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Maputo - Kruger National Park - Bazaruto Archipelago

11 Days / 10 Nights

6 Persons

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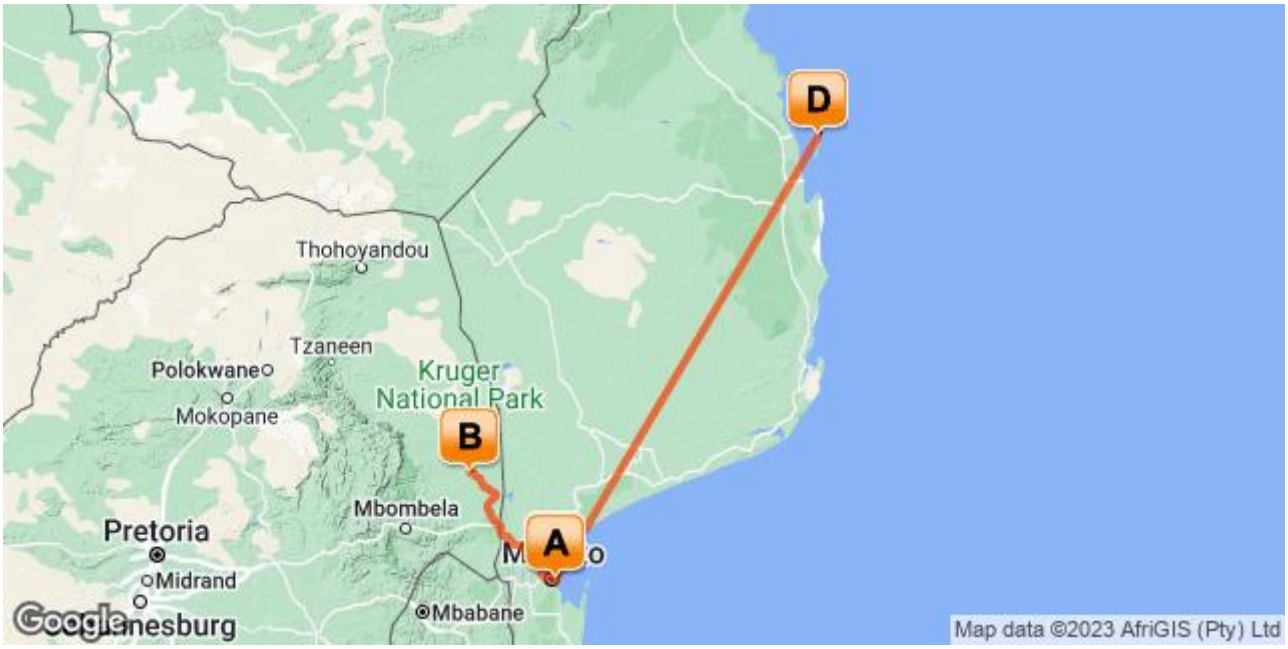

Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Polana Serena Hotel	Maputo	D,B&B	2x Single Room, 2x Double Room, 2x Twin Room	**1 Night**
Rhino Post Safari Lodge	Kruger National Park	FB+	2x Single Room, 2x Double Room, 2x Twin Room	**4 Nights**
Southern Sun Maputo	Maputo	B&B	2x Single Room, 2x Double Room, 2x Twin Room	**1 Night**
Pestana Bazaruto Lodge	Bazaruto Archipelago	FB+	2x Single Room, 2x Double Room, 2x Twin Room	**4 Nights**

Key
B&B: Bed and Breakfast
D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Price
$3900 per person sharing

Included
all accommodation in 4* Hotels and resorts for 10 nights 11 days

all entrances and fees

all meals as per itinerary

all transport in aircondioned vehicles

Internal flights to Vilanculos return Maputo

Professional guide on all activities.

Luxury Safari Lodge and activities

Excluded
flights

visas

extra activities

4 dinners and 4 lunches out at local Restaurants.

Gratuities

Drinks

Day 1: Polana Serena Hotel, Maputo (Sun, 10 July)

Maputo

Mozambique's capital, Maputo, is known for its well-preserved Portuguese colonial architecture. With its beautiful art deco architecture and its exceptional setting on a hill overlooking the glittering Maputo Bay, the city of Maputo once sparkled as the 'Riviera' of Southern Africa. Previously called Lourenco Marques, Maputo is Mozambique's largest city and home to the country's most famous harbour. It is well-equipped with a wide selection of hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, a vibrant cultural scene and open-air sidewalk cafes lining the streets. Visitors can stroll down the jacaranda-lined streets of the Baixa neighbourhood in the Old Town, explore the Praca da Independencia square, discover the Neoclassical City Hall and view the unique bronze-domed Maputo Railway Station. Other popular activities include visiting Catembe and Ponta d'Oura's beautiful beaches as well as snorkelling and scuba diving in the warm Mozambican waters.

Overnight: Polana Serena Hotel

In the heart of Maputo, on one of the city's most desirable avenues, between Sommerschield and Polana, the justly famous Hotel Polana is a cool and gracious haven that recalls the elegance and splendor of colonial times. Close to Maputo's nerve centre – the international Embassies, the Presidency of the Republic, government Ministries and popular restaurants – and ten minutes away from the city centre and the Mavalane International airport, the Hotel Polana is a majestic building with a history stretching back many years, now lovingly restored to offer modern convenience hand in hand with the leisurely luxury and service of the colonial past.

The Polana's perfect location gives guests a panoramic view of the Bay of Maputo from virtually anywhere in the lush, landscaped gardens, the ideal place for a gentle stroll or a game of chess under the deep shade of the great rubber tree. The magnificent swimming-pool is inviting after a game of tennis or a tour down-town, a shimmering expanse of cool blue water dreaming in the sun. The Polana has everything to pamper and perk up the weary traveler in the Polana Gym, with its gymnasium and aerobics classes on site. Some of the Hotel's "millennium musts" include a superb gym, stylish international and piquant local cuisine, a state of the art conference centre and banqueting suite, a full range of sporting activities, a vibrant entertainment schedule, an art gallery, a colourful selection of bars, exquisite rose gardens, lush tropical grounds and what must be one of the most panoramically luxuriant swimming pools in Africa.

Basis
Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 2-6: Rhino Post Safari Lodge, Kruger National Park (Mon, 11 July to Fri, 15 July)

Kruger National Park
Stretching over more than two million hectares, the famous Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Owing to its exceptional size, visitors are able to experience fantastic diversity – from changing scenery and ecosystems to an impressive array of animals, plant life and birdlife. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species. Visitors can look forward to learning about the area's prehistoric past, enjoying a host of accommodation options, and viewing abundant wildlife including the famed Big Five. The diversity and sheer density of wildlife make Kruger National Park an unforgettable and once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Overnight: Rhino Post Safari Lodge
A natural extension of the bush and landscape, Rhino Post Safari Lodge is the perfect base from which to explore South Africa's iconic Kruger National Park. Experience responsible eco-conscious tourism, affordable, stylish accommodation, knowledgeable guides and staggering biodiversity, including the highly publicised big five. Enjoy our relaxed, friendly atmosphere, and let us show you Africa's heartbeat.

Basis
Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 6: Southern Sun Maputo, Maputo (Fri, 15 July)

Maputo
As previously described

Overnight: Southern Sun Maputo

The rich Portuguese heritage of Maputo, Mozambique, flows through the décor, detail and hospitality of Southern Sun Maputo. Located on the Maputo beachfront, this hotel is a popular haven for business and leisure guests, and is a mere 7km from the Maputo International Airport.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7-11: Pestana Bazaruto Lodge, Bazaruto Archipelago (Sat, 16 July to Wed, 20 July)

Bazaruto Archipelago

Resting in the warm Indian Ocean just off the coast of Vilanculos in Mozambique, the Bazaruto Archipelago forms part of a protected marine park and consists of five idyllic islands: Bazaruto, Benguerra, Magaruque, Santa Carolina and Bangue. These small, sandy and exquisitely beautiful islands feature some of Africa's best beaches as well as a number of large dunes and freshwater lakes, providing ideal nesting habitats for black-winged flamingos. Just offshore visitors can explore a kaleidoscope of colourful corals teeming with exotic marine life - whale sharks, dolphins, turtles and dugongs. Active types can try their hand at scuba diving, snorkelling, deep-sea fishing and sailing, while history lovers and culture enthusiasts will delight in the picturesque lighthouse and Vilankulo Ruins, built in the Great Zimbabwe tradition.

Overnight: Pestana Bazaruto Lodge

The island of Bazaruto is undoubtedly a beautiful and unexplored destination, characterized by its wildlife, turquoise waters and idyllic beaches.

Part of the island is composed of enormous sand dunes, while the remainder of the island is thicket, grassland, scrub and wetland. Thick forests of casuarinas, coconut palms and cashew nut trees grow on its shores. Marine species include dolphins, dugongs, humpback whales, marine turtles and the freshwater lakes in the area are home to crocodiles. The impressive beauty of the coral reefs complements this subtropical ecosystem, enriched by the abundance and rare beauty of the tropical fish, clear water and excellent surf, plus rock and fly-fishing. The archipelago is deservedly known as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean".

Pestana Bazaruto Lodge has 40 A-frame thatched bungalows, charmingly decorated ethnic island style and set amongst tropical gardens, with breathtaking views of the ocean and gardens.

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 11: End of Itinerary (Wed, 20 July)

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
20 Jul	Scheduled		Pestana Bazaruto Lodge		Maputo International Airport [MPM]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
10 Jul		Maputo International Airport [MPM]	Polana Serena Hotel		Transfer
11 Jul		Polana Serena Hotel	Rhino Post Safari Lodge		Transfer
15 Jul		Rhino Post Safari Lodge	Southern Sun Maputo		Transfer
16 Jul		Southern Sun Maputo	Pestana Bazaruto Lodge		Transfer

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Southern Sun Maputo		+258 21 495 050	Av. da Marginal 4016 Maputo Mozambique

Travel Information

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Situated on the east coast of Africa, this tropical paradise is blessed with 2500 kilometres of spectacular coastline. With its idyllic beaches fringed with palm trees and lapped by crystal-clear waters brimming with a dazzling array of marine life, this enchanting African nation is an ideal adventure holiday destination, with an abundance of activities on offer such as snorkelling, sunset cruises, horse-riding, dolphin tours and world-renowned scuba diving. Mozambique's two major centres, Maputo and Inhambane, offer an exotic kaleidoscope of art, music and delicious local food as well as a lively nightlife scene. Spend your days immersing yourself in the fascinating local culture, marvelling at the impressive colonial architecture and interacting with the fabulously friendly local inhabitants. Those seeking a more remote getaway can head for the isolated beaches of Benguerra Island; the historic Portuguese and Muslim architecture of Mozambique Island; or the outstanding wildlife of Gorongosa National Park. However, you choose to spend your time in this exceptionally scenic destination you are likely to leave with a heavy heart and a burning desire to return time and time again.

Banking and Currency

Currency

The currency of Mozambiqueis the Mozambique Metical (MZN; symbol MT) = 100 centavos. Notes are in denominations of MT1,000, 500, 200, 100, 50 and 20. Coins are in denominations of MT10, 5, 2 and 1 and 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1 centavos.

The new Metical replaced the old Metical (MZM) on 1 July 2006. 1 MZN = 1,000 MZM. The old notes ceased being legal tender on 31 December 2006.

The import and export of local currency is prohibited. The import of foreign currency is unlimited, subject to declaration. The export of foreign currency is limited to the amount declared on arrival.

Banking

Banking hours: Monday-Friday 07h30-15h30

Credit cards' are increasingly accepted in Maputo, but not generally beyond the capital.

Travellers' cheques are not commonly accepted, and where accepted are slow to process and often attract high rates of commission.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport is not recommended within Mozambique, however there are reliable bus shuttles to the north and international/local planes.

There are scheduled flights into Maputo and Vilankulo. Flights are generally routed via Johannesburg in South Africa. There are a variety of smaller airstrips for smaller charter flights (to the islands, etc).

Driving is on the left in Mozambique. You need to make sure that you are carrying ID, your drivers licence, the car registration papers and your insurance details. It is also obligatory to carry a warning triangle and I would also recommend a high viz vest. The wearing of seat belts is compulsory.

The roads are generally not in good repair. Many of the main roads have an awful lot of potholes and some are very deep.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Mozambique offers some of the best cuisine in Africa, providing a popular blend of Portugese, Indian and African influences. The country is well known for its seafood, which includes excellent prawns and crayfish, and the wildly popular grilled catch of the day, locally known as peixe grelhade. Local dishes, mainly along the coastal areas have a certain flair which makes them unique from the foods found in neighbouring countries. Mozambicans believe in the liberal use of coconut milk and their favourite local hot pepper, peri peri to add a zesty burn to their meals. For more carnivorous visitors, there is a decent variety of high quality meats, usually, bought into Mozambique from neighbouring South Africa.

In Mozambique all town treat their drinking water, travellers are however advised to boil the tap water before drinking it, alternatively would be to buy mineral water. Tap water can safely be used for showering and brushing your teeth.

Climate and Weather

The Mozambique coastline stretches for almost 2,000km, covering latitudes from about 11° to 27° South, and has a tropical ocean current running north to south along its length for the whole year.

Despite this range of latitudes, the whole country broadly follows a southern African weather pattern, with the rains falling largely between **December** and **March**.

This does vary a little between the north and south of the country, with the rains lasting a few weeks longer in the north than the south, but the pattern is the same. Humidity can be uncomfortably high during this period.

Most of Mozambique's rain arrives on moist southeast trade winds, but glance at a map to see that it lies in the rainshadow of Madagascar. This gives Mozambique a relatively low annual rainfall – and a great deal of protection from the tropical storms and the occasional cyclone which head towards it during this period.

By around **April** or **May** the rains subside, the sun comes out and the humidity drops – better weather spreads gradually from the south to the north.

June to **October** is the dry season, with often perfect tropical weather: clear skies, plenty of sun and almost no rain. This is the best time for most people to visit Mozambique. Although still tropical, **June**, **July** and **August** are Mozambique's coolest months; you'll need a light duvet at night, even though the temperature reaches over 30°C by day. During **September** and **October** it remains dry as daytime temperatures climb, though it cools down a lot at night.

November is a less predictable month of transition. Sometimes the rains start, although many days remain sunny and hot. The rains generally start earlier in the north of the country.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Light clothing is a must for most of the year (do not forget your swimminwear and sunscreen!). However, during winter (June-August) it can be chilli in the evenings, so pack something warm. When visiting game reserves, remember to pack sensible walking shoes, a hat and colour appropriate clothing (browns, greens, etc). In the evenings, it is advisable to wear long sleeved shirts to protect from the mosquitoes.

Internet Availability

There are many internet cafes in Maputo and almost all major hotels have internet access. Outside Maouto internet access is erratic and typically available in places frequented by tourists.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets in Mozambiqueare one of two electrical socket types: Type C (CEE 7/16 Europlug) and Type M (SABS-1661). If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

Electrical sockets in Mozambiqueusually supply electricity at 230 volts AC / 50 Hz frequency. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 230 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. If your appliance isn’t compatible with 230 volts, a voltage converter will be necessary.

One of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth, South Africa, fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', boasts 11 official languages, and its inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife, and beautiful beaches of Cape Town. Enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township, browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban, or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its untamed wilderness is astonishing: wildlife roams freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park.

Banking and Currency

Currency

The currency is the Rand, which is divided into 100 cents. There are R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10 notes. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, and 10c.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays (Closed Sundays and Public Holidays). Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank & credit cards as well as travellers cheques. You can also obtain cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs). Several international banks have branches in the main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside the country as they might block your purchases if they are not informed.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Travelling around South Africa is relatively easy by air, road and rail.

Several airlines operate domestic routes with regular links between Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, George, Nelspruit and Port Elizabeth and relatively frequent flights to several smaller towns and cities too.

An extensive tarred road system makes travelling in South Africa by vehicle convenient and easy. You will find gravel roads in rural areas though. Please note that a valid international driver's licence is required. We drive on the left-hand side of the road. Most global car hire firms have branches in South Africa.

Another means of getting around South Africa are inter-city bus services. Metrobus buses are available for in-city transport. Metered taxis can be ordered and e-hailing services are available. There is the popular MyCityBus system in Cape Town and a hop-on-hop-off tourist bus in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

The rail system includes the long-haul, inexpensive Shosholoza Meyl Metrorail trains with more luxurious options are available. There is also the Gautrain rapid transit railway system in Gauteng Province.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Standards of hygiene in relation to food health and safety in South Africa, are generally high in hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

It is safe to eat fresh fruit, vegetables and salads and put ice in your drinks. South Africa's fish, meat and chicken are of excellent quality, so there is no need to limit yourself when enjoying the local cuisine.

Restaurants are subject to South Africa's food safety control legislation, which is implemented by local government. Regulations include certification and regular inspections by health inspectors to maintain hygienic standards.

Street food is not as common in South Africa as it is in other countries, although vendors selling traditional snacks and meals can be found in city centres and townships. Food safety in such instances cannot always be guaranteed.

Climate and Weather

South African temperatures, which are measured in centigrade, average at highs of 28°C to average lows of 8°C in the summer months, while winter temperatures range from 1°C at night to around 18°C during the day. Average annual rainfall is on the low side at under 500mm a year, making the country somewhat dry. Much of the rain falls in the Western Cape in the winter, differing from the rest of the country, which experiences summer rainfall. On the plus side, the South African climate boasts more than its fair share of sunshine, recording an average of 8.5 hours a day.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Summer

Bring cool, light and comfortable clothes because summer temperatures can get well into the 30 - 40 degree Celsius range in some areas. Also, bring an umbrella or raincoat during summer as this is when most of the country gets its rain, but don't forget a swimming costume (bathing suit).

Winter

The winters are generally mild, comparing favourably with European summers. But there are days when temperatures dive, especially in high-lying areas such as the Drakensberg, so be prepared with jerseys and jackets. Cape Town gets its rain during the winter season so it's advisable to bring rain gear along.

General

Always bring a hat, sunglasses and sunblock as the sun can be strong even in the winter months.

Walking shoes are a good idea all year-round, with warm socks in the winter.

If you are doing business in the country, business attire is generally called for in the corporate sector, but media, for example generally dress more casually.

For game viewing, a couple of neutral-toned items will be useful, but there's no need to go overboard. A good pair of walking shoes is also advisable.

For the evening, if you are dining at an upmarket restaurant or seeing a show, smart-casual attire is recommended.

Internet Availability

Most accommodation offer Wifi in their business centres, rooms or restaurants. Internet cafes are found in most business areas and shopping malls. In addition, some South African restaurants offer WiFi access.

There are also outlets such as PostNet that offer internet, fax and postage facilities.

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Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

Flights are on Economy basis

Travel in 2020 or 2022(except between 15 December to 15 January)

groups size from 4 to 12 people