



# Mozambique Road Trip

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours

Last updated: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Duration:** 10 Days/9 Nights

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 **Full**  
27<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 **Full**  
Saturday to Monday

**Depart:** Sasol Rosehaven North on the N4  
41 km East of Pretoria OR join en route

**Return:** Sasol Rosehaven

**Departure time:** 08:00 (Route briefing and welcome **at 07:30**)

**Numbers:** Max. 10 Vehicles

Max 22 passengers

**Tour price:** R12500 pp sharing  
R3000 single supplement

**Distances:** 2203+ km. About 570 km on  
gravel roads.

## Tour Details:

Come and enjoy, experience and live Mozambique (Moz) with us in a few days. Travel on back roads, along fresh water lakes and ocean blue seas.

Discover the culture, food, customs, languages and nature of this neighbouring country. Laugh with the friendly faces and try to speak a few words in Portuguese!

Travel in your own vehicle in a convoy through small towns that you normally just sped past or don't know exist like Dullstroom, Lydenburg, Graskop (all in SA) plus many more and smaller towns in Mozambique - Real 'Platteland dorpiess'! (Small countryside towns). You'll sleep one night in the Kruger National Park as well, en route to the 'Parque Nacional de Limpopo' in Moz.

We want to share with you're the back roads of this country, but you **don't** need a 4x4 vehicle. However, a vehicle with a high ground clearance is essential.

We'll travel through rural Mozambique where people still battle to survive every day, spend time at a lodge on the beach, as well as in the capital city of Maputo. A visit to a local community project and its activities will give you real exposure to the local people. However, white beaches, warm ocean waters and, sea food and cold beer will not be missed.

The scenery in this country, the fresh water lakes, wide rivers, clear sandy beaches and green nature will all mesmerize you. Discover this hidden gem without traveling too far.

We'll spend one night in Eswatini as well, on our way back home.

We'll stop en route for sightseeing, snacks, road stalls, photo's, toilets, coffee/tea, tourist destinations and less familiar places. Enjoy the drive and ride in your own vehicle. At night and en route you'll have the opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun with fellow travellers.

There is a lot of photographic opportunities.

**Departure & Return Location:** Depart from Sasol Rosehaven North on the N4 (East of Pretoria on the way to Bronkhorstspuit) and return to the same venue late afternoon on the last day. You can join and/or leave en route. Just inform us accordingly on the Booking Form. I.e.: If you are from the East Rand, Limpopo, KZN, the Free State or Mpumalanga we suggest you meet the group at the Middelburg Ultra City on the N4.

**Price includes:** Accommodation for 9 nights (B&B), two dinners, a tour leader with his own vehicle, all administration and leading of the tour (including booking of accommodation, meals & excursions, etc.), high frequency two-way radio per vehicle to use during the tour, lots of relevant info, group safety by traveling together, daily briefings of the tour, limited vehicle breakdown support, fun, new friends & new routes.

**Tour price excludes:** Lunches & dinners, fuel & toll gates for vehicles, cross border costs, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, gratuities, entry fees to venues or places, drinks, breakdown recovery costs and personal expenses.

**Accommodation:** We overnight in good and interesting hotels and lodges, **including breakfast.**

**Dinner:** Two dinners are included in the tour package, but all other meals are optional (but available). Budget for about R250 pp/dinner.

**Booking:** Complete the Booking Form and send it **with** your Proof of Payment (PoP) for the deposit to us. We'll confirm your booking in writing.

**Deposit:** At least 25% of the tour price with the booking, another 25% three (3) months before departure date and the outstanding balance by latest 6 weeks before departure date.

If booked within the 3 months period prior to departure of the Road Trip, 50% deposit is required.

If booked within the 6 weeks period prior to departure of the Road Trip, full payment is needed.

**Take on tour (suggested):** Your vehicle, your family & friends, pocket money, a smile and goodwill. Some other extras could include: Sneakers (walking shoes), a hat, binoculars, toilet paper, wet wipes, coffee flask, camera, torch and sunglasses.

Take your National Parks 'Wild Card' to get free entry into both countries' game parks.

Moz is a malaria country. Please do the necessary pre-cautions.

**Vehicle:** Any 4 x 2, SUV vehicle or sedan with **high ground clearance**, for when traveling on the gravel roads, is suitable for the tour. Only 10 vehicles allowed on tour. We do not speed whilst on tour, but we expect all vehicles to travel at the speed set by the tour leader.

**Who should go on this tour:** People who love travelling, enjoy back roads, singles, couples, those who have never been to Mozambique and would like to enjoy the natural beauty, history and friendliness of the people; people who are unfamiliar with driving at foreign places, people who'd prefer to travel with other people in a safe environment, people who don't like getting lost, those who'd like to be well informed as they drive along, those who like driving their own cars, people who like sharing their lives, interest, knowledge, fun and care with others. People who enjoy life at an easy pace.

**Who should not go this tour:** Moaners, groaners, whiners, speedsters, hooligans, boozers, people who can't drive on a gravel road, etc.

**VHF Radio:** We provide each vehicle with a two-way radio for the duration of the tour in order to communicate with everyone. It charges on your vehicle's cigarette lighter whilst driving. (Please make sure your vehicle's cigarette lighter is working **before** the tour starts).

**Money:** A credit or debit card, plus some cash, will be needed. You can obtain local; currency en route.

**Fuel & toilets:** We'll stop regularly.

**Clothing:** Casual but it must include warm clothing, a rain jacket & swimming costume.

**Passport:** You do need a valid passport to enter Mozambique. RSA citizens do not need a visa and no Covid-19 restrictions were in place on compilation of this Info Doc.

### **What to expect:**

An orderly and well planned Road Trip, with a few surprises en route. Good food, a beautiful country, interesting roads and routes, tar and gravel roads (some a bit sandy), LOTS of small towns, cute shops and funky art places, friendly people and something new...

The natural beauty this time of the year when the tours are hosted is exquisite.

We are looking forward in welcoming you on this Road Trip.



Johan Badenhorst

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## Itinerary:

**Day # 1          Saturday**

**Sasol Rosehaven (PTA) to KNP          549 km**

Welcome, briefing & handing out of 2-way radio's before departing via Dullstroom & Graskop to a Rest Camp in the Kruger National Park (KNP). En route we'll stop at tourist spots and experience the abundance of game in the KNP.

Tonight we sleep in die KNP. Dinner is enjoyed and it is included in the tour package.

**Day # 2          Sunday**

**KNP to Manjacaze          344 km**

After an early breakfast we depart for the Giryondo border post. Only people that have stayed a night in the KNP may use this facility.

You are now in Mozambique and on gravel roads in the bush. It is a in a game park as well, but not as organised as the KNP. You'll drive pass small settlements, see lots of cattle, drive over the Lake Massingir dam wall and drive through the first Moz town. This is a different world...

We'll cross the Limpopo River by toll bridge and continue on a tar road towards the towns of Chokwe and Manjacaze.

Time permitting we'll spend time at the local market. This is a visit and experience not to be missed.

Tonight we sleep in a hotel and dinner is available.

**Day # 3          Monday**

**Manjacaze to Chizavane          65 km**

After breakfast we travel into town to experience the local lifestyle and to observe a local community project. Amarula fruit and cashew nuts are used in this project.

Then onwards via a back road to Chidenguele to see the Indian Ocean for the first time. Coffee or tea from a deck looking out over the ocean, can be enjoyed.

Later we book in at the lodge where we'll be staying for 3 nights. Dinner is available at this venue.

**Days # 4 & # 5**

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

**Chizavane**

**0 km**

During these two days you are at leisure. There is time for walking on the beach, enjoying a Pina Colada, snorkelling, swimming, tanning, deep sea fishing, horse riding or just relaxing.

Board games, darts and pool can be played as well.

The gardens of this venue and the nature is spectacular. You are in paradise.

A leisurely trip to a nearby resort will be on the cards as well.

Dinner is available on both nights.

**Day # 6**

**Thursday**

**Chizavane to Maputo**

**269 km**

After breakfast we depart for the capital city of Maputo. Though en route we'll stop at a couple of places before arriving in the capital late afternoon. We'll overnight in a hotel with a strong Portuguese flavour.

Tonight you can discover the old 'Lorenzo Marques' with its night clubs, restaurants and variety of music genres.

Dinner is available at the hotel or in the city.

**Day # 7**

**Friday**

**Maputo**

**30 km**

Today we'll take you on a guided tour through the city and visit places like the old Railway Station, the Iron House, Costa del Sol restaurant, the harbour area, drink tea at the historic Polana Hotel and experience the Portuguese culture that has remained in the city.

Dinner is available at the hotel or in the city.

**Day # 8**

**Saturday**

**Maputo**

**301 km**

Today you can either take the boat trip to Inhaca Island (whole day), enjoy prawns from an open fire on the island OR you can explore the city on your own. We'll share some suggestions with you.

Dinner is available at the hotel or in the city.

**Day # 9      Sunday**

**Maputo to Ezulwini                      205 km**

Do you know what a Catembe-drink is? We'll take you to Catembe after crossing the new multi-billion dollar bridge from Maputo to Catembe. This bridge is a photographer's dream.

Our journey continues to the border post between Moz and Eswatini before entering the latter country.

In Eswatini we'll visit the candle factory and an interesting market before us overnight in a lodge in a beautiful natural setting in the Ezulwini Valley, near Mbabane, the capital city of Eswatini.

Dinner is at the lodge and it is included in the tour price.

**Day # 10      Monday**

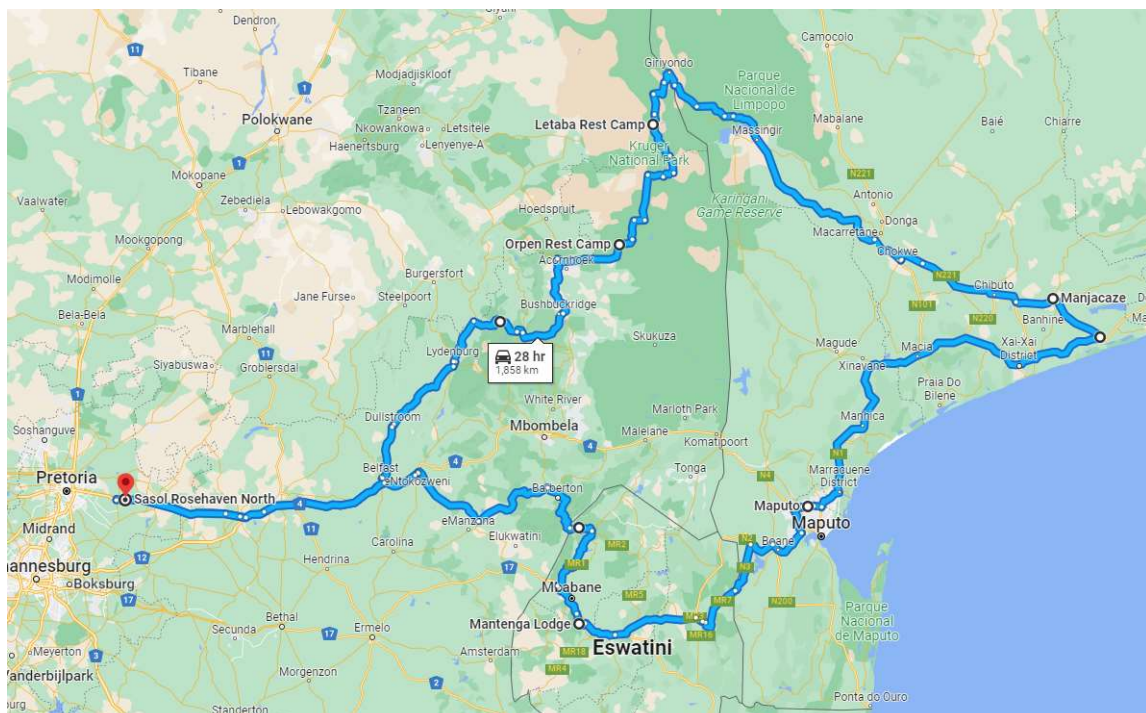
**Ezulweni to Pretoria                      440 km**

Although it is the last day on tour, we'll keep on touring right up to the last minute. En route to Gauteng we'll visit the Ngwenya glass factory before crossing the border back into South Africa via a spectacular mountain pass.

We arrive late afternoon at the final destination.

**Map:**

It is very likely that we'll deviate from the map below. It is only an indication of routes to be followed! We normally visit more places than shown on the map.



PHOTOs of some of the places to be visited and/or seen:



