



**Population:** 32 million



**Languages:** Mainly 1 of 17 African languages (of Bantu group) and Portuguese. English in tourist areas



**Size:** 801,590km<sup>2</sup>. 2,818km of which is coastline. Three times the size of the UK



**Time Zone:** 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +2



**Currency:** Local: Meticals  
International: USD | South African Rand



**National Bird:** Toco-ro-ro  
(Cuban Trogon)



**Inbound Airlines:** Airlink | Turkish Airlines | Ethiopian Airlines | Kenya Airways | TAP | Air France (November'21)

## CLIMATE

Mozambique enjoys a warm climate but with a coastline of 2,818km<sup>2</sup>, the north (bordering Tanzania) can be quite different to the south (bordering South Africa). The heat and rains of December - March can be very humid with minimum temperatures being c.23°C. The rain showers bring much relief from the heat.



Peak temperatures can reach 33°C in Dec - February.

**Dry season:** June to October enjoys clear blue skies, warm days and cooler nights. Almost no rain can be guaranteed



The rains come with the hotter months of Dec - March. Average rainfall however is relatively low.



**Capital city:** Maputo

### Green & Hawksbill Turtles Hatching

Mid February - Mid April | Annual

Nesting areas will be sectioned off to ensure the hatchlings can find their way to the ocean safely.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Ibo Day

24th June | Ibo Island | Annual

Meaning "do not forget your roots, regardless how far you are from home", the festival has been celebrated since 1773, when Ibo gained its independence from Goa, becoming its own municipality. Watch the annual dhow race, listen to poetry readings by school children, experience traditional dance performances & enjoy the sense of community on Ibo island.

### Whale Sharks, Manta Rays, Dugongs

Year round

Whilst still quite rare, it is possible to see these magnificent animals year round. The summer months are most fruitful for sightings. Dugongs can be seen more frequently by boat in the Bazaruto Archipelago, home to a number of Dugong conservation initiatives.

### Southern Right Whales

June - December | Southern Mozambique | Annual

June - December is the most common time to witness Southern Right Whales quite close to the shore in the southern part of the Mozambique Channel.

### Green & Hawksbill Turtles Laying

End November - February | Annual

Beaches are well protected to ensure the turtles and their eggs are safe