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Travel with the Cognoscenti

YACHT CHARTERS IN MOZAMBIQUE

GENERAL INFO & WHAT TO TAKE

General:

Theft: - Mozambique, although a very friendly country, is a very poor country and the further away you travel from Maputo the poorer the average local person is. We strongly recommend that you do not invite temptation by leaving luggage unattended or any valuables lying around in Hotels or restaurants etc. Travel insurance is available from us at very reasonable prices per day and covers a wide range of benefits.

Passports & Visa: - **For Non- South African Passport holders only** - Passports valid for a minimum of 6 months from departure and at least 2 open pages are required for Visas. Visas are obtainable from the Mozambican Embassy. You will need to attach an ID Photo of yourself to the Visa Application Form. Please check that the dates are correct for visa validity at the time of collection. Please contact us should you need us to process the visa on your behalf.

Health: - Mozambique is a Malaria area and although we do not have many mosquitoes flying out to Walkabout for a snack there are occasions where you might be on one of the Islands where infected mosquitoes are prevalent. Please take the necessary / advised precautions.

We do not advise that you drink water from any tap in Mozambique. The yacht provides bottled water and has her own desalinator so the water onboard is pure.

Please ensure that you are healthy at the time of your departure as there are occasions where you will be more than a days sail from port, where Doctors and Hospitals are located.

Currency: - Dollars US, in cash, (new Dollar bills – large head only) is the ideal currency and can be exchanged for local currency almost anywhere. Credit cards facilities are acceptable at some of the larger Hotels and Auto Banks are available for cash withdrawals – in Meticas.

WHAT TO TAKE

Clothing & in general: - Most folk over pack when traveling in general, everyone over packs when boarding a yacht. You will find that during the day much of your time is spent in a costume at most a **T-shirt, sarong or shorts** – take a few sets. A light toweling-lined **windbreaker** will be more than sufficient if you are cool. Evenings and early mornings are a little cooler - a set of warmer clothing is advised. **Jeans or a tracksuit, a warm shirt** with the windbreaker will be sufficient. Please bring your own **Beach Towel** and **toiletries, sunglasses, sun block, hat, insect repellent, strops, walking shoes and snorkeling gear** if you would prefer your own. A small **backpack** always comes in handy and keeps all your small valuables in one place. **NB** Please pack your **luggage in a collapsible bag**, which will make for easy storage in your cabin. These bags are available from us at very competitive prices – Backpacker Carryall (Built in internal compression straps, sling, handles, grab handles and fold away backpack straps and hip belt)

In general - **snacks, a book, magazines, camera, video, enough film** and your own choice of music is welcome so feel free to bring along some **CD's and Videos**.

Drinks & Snacks: - Purified drinking water, local cool drinks and all hot beverages are provided free of charge. You are welcome to take your own hard tack and wine (mixes are provided depending on availability). Mozambique and SA beer can be purchased for you prior to your arrival – account to be settled on arrival in cash with the skipper. We recommend you take a few snacks (biltong, nuts, dried fruit etc), as these are not easily obtainable in Mozambique.

Fly Fishing & Fishing: - Fly-fishing equipment is not provided. Please remember to protect your rods in travel tubes, as they will not allow you to carry them on the flight as hand luggage.

Basic conventional fishing equipment is available for use, but if you would like to bring along specialized equipment, you are most welcome. Terminal tackle (although supplied need to be replaced if lost) – Rapalas - Recommend that you take a selection of your own. Large – 14 to 18cm / reds & white, blue & white, green & yellow work, gold and blue are best don't forget to take a few deep runners.

Snorkeling: Although the yacht has a selection of masks and fins, we would recommend you take your own as this is equipment that needs to be comfortable and fit properly for you to enjoy your experience.

Tender boats: There are 2 tender boats that are used for getting you to the yacht and for getting you to islands.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.