

# ACACIA AFRICA

## MOZAMBIQUE ESCAPE – TOUR DOSSIER

TOUR CODE ME7

MAPUTO – MAPUTO

7 DAYS

Tour Starts – **Met on arrival at Maputo airport**

### HIGHLIGHTS

Maputo City Tour  
Afro-Portuguese Culture  
Salamanga Hindu Temple  
Maputo Elephant Reserve  
Ponta Mamoli  
Dolphin Excursion

**Kick back in the relaxed pace of Southern Mozambique.  
Enjoy the wildlife, untouched beaches and warm Afro-Portuguese vibe  
on your Mozambique Escape!**

### INTENDED ITINERARY

Whilst it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore, treat the following as a guide only. **This tour is operated in association with a local operator. Acacia is proud to be working with local companies supporting local communities.**

**Duration:** 7 Days  
**Countries visited:** Mozambique

#### DAY 1 Maputo Lx1 Hotel

Arriving at the airport you are met by a guide and transferred to your hotel in the city. Maputo is an enchanting city of wide acacia-lined avenues and tall buildings overlooking Maputo Bay and the Indian Ocean. One of the city's more fascinating features is its remarkable wealth of grand period architecture, that makes it somewhat unique amongst African cities. After taking lunch in a popular local restaurant by the sea we take an afternoon city tour to discover Maputo's buildings and markets. This evening your guide can advise where you may like to eat, but Maputo boasts a host of great street cafes and restaurants that bring a taste of the Costa del Sol to Africa!

#### DAY 2 Salamanga, Maputo Elephant Reserve Bx1 Lx1 Dx1 Beach Lodge

Leaving the city, we enjoy the early morning breeze and cross Maputo Bay via Catembe to Salamanga where we stop to see its impressive Hindu Temple. Heading south, we then cross the Maputo and Futi rivers before entering the Maputo Elephant Reserve, home to approximately 350 elephants, along with zebra, hippos, antelope, monkeys, jackals, crocodiles and a wealth of birdlife. Situated 79km south of Maputo on the coast, this is a wilderness area of forest, grassland and sandy soils. It is part of the Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area and is linked via a narrow corridor, to Kruger National Park in neighbouring South Africa. With conservation projects in effect, the area hopes to develop more wildlife here in the coming years. We enjoy game driving through the area where we hope to spot the park's inhabitants, before a leisurely lunch. This afternoon we head south along the coast to secluded Ponta Mamoli, situated on a wild and beautiful area of untouched coastline. For the next four nights we stay at a local run lodge close to the beach.

**DAY 3 - 5**  
**Ponta Mamoli, Dolphin Excursion**  
Bx3 Dx3  
Beach Lodge

You now have three days here to enjoy at leisure. Ponta Mamoli has a private and secluded beach in a bay which is perfect for snorkelling, fishing, surfing and swimming.

The lodge itself, also has a swimming pool, bar and restaurant where you can relax and sip cocktails. If you wish to be more adventurous, Ponta Mamoli Dive Centre offers wonderful snorkelling and scuba diving expeditions to local reefs. There are also canoe trips, horse trails, shell spotting and bird trails organised in the bay to keep young and old amused. Keen anglers may like to try deep sea fishing, while the bay is also a favourite for salt-water fly-fishing. During our time here we include a dolphin excursion – taking a boat out into the bay to meet its pod of inhabitant dolphins. While sightings are never guaranteed, success rates are high!

At the end of a fulfilling day relax at the bar and restaurant with new friends.

**DAY 6**  
**Ponta, Mamoli, Maputo**  
Bx1 Lx1  
Hotel

After a relaxed breakfast there is time to enjoy an early morning drive or horse ride on the beach before we head back to Maputo. We plan to arrive late afternoon.

**DAY 7**  
**Maputo**  
Bx1

Enjoy today at leisure until your transfer back to the airport for your onward flight.

## TOUR INFORMATION

### TOUR STYLE

Comfort Class Safari. These tours are designed for those who want the adventurous African safari but would like to enjoy a more comfortable private room and en suite at the end of each day. Accommodation is usually mid range and any camping is done in permanent tented camps with bed and bedding provided.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tour highlights, accommodation, transport, airport transfers, park fees, road tolls & taxes, meals as indicated & services of a tour guide & driver.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport taxes, drinks, laundry, tips to driver & local guides, optional activities & items of a personal nature.

### ACCOMMODATION

4-star hotel with air-conditioned rooms and en suite facilities (2 nts.), Beach lodge with en suite rooms with ceiling fans and swimming pool (4 nts.)

### MEALS

Meals included are – Breakfast (B) x6, Lunch (L) x3, Dinner (D) x4

### TRANSPORT

Minibus for transfers, 4x4 for Maputo Elephant Reserve game drive.

### OPERATOR

As this tour is run by a respected local tour operator, you will benefit from their extensive local knowledge and enthusiasm as well as helping Acacia support local businesses in Africa.

## TOUR PREPARATION

### BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Maputo is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

## JOINING INFORMATION

You will be met on arrival at Maputo airport and transferred to your accommodation before lunch on day 1. You will be transferred back to the airport on day 7. Please ensure you let Acacia know of your flight arrival details before you travel.

If you would like an air-conditioned coach transfer from Johannesburg, please contact Acacia for alternate price and itinerary.

## EXTENDING YOUR STAY

If you wish to extend your time in Mozambique any additional accommodation can be arranged by Acacia, usually booked on a direct pay basis. Please contact us for more details.

## WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum. The luggage limit on this tour is 12kg. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour bring a mixture of lightweight, summer clothing for the day and warm clothing (ie fleece, long trousers and hat) for mornings and evenings. Pack a light rain jacket from Dec- Feb, when it can rain. Please bring mosquito spray and sun block. A small pair of binoculars and a camera with a good zoom is recommended for game viewing. It is also a good idea to purchase a money pouch / belt that is easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets.

## VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Mozambique	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	C*	R

**C** = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, \* = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

**C\*** = Compulsory if travelling from a Yellow Fever area

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk) For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website. For those flying into Maputo International Airport visas can be issued upon arrival but this will cause a delay of approx. 45 Minutes

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Mozambique	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## MONEY MATTERS

### PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and internet cafes etc. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15 per day. Also put aside US\$ for any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars, Euros, Pounds Sterling or SA Rand which can be transferred into the local currency on arrival.
- **Currencies:** Mozambique – Metical (MZM)
- **ATM machines** are found in Maputo but generally only accept VISA or Mastercard. Please remember they will only give you local currency.
- **Credit cards** can be used when paying for large optional activities such as diving and canoe trips.
- **Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash outside Maputo

### LOCAL PAYMENT

The Local Payment (LP) set out in the brochure is to be paid in **US dollars cash** to the guide on arrival in Maputo. It is used by the tour leader to pay for running costs on the road. Travellers' cheques and credit cards are not accepted.

### TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your guide and drivers, at the end of a tour, for services rendered. The amount is a matter for individual discretion.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
<b>Ponta Mamoli</b>			
Scuba Diving	\$35.00	Scuba/ snorkeling equipment hire - per item ie. BD, mask, fins etc.	\$5.00
Discover Scuba- 1 day intro course	\$120.00	PADI Course 5 days	\$350.00
Snorkelling Excursion	\$30.00	Deep Sea Fishing Min 4 - Hourly rate	\$25.00 PP
Horse Riding	\$20.00 per hour	Fly Fishing	POA

## INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please contact Acacia for more information.

## Country Information - MOZAMBIQUE

### Facts

Capital:	Maputo
Size:	799 380 sq km / 308 642 sq miles
Population:	19,406,703 (Sept. 05)
Groups:	Makua, Shangaan, Chokwe, Manyika, Sena, Makonde, Euro-Africans, Indians, Europeans (mainly of Portuguese origin)
Languages:	Portuguese, Bantu languages like Makua-Lomwe, Sena-Nyanja, Tsonga
Local time:	GMT + 2
Seasons:	Wet (October – March), dry (April-September)
Currency:	1 Metical (plural Meticais) = 100 Centavos
Telephone:	Country code 258 , international access code 00
Electricity:	220 V / 240 V / 50 Hz, round pin attachment plug, Schuko plug and receptacle with side grounding contacts or South African plug

This is a poor country, but one where the people are open and generous. It also has some of the best beaches on the east coast of Africa and some of the worst roads. Although the Portuguese arrived here in the late 15th century and set up trading post, colonization did not start in earnest until the late 17th century with the setting up of private agricultural estates. The country consists of a wide coastal plain rising to mountains and plateaus on the Zimbabwean, Zambian and Malawian borders. The dry season runs from April to September during which the climate is pleasant, the remainder of the year is the wet season where it is hot and humid. The population is around 19 million and the main tribal groups are the Makus, Tsonga, Malawi and Shona. Portuguese is the official language but there are many African Languages, English is not widely spoken.

## Points of Interest

### Maputo

Mozambique's capital was formerly named Lourenço Marques after a Portuguese explorer who landed here in 1544. Before Mozambique's civil war, Maputo was one of Africa's most important commercial cities and the main port from where South Africa shipped its mining products.

Although the war scars are still visible, it hasn't lost its distinct Portuguese atmosphere with bakeries on every corner and **street-side cafes** à la Paris or Buenos Aires. You can also feast on the freshest **sea food** ever, prepared 'peri-peri' (spicy) style. Besides that, Maputo is known for its pumping **nightlife**.

There are a few sights left from pre-war times like the **Fort of Nossa Senhora da Conceicao (Our Lady of Conception)** and the restored **Central Train Station** which was built in 1910 by Gustave Eiffel. You will also find a fish and a craft market in town.

For an art experience of a different kind head to **Núcleo Arte** – a co-operative, transforming weapons into art pieces, reflecting the country's change. The artists are very friendly; they show you how they work and allow you to take pics.

For a day out, hop on one of the boats to **Inhaca Island**. There, you can visit the maritime museum and the historic lighthouse or just go for a stroll.

The **Maputo Elephant Reserve**, south of the capital, covers 104,000 hectares and is famous for its large herds of elephants and flocks of flamingos.

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### RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

### PHOTOS & STORIES SEARCH

**If you've ever thought you can take better pictures than the brochures or have a great travel story and want to see yourself in print, then we're looking for you.** If you've captured a great moment on tour, whether it's of the wildlife, local people, landscape or life on the road why not enter our monthly photographic competition starting in 2009. Not only do we give away a monthly prize, you may also see your photos published in a future brochure or on our website. We are also on the lookout for stories of life on the road, the funny, exhilarating, moving or simply unforgettable things you did on tour. We publish the best stories on the Tales from the Road section of our website. Send your photos or stories to [acaciaontheroad@googlemail.com](mailto:acaciaontheroad@googlemail.com)

Photos should be in digital format & good resolution (max 6 pics per person) and labelled with the location of where the photos were taken. Meanwhile if you have a story or anecdote about your tour (up to 400 words) it needn't be word perfect, we'd love to hear about it.

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