



Peru, Cusco Province

Welcome



Travel has been my life for 20 years. St Augustine's famous quote remains as true to me today as it was when I first set up 2by2 Holidays – "the world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page".

My first love was Africa, the place of my birth. Its remarkable wildlife and cultures continue to captivate me today. A recent visit to the gorillas of Uganda has starkly reminded me just how fragile the survival of so many endangered species remains. And reinforced my belief that travel must always have conservation at its heart.

In recent years I have discovered the joys of travel in the Indian subcontinent and Latin America. The iconic sites and cultures here are no less enthralling. And everywhere wildlife adapts and survives, from harsh barren deserts to cool mountain cloud forests and tropical wetlands.

My enthusiasm burns as brightly as ever and I continue to be as involved in every aspect of the business as I always have been, backed up by our superb travel team. I'm particularly thrilled that so many of our customers return time after time.

I do hope you find our latest brochure inspiring and we all look forward to hearing from you.

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Quirimbas

Mozambique

Situated on the southeast coast of Africa, Mozambique has hundreds of miles of spectacular coastline offering visitors secluded, unspoilt Indian Ocean beaches with some of the best snorkelling, diving and deep-sea game fishing in the world.

Once a Portuguese colony administered from the capital of Maputo, this country has many remnants of colonial forts and administrative buildings. The Portuguese influence is also evident in the cuisine, with plentiful lobster and piri-piri prawns to die for. But it is the long coastline of pristine beaches that Mozambique is most famous for, ranking amongst the best in the world and with a rich diversity of marine life.

The capital of Maputo has seen much development in recent years and has several top quality hotels, as well as many charming colonial buildings. But if it's the beach you want, then head across Maputo Bay by speedboat to the Machangulo Peninsula, where you will find a secluded luxury beach lodge set in magnificent sand dunes, overlooking Inhaca Island.

Along the southern coast there are some quality beach resorts at towns such as Ponta Mamoli, offering superb dive sites and the chance to swim with wild dolphins. Currently the road is extremely poor and requires a 4x4 vehicle, but a new road is being built that will link Maputo to Durban. This will transform access to this area, which combines easily with a safari in Zululand, in neighbouring South Africa.



Ibo Island, ruins of Portuguese fort

Heading north from Maputo, Tofo Beach near Inhambane is a mecca for divers. This four-mile stretch of white sand offers some of the best dive sites in all of Mozambique – including the opportunity to swim with whale shark, dugong and manta.

Vilanculos is another gem. This is the gateway to the spectacular Bazaruto Archipelago, with miles and miles of spectacular Indian Ocean beaches, with soft white sands and sparkling turquoise waters. Take an excursion to magnificent Bazaruto Island, where you can snorkel or dive at Two Mile Reef and enjoy a seafood picnic on the beach, before walking along the pristine sand dunes of neighbouring Benguerra Island.

Other activities include horse riding along the beach and exhilarating deep sea game fishing in waters considered to be the best for marlin in the world. You can see humpback whales from July to October

and sea turtles. You can either stay on the mainland or, if your budget allows, in one of the luxury island lodges. As there are direct flights from both Johannesburg and the Kruger National Park, this region combines well with a safari in South Africa.

The more northerly coralline Quirimbas Archipelago stretches for almost 250 miles along the coast towards Tanzania. Here you will find a few top end luxury lodges on the islands and near Nuarro and Ilha de Moçambique, the former capital of colonial Portuguese East Africa. With its rich history and magnificent sandy beaches, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site set in spectacular tropical surroundings. There are also charming options on Ibo Island, a former trading centre, and near Pemba. With flight connections from Dar es Salaam, this region combines well with a safari in Tanzania. Many of these lodges have a close relationship with the local

inhabitants and are inspiring examples of eco-tourism.

For those wanting to get even further off the beaten track, Lake Niassa (also known as Lake Malawi) is an outstanding option and is almost completely undeveloped. Here there are crystal clear waters and pale sandy beaches, backed by steep hills that rise up directly from the lakeshore. Guests can swim, snorkel, sail, canoe, hike and participate in local community projects.

Mozambique was once a thriving safari destination and in recent years Parc Nacional de Limpopo in the south has taken down the fences that once separated it from South Africa's Kruger National Park, creating a huge Transfrontier Park, but this is only accessible in a 4x4 vehicle. Attempts have been made to regenerate the wildlife in Gorongosa and Niassa, but this is likely to take many years. Meantime, the close proximity of South Africa's game reserves to Mozambique's stunning beaches, make this an irresistible combination.



Mozambique Safari

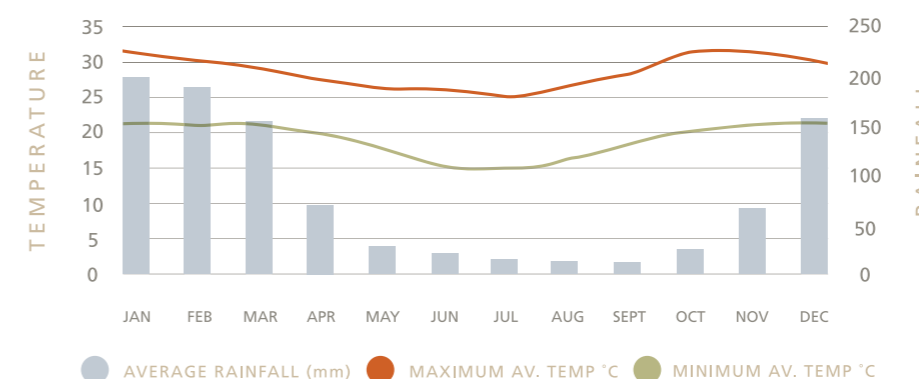
- DAY 1** Arrive in South Africa & transfer to Kruger National Park
 - DAYS 2/3** Enjoy thrilling Big Five game viewing, with morning and afternoon open top drives
 - DAY 4** Transfer to the beautiful Panorama Route
 - DAYS 5/10** Fly to Vilanculos – the gateway to the spectacular Bazaruto Archipelago. Enjoy seafood picnics on pristine island beaches, swimming in turquoise waters & snorkelling at Two Mile Reef. The seafood is renowned especially lobsters, crabs & prawns
 - DAY 11** Depart from Vilanculos
- From £2,595 per person sharing including flights, mid season



This is an example itinerary – see page 5 for key. For more ideas, information and prices please call us on **01582 766 122** or visit www.2by2holidays.co.uk

When to go

With its warm subtropical climate, the best time to visit Mozambique is from April to October. The rainy season runs from November to March, when afternoon tropical thunderstorms can be expected. February is the cyclone season and should be avoided. The best time for diving is during April/May and October/November, when visibility is at its best.





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Professional service and continual improvements

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Monitoring standards

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Sustainable tourism

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