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Australian passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Mozambique. Since Mozambique does not have an embassy in Australia, these visas may be issued upon arrival in Maputo or at most boarder crossings for a cost of US\$80.

Passports should have blank pages and be valid for 6 months beyond the period of intended stay. Travellers must also be able to show documents confirming their hotel bookings and tickets/entry documents for their onward destination.

For further information and to confirm that you are eligible to receive a visa at your port of entry to Mozambique, please contact a Mozambican mission on the details below.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Mozambique. Vaccination against Hepatitis B, Rabies (particularly if working with animals) and Typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers to Mozambique. Cholera is reported in Mozambique but vaccination is generally not recommended. Care with food and beverage selection is far more important. There is a high risk of Malaria in Mozambique and Dengue Fever also occurs, thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Mozambique should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise a high degree of caution in Mozambique because of high levels of serious crime. Pay close attention to your personal security at all times. Avoid travelling at night. Reconsider your need to travel to Cabo Delgado Province due to clashes between armed groups, security forces and local residents. On 8 June 2018 the US Government warned its citizens of possible imminent attacks on government and commercial centres in the district headquarters of Palma. See [Safety and security](#).

Reconsider your need to travel by road along the EN1 road between Save River and Caia in Sofala Province, and the EN6 road between Beira in Sofala Province and Chimoio in Manica Province, due to armed attacks on vehicles. In Sofala Province, banditry and politically-motivated violence have been reported. See [Safety and security](#).

Kidnapping and other violent criminal activity is increasing in Maputo and Beira. Avoid walking at night, even in well-known tourist areas. Avoid isolated beaches. See [Safety and security](#). Avoid all demonstrations and protests as they can become violent. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Mozambique at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

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Time Differences between Mozambique and Australia

Mozambique is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Mozambique is called Central Africa Time (CAT).

Mozambique, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 6pm; Darwin, Adelaide 7:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Mozambique, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Mozambique: +258

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
Call the UK on +44 20 7365 4846

Emergency Services:
There is no Mozambican equivalent to "000".
Travellers requiring emergency medical assistance should consult their insurance documentation for emergency options or contact an Australian mission on the details below.

Private ambulance operators include:
MozAssit - +258 82 012 3455,
www.mozassist.co.mz
Vida Plus - 84 124 or 82 124, www.vidaplus.org

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Mozambique

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Australia does not maintain a permanent High Commission in Mozambique, however the Honorary Australian Consulate in Maputo may be able to provide limited assistance to Australian travellers. The Australian High Commission in Pretoria, South Africa is accredited to Mozambique. Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians in Mozambique are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian High Commission in South Africa, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Mozambique and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Mozambique:

Alcohol: 750 ml of alcoholic beverages.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 250g of tobacco.
 Perfume: Opened bottles reasonable for personal use.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Mozambique and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For further information regarding Australian customs regulations please visit www.border.gov.au.

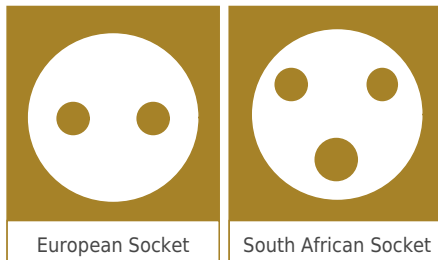
Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European and South African (usually in locations close to the South African boarder).

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: USA.

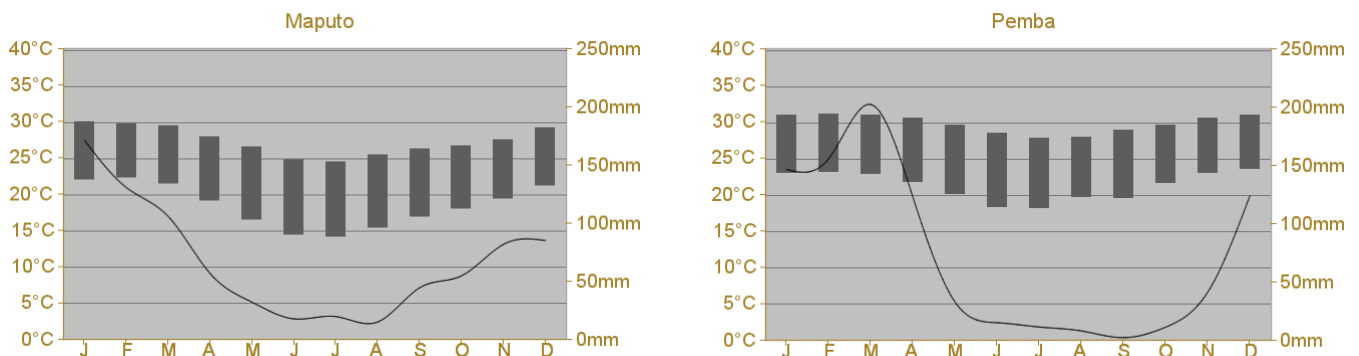
Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information, please go to www.korjo.com.au.



Public Holidays in Mozambique 2018

- 01 - 02 Jan: New Year's Day
- 03 Feb: Heroes' Day
- 07 Apr: Women's Day
- 01 May: Workers Day
- 25 Jun: Independence Day
- 07 Sep: Lusaka Agreement Day
- 25 Sep: Victory Day
- 04 Oct: Peace and Reconciliation Day
- 25 Dec: Christmas Day / Family Day

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Mozambique



Source: Instituto Nacional de Meteorologia, Mozambique. For local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Exchange Rate with Mozambique

Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 44.12 Mozambican Meticaís
 10 Mozambican Meticaís (MZN) = 0.23 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 42.42 Mozambican Meticaís
 10 Mozambican Meticaís (MZN) will cost 0.24 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

5 MT = \$0.12 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.			
10 MT	= \$0.24 AUD	100 MT	= \$2.36 AUD	1,000 MT	= \$23.57 AUD
20 MT	= \$0.47 AUD	200 MT	= \$4.71 AUD	2,000 MT	= \$47.15 AUD
30 MT	= \$0.71 AUD	300 MT	= \$7.07 AUD	3,000 MT	= \$70.72 AUD
40 MT	= \$0.94 AUD	400 MT	= \$9.43 AUD	4,000 MT	= \$94.30 AUD
50 MT	= \$1.18 AUD	500 MT	= \$11.79 AUD	5,000 MT	= \$117.87 AUD
60 MT	= \$1.41 AUD	600 MT	= \$14.14 AUD	6,000 MT	= \$141.45 AUD
70 MT	= \$1.65 AUD	700 MT	= \$16.50 AUD	7,000 MT	= \$165.02 AUD
80 MT	= \$1.89 AUD	800 MT	= \$18.86 AUD	8,000 MT	= \$188.59 AUD
90 MT	= \$2.12 AUD	900 MT	= \$21.22 AUD	9,000 MT	= \$212.17 AUD
				10,000 MT	= \$235.74 AUD

Banknotes of Mozambique

The legal currency of Mozambique is called the Metical (plural Meticaís), which is abbreviated using the symbol "MT". The South African Rand is also used as currency in southern Mozambique close to the South African boarder. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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About Mozambique

Full Name: Republica de Mocambique
 (Republic of Mozambique).

Independence: June 1975 (from Portugal).

Size: 1,098,581 sq km (similar to NSW).

Population: 24 million (similar to Australia).
 Maputo 1.6 mil (capital); Matola 790,000.

Ethnicity: Almost all indigenous African.
 Tribal groups include the Makuwa, Tsonga, Lomwe and Sena among others.

Language: Portuguese is the official language but is only spoken by about 10% of people. Indigenous languages are spoken by the majority of people.

Religion: Catholic 29%, Protestant 28%, Muslim 18%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$1,200 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- 800 AD - Arab traders establish outposts in Mozambique, dealing in ivory, gold and slaves.
- 1498 - Portuguese fight the English & Dutch for control of the area.
- 1752 - Mozambique becomes a Portuguese colony.
- 1700's - Mozambique becomes a major slave trading center.
- 1878 - Slavery abolished.
- 1962-74 - Frelimo rebels fight for independence from Portugal.
- 1975 - Independence, Mozambique becomes a one party state.
- 1977-92 - Civil war between the anti-communist Renamo group and the Marxist Frelimo government.
- 1989 - Felimo renounces Marxist-Leninist doctrine.
- 1994 - First multiparty elections held.

