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of making a difference'*



Traveller's information for visiting Sava Dunes

Sava Dunes is located along Mozambique's Inhambane coastline, north of the bustling fishing village of Tofo (roughly 5.5 km) and south of Barra Beach (1.5 km).

Sava Dunes is an eco-lodge, that operates on solar power. We ask that you please minimize bringing in unnecessary plastics. The main area of the lodge houses the bar and dining area and is connected to each of the rooms via a winding wooden walkway. The beach is a few meters from your doorstep and offers warm waters with a peeling wave, ideal for bodyboarding. In season, whale-sharks and humpback whales frequent the area; and bottlenose dolphins are also commonly spotted.

There is a shoal of seahorses in the neighbouring estuary, a place that is ideal for snorkeling. Expect to see sea cucumbers, puffer fish, lion fish and other species of fish while in the water.

When you're done with a day of water-based activities, return to the lodge's outdoor lounge and deck area, and take a

dip in the refreshing swimming pool with pool bar.

Day excursions for snorkeling, diving, ocean safaris and big game fishing can be arranged at the lodge, or prior to arrival.

The surrounding area is world-renown for its ocean safaris, and guests are also able to indulge in a few cultural tours.

Complimentary basic snorkeling equipment, bodyboards and longboards are available at the lodge.

Die-hard scuba divers need to pre-arrange their diving activities during diving season.

The culinary journey at Sava Dunes is exquisite, and in-season local produce is used with a combination of traditional seafood. Meals are always crafted to suit any dietary requirements, and dinner is always a protracted affair.



Travelling Tips

You will fly into Vilanculos and the lodge will transfer you from the airport. The road transfer is approximately four hours, with a stop along the way.

Mozambique enjoys a tropical climate with humid conditions during the summer months (December to March). Winters are mild and the evenings cool. November to March is the rainy season. Weather patterns can be unpredictable and erratic. The water temperature is perfect and visibility sharp (40 meters). Water temperatures range from 22 degrees to 29 degrees.

Visa Requirements

A visa can be applied for prior to departure or on arrival at the entry border in Mozambique. Please note that it is cheaper to buy your visa on arrival. The charge for a 30-day visa on arrival is \$50 (subject to change). This fee needs to be paid in cash. US dollars, South African Rand and Mozambique Metical are normally accepted.

When applying on arrival you will be required to complete an immigration form.

If you would like to complete this before landing at Vilanculos we can send you the entry form to print back to back, which can save time queuing.

Whether you apply for your visa before arrival or on entry you will need a completed letter of invitation from Lucy Lodges (which is Sava Dunes formal registered name in Mozambique), and an OTS booking confirmation letter.

If you are arriving from a country with a Yellow Fever designation, you will be required to show your Yellow Fever vaccination certificate on arrival.

Optional extra activities

Ocean safaris: this is a two-hour ocean safari that speeds through the turquoise waters in search of whale sharks, manta rays, dolphins, turtles and humpback whales.

Big game fishing: responsible sports fishing is a huge past time in Mozambique, and there are ample opportunities to catch barracuda, yellow-fin tuna and other fish.

Snorkel: snorkel with the sea horses, puffer fish, lion fish and other species in the Barra estuary, a short walk from the lodge.

Diving: the Barra / Tofo region is fast becoming one of the most popular destinations for diving because of the sheer diversity of marine life, and abundant concentrations of manta rays and whale sharks.

Cultural experiences and city tours: Mozambique has a rich cultural heritage worth exploring. Take a tour and meet the locals, or join a city tour of Inhambane.

Mangrove kayak drift through the tranquil waters of the biodiverse mangrove swamp.

Please note that the optional extra activities listed above are not included. You can book these activities while staying at Sava Dunes, however we recommend pre-booking especially for scuba diving.



Currency

Sava Dunes will normally accept credit cards to help pay for beverages and any excursions. US Dollars, South African Rand and Mozambique Metical are accepted by most shops and cafes.

Medical

Mozambique is on the malaria belt and you should consult your doctor for the right anti-malaria prescription. There are prescriptions with minimal side-effects, which we recommend or many alternatives to taking prophylactics. Please note that there are certain malaria prophylactics which are contra-indicative to scuba diving.

As with all our safaris, you will need travel insurance - Sava Dunes is in a remote area.

Passport

Your passport will need to have at least 4 blank pages and be valid for 6 months after the end date of your trip.

Things to bring

Mozambique is a beach destination, which means your wardrobe needs to be ready for the coast. Temperatures soar during the summer months, so be prepared for warm tropical waters and the African heat.

In addition to our safari Traveller's Notes, which you should have already received for your main safari, here are a few things you might want to consider packing for your Mozambique trip:

- A selection of bathing suits
- Light summer clothes
- Slip-slops for the beach and comfortable walking shoes
- Hats and sunglasses
- For cooler evenings around the lodge a light long sleeve top/shirt is needed.
- Beach towels and sarongs
- Waterproof camera if you have one - there's plenty to see.
- High factor suntan lotion. UV (Ultra Violet light) index can get high.



Customer Liaison

We offer a personal service tailored to meet our clients' needs, wants and wishes. We suggest a safari itinerary as a starting point; however prefer to liaise with clients to ensure we provide the service they require.

In order that we can improve our service, we encourage ongoing customer feedback throughout a safari and appreciate constructive criticism.

Our objective is to make sure that each On Track Safari is run to the highest standards and we are confident that you will find all the services and facilities to your satisfaction as described on our website. However, if there is any aspect of our operation, or the service we provide, which you feel is unsatisfactory, please let our safari staff know right away. We will do everything possible to resolve any problems immediately so that the remainder of your safari is not affected. Complaining after you have left is less effective as we wonder why you did not advise us at the time. In the unlikely event that our safari staff are unable to rectify any problem or if you remain dissatisfied, they will forward your complaint to The Operations Director for On Track Safaris to resolve any outstanding issues you may have.

We hope you 'experience the difference' that is an On Track Safari

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