

PRAIA DO SOL

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General Information

Read this, and save yourself some trouble!



BOOKING PROCEDURES

A 50% deposit will be required before any reservation can be confirmed.

Deposits are non refundable.

Full payment must be received 2 weeks prior to arrival.

No refund will be allowed for early departures.

BEFORE DEPARTURE

- You do NOT need a visa, if travelling on a SA passport.
- If not allow 7 days for processing – 2 passport photos are required when entering Moz. for the first time.
- The validity of your passport should have at least 6 months, left.
- Vehicle registration papers are required. If not registered in your name, obtain a letter of authorisation, from the Bank, for you to drive the vehicle and take it in to Mozambique.
- A valid driver's license must be carried on your person.
- Mozambique is a Malaria area – see a doctor to advise you on prophylactics.
- Ensure all goods are secured to vehicles and boats.
- If towing you need to display a triangle on the front of the vehicle.
- No pets allowed at Praia do Sol
- NO firearms allowed in Mozambique

EMERGENCIES

The SA High Commission in Maputo

Tel (01) 490059 / 491614 / 490587 (After hours) 450031/33

Address :- 41 Eduardo Mondlane Ave

GETTING THERE

From JHB take the N4 (Witbank Highway). To Komatipoort. SA Toll roads cost ±R220.00. Moz Toll roads cost ±R40.00

From Durban find you're way through Swaziland to Namacha border post.

Fill up with petrol/Diesel at the garage just before the border posts; diesel and petrol is more expensive in Mozambique.

Unleaded fuel is only available in Maputo, Macia and Xai-Xai. There are two Toll Gates after the border. The first will cost you 95Mts and the second 19Mts.

Tolls fees can be paid, in Rands, US\$ and Mts.

AT THE BORDER (Open 6am - Close 12pm)

You will need Metica's. It is usually safe to change money on the South African side, with the local ladies.

There is a bank on the Mozambican side, where you will receive the official bank rate. NEVER change money with locals on the Mozambican side of the border.

SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE

Enter the border building and complete a vehicle temporary export document and gate pass, have both documents stamped, Proceed to immigration with your passports, your passport will now be stamped.

MOZAMBIQUE SIDE

You will receive a gate pass on entering Mozambique. Proceed to the immigration building.

Do NOT to let the locals help you with the paperwork, as they work together with the Customs officials who are not allowed to receive money, but the helpers are, so together they will go through your belongings and try to find something to make you pay customs fees on, whereas the customs official alone is less likely to go through your belongings.

Have your passports stamped at the immigration desk on the right as you walk in.

The driver will take the gate pass and temporary export permit to the customs desk across the room get them stamped

Very important - buy 3rd party insurance, at the insurance desk. Car ± R150.00 / Trailers ± R80.00

Exit the building and find a customs official, usually dressed in a blue uniform with orange pull-over. He will check your vehicle and sign your gate pass.

CUSTOMS

The customs allowance per person is as follows: - Groceries to the value of \$50 (± R500.00) 1 litres of wine. 1 litre of spirits

Customs duties on Alcohol is 115% and a lot more paper work.

EN ROUTE

The roads are under construction, so drive with care.

It is not uncommon to be stopped at one of the many police checkpoints or just anywhere.

Be patient and polite.

You have nothing to worry about if you have not broken the law.

When pulling off the road, use your indicators and when stopped, put on your Hazards. When turning back onto the road, indicate.

- Spot fines are about R350, but can be negotiated.
- Always wear safety belts, Front & Back
- Have your paper work from the border in order and close at hand
- Don't speed ! Speed Traps are common in the small villages. Obey the speed limits.
- In the event of an accident you will be required to present your 3rd Party Insurance, a valid drivers licence and vehicle papers. You will also be required to make a statement at the nearest Police Station
- Don't travel at night. Road markings and signs are poor.
- The last 2 km to the resort is on a sand road, but still accessible with a sedan.
- **No driving on the beaches, a R1500 spot fine WILL be enforced.**

Boats and Jet skis

Unfortunately there is no slipway at PDSol.

Vessels are launched at the Public Slipway in Town.

There is a Monthly Marine Fee, for all watercraft,

The fee will depend on the craft

A standard motorboat will cost ±R200.00

Sea going boats will pay an additional ±R120.00.

Slipway fees ±R15.00.

All payable at the Marine Office.

All prices quoted are subject to change.

SAFETY AND CRIME !

As anywhere you might travel all over the world, Bilene is not crime-free. Although we try to ensure that you do not become a victim during your stay, we cannot take any responsibility for any theft, losses or injuries you may suffer. Bear in mind that the beaches are open to the general public and we can't control access to it. Please do not leave any items of value in your room. A small safe is available at Reception, or alternatively, lock valuables in your vehicle out of sight. When on the beach, do not let clothes, cameras, wallets, cell-phones etc. lie unattended.

USEFULL INFORMATION

The local currency is the Metica.

The climate in the Gaza province, ranges from 18° in June and 32° in December

Rainy season is October to April

Useful words:- Bon Dia – Good Morning

Boa Tarda – Good Afternoon

Boa Noite - Good Evening/night

Faz Favor - Please

Obrigado - Thank you

Reservation Cancellation details, are on your Reservation vouchers