

## **DRIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE**

- Driver's license (Southern African citizens do not need an International license)
- If you are bringing in a vehicle :
  - A privately owned vehicle or trailer/boat trailer, within the SADC (Southern African Development Community) countries must have the registration book or documents. A much better idea is to make certified copies of your registration papers and laminate them. You will be required to show this upon entry at the border.
  - A vehicle still owned by a financial institution, obtain a STAMPED copy of vehicle registration paper.
  - If the driver is not the registered owner, then a letter from the Owner, authorising use of the vehicle/trailer/boat is required.
  - If you are driving a hired vehicle, then the rental company must give a letter of authorisation to the driver, to use the vehicle in Mozambique.
  - Vehicles with a foreign registration must pay third party insurance. This can be obtained on the border at Hollard Insurance or from any AA outlet.
  - It is strongly advised to insure your vehicle comprehensively and make sure that cross-border travel is covered by your policy.
- Traffic in Mozambique, as in South Africa, drives on the left hand side of the road.
- Two red emergency triangles per vehicle are required by law.
- If you are towing a boat or trailer you must have the, yellow triangle on a blue background, towing sign on the front right of your vehicle and on the back right of the boat or trailer.
- It is now compulsory for motorists to carry the reflective jackets when travelling to Mozambique.
- The wearing of seatbelts is law in Mozambique.

Maputo from Ressano Garcia is 120 km's on the freeway and has 2 toll gates before entering Maputo.

Be very careful to keep to the speed limits, as if you transgress the speed limits, you are liable to a fine. Do not cross solid white lines and, wear your seat belts, front and back seats.

The 1st toll gate, is Mt105.00. 2nd and 3rd toll gates, are Mt20.00 each.

You can pay in US\$ or Meticais or SA Rands, change will be in Meticais.

Driving after dark can be a high risk and dangerous because of poor road conditions in some areas, the poor maintenance of many vehicles in the country (e.g. no headlights or rear lights), as well as the threat imposed by livestock that graze on roadsides. Please plan your trip carefully and rather stay over for the night.

It is illegal to drive on the beaches!– You may only do so to launch a boat.

Don't drive in areas where there are no demarcated roads – there are still land mines in some parts of Mozambique.

## **ON THE BORDER**

Very important - make sure that you have your 3rd party insurance!! Can also be obtained from the AA or Outdoor Warehouse.

Exit the building and find a customs official, usually dressed in a blue uniform, he will check your vehicle to see that no forbidden goods or plants are being brought into Mozambique. He will sign your gate pass. This form you hand to the officer at the gate, who will then allow you through into Mozambique.

You are allowed to take through, 400 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 grams of tobacco, 1 litre of spirits, 2.25 litres of wine, 50 ml of perfume and goods not exceeding the equivalent of US\$200,00.  
No drugs, firearms, ammunition or explosives may be taken into Mozambique.