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## Mozambique Travel Checklist

### #1 Compulsory requirements and documentation

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- Hollsure compulsory 3rd party insurance, sold at Outdoor Warehouse  
This covers the insured against legal liability resulting from death or injury to persons, or damage to property, caused to third parties by the insured vehicle/trailer, specified in the schedule, during the period of insurance and subject to the terms, exceptions and conditions of this insurance policy.
- Vehicle/trailer registration papers  
If your vehicle is under finance from a bank, you need a letter from the bank, authorising you to take the vehicle across the border. The bank will have the original registration paper of the vehicle/trailer, so make a copy of the licence disc paper and take it along. (Also take the original licence disc paper along, to produce if you are requested to do so.) If you are in any other way not the owner of the vehicle, get a certified letter from the owner authorising you to take the vehicle across the border.
- Temporary vehicle import papers (DA341 form, only available at the border)  
Also declare items such as a generator, fridge/ freezer, camping and fishing equipment, laptop and camera.
- Valid driver's licence  
South African and international licences are recognised. Keep your licence & vehicle papers on you always.
- An international driving permit is recommended for visitors other than South Africans.  
SA drivers licences are accepted in Mozambique.

- Passports (which will not expire within six months of visit) for adults and children. Visas are not required by SA passport holders for tourism purposes for a stay of up to 90 days.
- Swazi documentation necessary for travellers entering from Swaziland.
- Check that your medical aid provides medical insurance in Mozambique. If necessary, buy a temporary policy through a reliable travel agent in South Africa. Emergency road or air evacuation can be very costly.
- Black and white ZA sticker on the back of the vehicle, including on trailers.
- If towing a trailer, display a sticker with a yellow triangle on a square blue background, on both the front of the vehicle and the rear of the trailer.
- All trailers and caravans must display a full chevron or reflectors at the rear and yellow reflective tape on the sides.
- Two red warning triangles, for use in case of breakdowns, must be kept in the vehicle.
- A reflective vest should be worn whenever you have to repair a vehicle at the side of the road; when dealing with a road accident; when loading, unloading or clearing away cargo which has fallen on to the road or on the roadside.
- Documentation confirming compulsory vaccination:  
Yellow fever (if from an endemic country).
- Fire extinguisher

### #2 Useful tips

- Ensure that your vehicle, trailer lights and indicators are all working.
- Get a letter from your insurance company confirming comprehensive insurance of your vehicle and for which countries.
- Make allowances for road condition. Main roads are mostly tarred, but the quality varies and there are many pot-holes, particularly just north of Xai-Xai. Almost all minor roads are only suitable for 4x4 driving. Do not risk them with a 4x2 vehicle, not even with a diff-lock.  
NOTE: Landmines are still a risk on less-travelled roads. Check with your resort about the roads in its vicinity.
- Avoid driving at night as it is very dangerous. There are vehicles without lights or reflectors and many pedestrians and cyclists beside/in the road. Broken-down vehicles are left in the road, sometimes indicated by tree branches. If you have to drive after dark, drive slowly.
- Avoid driving alone as breakdowns can be difficult to deal with (no infrastructure nor spare parts). Take basic spares along and a proper, quality tow-rope. Keep your headlights off during the day and keep your seatbelts on at all times.

Speed limits will change, especially near populated areas. Look out for speed traps especially on the downhill stretch 5 km from the border post when travelling back to South Africa. That is a 60 km/h zone and you will be fined. If you are stopped at a speed trap anywhere in Mozambique, traffic police will show you the alleged speed and you must produce your licence and vehicle registration papers. You can pay your fine (in meticaais) on the spot. (The officers must give a receipt, specifying the traffic violation, relevant part of the road ordinance and monetary value of the fine.) Alternatively they will keep your licence while you pay at the nearest police station and return with the receipt.

Camping is only allowed in authorised, demarcated areas.

Access to beaches is only allowed on existing roads.

It is illegal to drive on the beach unless you are launching a boat. Offenders could have their vehicles impounded. A Mozambican permit to launch a boat is obtainable at the Maritime Office in any major town along the coast or from resorts. Launch fees vary according to the boat and cover a 30-day period. The two kinds of fishing licences (deep sea and spear fishing) also last for 30 days. If you buy fish to take home, it is nevertheless advisable to buy a fishing permit.

Cellphone coverage: Have roaming enabled (expensive calls) or don't be network-locked and install a local SIM card and buy pre-paid airtime. Coverage extends around Maputo, Beira, some coastal locations and a few other towns.

Local currency is the metical (plural: meticaais.) Rand currency is also accepted in Mozambique.

Recommended vaccinations: Typhoid, hepatitis A, tetanus and meningitis.

Toilet paper: take enough for the whole trip.

## #3 Health and hygiene

Bottled water and water-purifying tablets  
(Drink bottled, boiled or purified water and avoid ice and raw and unpeeled fruits and vegetables.)

Effective malaria prophylaxis

Mosquito repellent (Also consider a mosquito net.)

To avoid ticks, wear long trousers and use insect repellent in scrub or wooded areas

Plentiful sunblock

Good sunhat

First aid kit (Take sterile needles, syringes and sutures if destined for a remote area.)

Toilet seat covers for facilities at garages etc.

Portable toilet (for rural areas)

Wet wipes

## #4 Vehicle equipment (Some items apply to 4x4)

### Navigation

Good quality map  GPS  Two-way radio

### Power management

Dual battery kit  Spare 12V battery  Battery cable  
 Battery charger  Battery monitor  Inverter

### Useful power accessories

Battery box  Spare fuses and globes  Battery clamps  
 Battery terminals  Extension lead  12V extension  
 Harrison/Hella/cigarette lighter plugs  12V extra socket adaptors

### Vehicle recovery and tyres

Recovery kit/straps/shackles  Folding spade  High-lift jack  
 High-lift jack adaptors  High-lift base plate  Tyre repair kit refills/patches  
 Recovery gloves  Tyre repair kit  Tyre pressure gauge  
 Tyre lever  Holts tyre foam  Compressor  
 Wheel spanner  Spare wheel/second spare tyre

### Safety

Tow strap  Ratchet strap  Tyre pressure monitoring system (Selected stores.)  
 Jump cables  Towing mirror  
 Fire extinguisher  SOS universal radiator strap  2 Warning triangles  
 Incline meter  Headlamp  Radiator seed net  
 Tie-down pull strap  Reflective vest  Battery jump starter  
 Cable ties  Small fire extinguisher

### Fuel and water containers

Petrol or diesel can  Spout  Funnel  
 Siphon  Water container  Spare caps for containers  
 Water/Fuel can hose

### Vehicle accessories

Seat covers  Reflective sun shield  Heavy-duty floor mats  
 Seat protectors  Cargo net

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