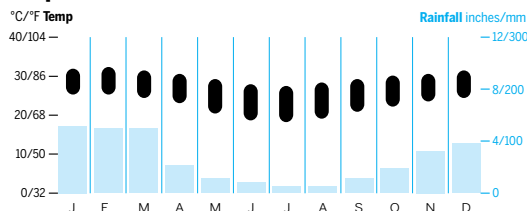
- Cinco Portas (p225)
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Why Go?

Mozambique beckons with its coastline and swaying palms, its traditions, its cultures, its vibe and its opportunities for 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 and graceful dhows with billowing sails. Add to this colonial-style architecture, pulsating nightlife, a fascinating cultural mix and vast tracts of bush. Discovering these attractions is not always easy, but it is unfailingly rewarding. Bring along patience, a tolerance for long bus rides, some travel savvy and a sense of adventure, and jump in for the journey of a lifetime.

When to Go

Maputo



May–Nov Cooler, dry weather makes this the ideal time to visit.

Dec–Apr Rainy season can bring washed-out roads and occasional flooding in the south and centre.

Holidays Southern resorts fill up during Christmas, Easter and August; advance bookings advised.

Mozambique Highlights

1 Mozambique Island (p210)

Discovering the island's time-warp atmosphere, cobble streets and fascinating history.

2 Maputo (p172)

Getting to know Mozambique's waterside capital, with its museums and lively sidewalk cafes.

3 Quirimbas Archipelago (p224)

Exploring the islands, especially magical Ibo with its old fort and crumbling mansions.

4 Lake Niassa (p217)

Relaxing along the lake's ruggedly beautiful shoreline.

5 Gorongosa National Park (p199)

Watching wildlife and birding amid Gorongosa's sublime landscapes.

