

WELCOME TO YOUR TRIP TO PONTA MALONGANE, MOZAMBIQUE!

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.
THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD HELP YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR ADVENTURE.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

**THE ROAD TO MALONGANE; BEFORE YOU GO; ON YOUR WAY THERE; AT THE BORDER POST;
IMPORT RESTRICTIONS; BORDER POST TO MALONGANE; ARRIVAL AT PONTA MALONGANE;
ACCOMMODATION; ENTERTAINMENT; WHAT TO BRING ALONG;
RESTAURANTS; DIVING INFO & MISCELLANEOUS**



1. ROAD TO MALONGANE

MAP & DIRECTIONS

These maps can help you plan your trip to Malongane. Please always be on the lookout for animals and pedestrians on the road and remember that it will be slow going at times, so please build sufficient margin into your driving time.

Option 1 - Via Kosi Bay border

From Gauteng to Malongane

Alternatives:

- JHB - Ermelo - Piet Retief
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- From Piet Retief, continue through Pongola on the N2
- About 40km after Pongola, turn left to Jozini (*Alternatively continue on N2 for another 60km and turn left at Hluhluwe. From there take the road north to Kosi Bay border past Sodwana. Road is easier but longer*)
- Through Jozini, keep left over dam wall. Check for bumps and potholes during the 1st 10km after dam wall and the last 10km before the T-junction)
- At T-junction turn right
- Follow the road all the way to Manguzi. Go through Manguzi to the Kosi Bay border post
- Upon leaving the border, continue 5km on tarr road. Turn right just after the toll gate toward Ponta do Ouro.
- After 3 km is the turnoff to your left to Malongane on the old sand road
- Alternatively, and if you booked a pickup from Ponta do Ouro, keep driving straight to Ponta do Ouro. If you booked a pickup, as you enter town, just before the main market, on your right, there is allocated parking where the pickup will meet you. (S26°50'23.0", E32°52'57.2"). If you want to continue driving to Malongane, at the main 4 way crossing in the centre of town, turn left and take the sand road to Malongane.

Tips

- From turnoffs the road gets narrower, with heavy early morning mist after rains- No real cool early morning pitstops at Hendriena, Carolina or Amsterdam, rather push through to Ermelo, Piet Retief and Pongola which have good pitstops.
- There are Stop/Go delays the 1st 40km's past Piet Retief, so please be patient.
- Manguzi (Kosi Bay) is your last stop before the border. From there a last few twist and turns but the road is fine
- At the border remember to be polite and patient.

NB: ALLOW YOURSELF AT LEAST 10 HOURS TRAVELLING TIME

Option 2 - Via Lebombo border (Komatipoort)

From Gauteng to Malongane

- From Gauteng, either via N4 or N12, meet up at Emalaheni on the N4 and drive right through to Lebombo border post.
- From the border post, drive onwards towards Maputu - 120km/h speed limit.
- After about 70km you will be entering the Maputu suburb of Matola. Keep straight and to the 60km/h speed limit.
- Just under 15 km's later (87km after border), turn left at T-junction at Matola Shoprite Centre.
- Continue towards Maputu inner city. After 6km you will go through a toll gate
- Take the Xai Xai / Ponta D'Ouro offramp to the left 2,5km's later, turning to your right underneath the highway. Just follow the Ponta D'Ouro boards to turn left
- Continue straight, over the spectacular Katembe bridge over the Maputu harbour and river.
- Just follow the road for another 107km until you turn off to the left towards Ponta do Ouro
- After 3 km is the turnoff to the left onto the old Malongane sand road - 632 Km's (S26.79591°, E032.89114°) Alternatively, and if you booked a pickup, keep driving straight to Ponta do Ouro.
- If you booked a pickup, as you enter town, just before the main market, on your right, there is allocated parking where the pickup will meet you. (S26°50'23.0", E32°52'57.2"). If you want to continue driving to Malongane, at the main 4 way crossing in the centre of town, turn left and take the sand road to Malongane.

Tips

- There are Stop/Go delays in between Mbombela and Kaapmuiden as well as between the Lebombo border and Moamba toll gate, so expect delays.
- Once you exit through the border passport control, do not stop for the 1st 5 km, so as to avoid harassment by locals and fraudsters.
- To avoid Maputu peak hour traffic, get to the border after 8 o'clock.
- Buy yourself a DriveMoz sticker and you have support in Mozambique while travelling. You also get discount on diesel (around R1 a liter) at the BP garage just before the border on your left. Search for the DriveMoz group on Facebook or go to [DriveMoz - Home](#)

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Option 3 - Via Swaziland

From Gauteng to Malongane

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- Enter Swaziland at Oshoek Border post. It is quiet during weekday mornings. The process is easy and you pay a R150 road tax upon entry.
- Drive eastward towards Goba border post. It takes about 2 hours to cross Swaziland
- The last town before the border is Siteki. There is a nice coffee roastery/restaurant (The Green Shed) if you want to make a stop.
- At the Goba border post you will go through the same procedure to get into Mozambique as with the other border posts.
- From Goba you take the N3 north toward Bongolo. The 1st 10km has a few serious potholes, but road is broad and little traffic, so easy to negotiate. The rest of the road to Bongolo also has the occasional stretch of potholes, but it's easy to negotiate.
- At Bongolo turn right onto the N2 and a few km's later right again at the "I love Boane" circle. Drive into Boane
- In Boane town, cross the railway line and right after the big "King Pie" toward Bela Vista.
- At Bela Vista, turn right toward Ponta do Ouro
- 5km before the Kosi Bay border, you will turn left toward Ponta do Ouro
- After 3 km is the turnoff to your left to Malongane on the old sand road
- Alternatively, and if you booked a pickup, keep driving straight to Ponta do Ouro.
- If you booked a pickup, as you enter town, just before the main market, on your right, there is allocated parking where the pickup will meet you. (S26° 50'23.0", E32° 52'57.2"). If you want to continue driving to Malongane, at the main 4 way crossing in the centre of town, turn left and take the sand road to Malongane.

Tips

- The Oshoek border post tends to be busy on Sunday afternoons, so upon returning from STRAB, either leave Malongane very early, or choose one of the other road options.
- If you like the Swaziland option, but want to avoid Oshoek on your way back, you can take the following route: Boane - N2 to enter Swaziland at Namaacha border and exit into South Africa at Manange border. Quiet quick border posts. From there get onto N4 for a safe drive home.
- At the borders remember to be polite and patient.

ALLOW YOURSELF 10 HOURS TRAVELLING TIME

2. BEFORE YOU GO

ALL PACKED?

- Do a last-minute check - Most food and drink items, are available in Ponta Malongane
- Clothing
- Bottled water
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- First aid kit and prescription medicine
- Bedding, if you stay in a tent
- Food, if you do not have a food option
- Snacks
- Diving gear
- Drinks etc.

PASSPORT & CAR PAPERS

This is the very last check before you drive out your gate! It is not much fun if you drive hundreds of km's before realizing you don't have the necessary documents. Make sure your license disk is up to date! Do you have your passport?

If your car is not financed, all you need is your original car registration papers. If your car is still owned by the bank, you need a letter of permission to take it through the border. Phone your financial institution and they will arrange it for you in a quick time. A letter from your insurance company stating that your car is insured and that you may leave the country. Remember to buy your 3rd party insurance online at www.hollsure.co.za or, if you forget, as you leave the Mozambique side of the border post (Kosi Bay and Goba) or at in the case of the Lebombo border post, the BP garage before the border or the Sasol Garage after the border. If you are driving a car that is not registered to you (financed) please make sure that the Bank permission paper as well as the insurance paper have your name on it as driver and have a copy of the registered owner's ID on hand. If the car is not yours and not financed you will need a certified letter from the owner of the car as well as a certified copy his/her ID.

South African passport holders do not require a visa, if you are traveling on any other country's passport, please obtain a visa from the Mozambique Consulate before you leave, or at the Kosi Bay and Lebombo border posts. VISA's for overseas visitors can also be obtained at the Swaziland border posts if you travel to Mozambique via Swaziland. Passports must be valid for at least 30 days after return date.

3. ON YOUR WAY THERE

Some people prefer to leave at midnight and drive through the night, while others prefer to leave earlier on the previous day and sleep over on the way. The following places can be recommended for sleepovers.

SLEEPOVERS

There are various popular places to overnight on your way to Malongane. Everybody is responsible to book his or her own.

VIA KOSI BAY

The most popular areas are Pongola (200km from border), the Jozini dam area (150km from border) and in the Kosi Bay area. The Jozini dam area tends to be a bit more expensive due to the myriad of luxury lodges around, but if you want to spoil yourself this is the place. Google Pongola, Jozini dam, or Kosi Bay accommodation to see what is available. <http://www.kosibaycasitas.co.za>, by Johdi O'Brien can offer discounted accommodation to STRAB ticket holders, musicians and crew on route to STRAB. They can also assist in any breakdowns in a 20km radius, or for people who miss the border.

The border opens at 8:00 and closes at 17:00 - don't try to push your luck! From Gauteng, allow at least 10 - 11 hours for traveling time to be safe.

VIA KOMATIPOORT

Google places in Mbombela, Komatipoort and Malelane areas for overnight accommodation. Also check on Drivemoz Stay Group on Facebook for accommodation inside Mozambique on your way to Malongane. Also check on Drivemoz Stay Group on Facebook for accommodation inside Mozambique on your way to Malongane. One option is 5.8KM after the Komatipoort border on your left. JoMoz is owned by Johan Swart [JO Moz Accommodation | Facebook](#). If you arrive at the border late and/or want to arrange for overnight accommodation, or just chat about the old Voëlvry years, pop in there. The border is open 24 hours a day. Allow 10 - 11 hours for traveling time to be safe.

4. AT THE BORDER POST

KOSI BAY

SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE

VEHICLE:

The Police will take your car details and check your engine number - have your driver's license and vehicle license papers ready.

PASSPORTS:

Go to immigration with your passport and car registration number. Ensure that you stamp your passport.

CUSTOMS:

Please declare any electronics, laptops, guitars and other band equipment at the South African custom officials. This will make it much easier to bring it back.

SAFE PARKING:

If you booked a border pickup, leave your car in the secure car park on your left, 200m before the border post for about R50 per day.

MOZAMBIQUE SIDE

VEHICLE:

- The driver of the vehicle must go to Customs (on left-hand side). Be ready to show your eNatis document, passport, and driver's license.
- You will fill in a TIP (temporary import permit).
- Ensure the official give you get a gate pass to exit the border post.
- A custom officer might want to inspect your vehicle to ensure that you conform to import restrictions (see next topic)

PASSPORTS:

Take your passports to be stamped at the building across from the customs office.

TIPS:

- It is always a good idea to have an extra pen or two for the border posts.

COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE:

- If you haven't bought your compulsory Mozambique Third-party insurance on-line yet, last chance to buy it from any of the insurance representatives based next to the road just past the baraka's as you exit the border. R280 for vehicles and an additional amount for trailers

BORDER PICKUP / DROP OFF:

- Your border pick-up and drop-off have been pre-booked for specific times. Please ensure that you arrive on time as there might not be space on the next one. It is critical that you print out both vouchers for your border pickup and your border drop-off. This is your ticket that must be given to you driver when you embark. No Ticket - No Ride!
- You can exchange Rands for Meticaais and/or have a drink at the baraka just outside the border post on the Mozambican side while you wait for you border pick up.

KOMATIPOORT

SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE

VEHICLE:

If you encounter rows of trucks before the border, drive straight past them all the way to the border post. Go straight to immigration office.

PASSPORTS:

Go to immigration with your passport. Ensure that you stamp your passport.

CUSTOMS:

Please declare any electronics, laptops, guitars and other band equipment at the South African custom officials. This will make it much easier to bring it back.

MOZAMBIQUE SIDE

GATEPASS:

As you exit SA side and enter the Mozambique side, an official will stop you and write out a gate pass for your car and give it to you. Drive on until you get to the parking area.

PASSPORTS:

Take your passports to be stamped at the building on the right-hand side. Ensure that you stamp your passport.

VEHICLE:

To the left of the passport counter is the vehicle customs counter. Be ready to show your eNatis document, gate pass, passport and driver's license.

- A TIP (Temporary Import Permit) will be prepared and printed for you.
- Ensure the official stamp and give back your gate pass to exit the border post.
- A customs officer in blue shirt might want to inspect your vehicle to ensure that you conform to import restrictions (see next topic).
- Present your gate pass at the exit of the Mozambique border area.

TIPS:

- It is always a good idea to have an extra pen or two for the border posts.

5. IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

ALCOHOL

- 3 Bottles of wine per person
- 1 litre of spirit per person
- NO beer
- 200 cigarettes
- No Red meat (from hooved animals) will be allowed

6. BORDER POST TO PONTA MALONGANE

KOSI BAY

- It is approximately 16km from the Border to Malongane
- As you leave the border post, follow the tar road, through a tollgate for about 5km
- You will see the sign to turn right to Ponta do Ouro immediately after the tollgate.
- After three km's you will see the signs on the left for the turn-off to Malongane
- Follow the sand road and signs for 8km's until you get to Malongane
- Alternatively, as discussed under section 1 options, follow the tar road to Ponta do Ouro and from there to Malongane.

KOMATIPOORT

- It is approximately 3 hours' drive from the Border to Ponta do Ouro / Malongane turnoff
- As you leave the border post, follow the tar road as per directions earlier in this document towards Ponta do Ouro
- You will see the sign to turn left to Ponta do Ouro 5km before the Kosi Bay border
- A couple of km's before the turnoff there is a Gulp fuel station on your left and about 2km after the border post is a Sasol garage on your right, you can refuel here. There is also fuel available in Ponta do Ouro
- After three km's you will see the signs on the left for the turn-off to Malongane
- Follow the sand road and signs for 8km's until you get to Malongane
- Alternatively, as discussed under section 1 options, follow the tar road to Ponta do Ouro and from there to Malongane

7. ARRIVAL AT PONTA MALONGANE

Report at reception on arrival. STRAB staff will be there to assist you in checking in and finding your accommodation. Have your passport, voucher and key deposit (see below) ready.

R150 key deposit is required at check in if you stay in any of the following accommodation types at Malongane:

- Chalets
- Log Huts
- Rondavels

FOOD VOUCHERS

Bands and staff that has booked meals have been put on lists, which will be ticked off when you pitch for your meal at the restaurant at the booked time.



8. ACCOMMODATION

MERCHANDISE

Merchandise can be pre-ordered as part of your booking.

GENERAL CAMPING (Campsite 1-33 & 101-114)

You will have to bring everything. Camp assistants can be hired at a recommended rate of R150 per day (please negotiate and agree on price beforehand) to assist with setting up camp, cleaning etc. Please arrange with Security at the gate for an approved casual. Ensure that you and the camp assistant agree on the price.

You will not have access to any kitchen facilities, so please plan accordingly.

There is 1 electrical point at each campsite. If you plan to use electrical equipment it is a good idea to bring a lead and extension plugs. Please do not plug in any appliances with elements as it will trip the power. Bring a gas stove to boil water.

TENTS-ON-GROUND

There are 2 beds with mattresses and bedding, no power or light inside. Bring your own tent light and/or torch. No candles in the tents and no fires to warm you up at night, except the one in your heart.

You have access to the communal kitchen at the dive camp. Limited pots, cutlery, and crockery are provided.

Note: Malongane is very strict when it comes to damages on the content of your accommodation. Please look after it and replace any broken or damaged items prior to checkout.

CHALETS & RONDAVELS

For the 4, 5 and 6 pax units, you have an en suite bathroom (shower only) with a kitchen. If you are doing your own catering, bring a sharp knife, cutting board and a bowl or two. Bring your own towels. Bedding is provided.

The 2 pax rondavels do not have ablutions, so you need to use the communal ablutions.

Note: Malongane is very strict when it comes to damages on the content of your accommodation. Please look after it and replace any broken or damaged items prior to checkout.

LOG HUTS

The log huts have two beds with bedding and an electric light and wall plug.

Ablution facilities are communal. You have access to the communal kitchen at the dive camp. Limited pots, cutlery, and crockery are provided.

Note: Malongane is very strict when it comes to damages on the content of your accommodation. Please look after it and replace any broken or damaged items prior to checkout.

9. ENTERTAINMENT & STAGE

There is a huge beach party happening on the Wednesday evening at the back of the dive camp lapa.

The main stage will be at the front of the dive camp lapa. An events board will be set up at the dive camp and updated throughout the day with all the information about what is happening, when and where.

The info desk is also situated at the dive camp area. This is where you will get your t-shirt and where the STRAB team will assist you with any queries.

10. WHAT TO BRING ALONG

CLOTHING

- Something warm for the night
- Hat
- Towels
- Toiletries

MEDICAL

- Anti-mosquito stuff
- Suntan lotion
- Headache pills

BEDDING

- Log huts and chalets have all the bedding you require, no towels.
- The dive tents have 2 mattresses and bedding in it.
- Own camping - bring everything.

EXTRAS

- Camping chairs
- Beach accessories
- Games
- Torch
- Money (South African Rand accepted everywhere). Cashless system inside resort from Wednesday 13:00 to Sunday 12:00 noon

FOOD

- Meals (If you did not select the catering option)

- Snacks
- Drinks

SCUBA GEAR

- BC
- Regulator
- Cylinder
- Wetsuit
- Fins
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Weight belt
- Bottles

You can rent all dive equipment at Malongane as well.

11. RESTAURANTS

- There is one restaurant in Ponta Malongane resort. Hours 9:00 to 21:00
- Food will be sold throughout the day at the stage area.
- Bands and Staff:
 - Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 11:00 and dinner at the restaurant.
 - Dinner will be served from 18:00 at the dive camp braai area.
- There are lots of additional restaurants in Malongane town, on the road to Ponta do Ouro and in Malongane itself.

12. DIVING INFORMATION

DIVERS

Malongane staff will oversee the diving activities. You can approach them regarding diving. Find Malongane staff at the diving office to complete all the indemnities.

- Remember your certification card and/or logbook.
- Reef tax of 400MZN is payable by divers
- Indemnities must be done before you do your first dive.
- Dive planning will be throughout the day at the dive camp office or every evening at 16:30

KIT-UP

You have the option to leave your diving equipment in the kit-up area at own risk. Please note that due to the Beach Party on Wednesday evening, there will be a lot of "traffic" in that area.

Divers must be at the kit-up area an hour before the dive.

Students must be at the kit-up area an hour and a half before the dive. Briefings will be 20min before the launch time.

We cannot wait for late divers, otherwise it will cause a domino effect and all the boats afterwards will be late as well.

OCEAN ACTIVITIES PLANNING

Dive or Ocean Safari snorkel bookings and planning can be done throughout the day at the Dive camp office or just be there at 16:30 every day to finalise your excursion for the next day. Divers interested in diving the next day must be at the dive planning white board. Please pay for your booked activity before, during or immediately after dive planning.

All the divers should preferably be present when your dive is being booked. Although we will try to accommodate all divers, it may happen on occasion that they cannot accommodate your request. Please accept the limitations within which we have to perform dive planning and stick to the dive-planning schedule. After 18:00, confirm that your dive is scheduled correctly on the board.

If you miss a dive, it is for your account. Any changes for dives are to be done with Malongane staff who will confirm it with Malongane. You are not allowed to remove your name from the dive planning board or move your name to another dive. If your name is on the dive board and you do not pitch for the dive, you will forfeit your dive and no refund will be given.

DIVING & PARTYING

If you know you are going to party hard, don't book early dives.

REMEMBER:

- 8 hours from the bottle to the throttle.
- Drunk or badly hungover divers will not be allowed on the boats.
- If you have booked for a dive, make sure that you pitch sober.

DIVE CREDITS

- Once on the dive-planning list, you must dive the dive or will forfeit the money paid for the dive.
- All valid medical reasons will receive a dive credit and that needs to be sorted out with Malongane staff before you leave Malongane.
- There will be medical personnel at Malongane for the duration of STRAB.

OWN BOATS

Own boats can be launched for fishing purposes, but diving is prohibited.

Malongane dive camp is the only concession allowed by the Mozambique government to perform dive operations from Malongane.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

MALARIA PILLS – YES or NO?

There are mixed opinions on whether you should take malaria pills. It's been decades since the last recorded case of Malaria in the Malongane area. You must therefore decide whether you are going to take it or not. You will need to get a prescription from a doctor to get Malaria pills. Please inform your doctor if you are a diver as you are not allowed to dive with certain malaria pills.

WATER

The water in Malongane comes from a local spring. The locals drink it and so do we. It is not the same as Gauteng water, so bring your own if you think it is going to be an issue.

CURRENCY

Meticais.

Rand is accepted everywhere. The exchange rate is currently around 3,7 Meticais to the Rand. Please note that there are only VISA card facilities available at the resort. A cashless system will be in operation throughout the festival using wristbands. Agents will walk around with terminals that resembles a card machine to upload money.

CELL PHONE RECEPTION

Voice and data coverage in Malongane. Buy a sim card for R100 at one of the kiosks and top up with data.

SAFEGUARD YOUR POSSESSIONS

As with any festival that gets popular, we also attract those that just come to a festival to enrich themselves off your possessions. So please do not leave valuables in your tent or alone wherever you are. Get yourself a little backpack and carry it with you if possible. Tip: buy yourself a cheap and nasty cell phone in SA, buy a Moz Sim card and data in Malongane village and use that as a phone for the duration of the festival.

OTHER REQUESTS

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