

# 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:

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ACCOMMODATION; ENTERTAINMENT; WHAT TO BRING ALONG;  
RESTAURANTS; DIVING INFO & MISCELLANEOUS



# STRAB

# 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 Pretoria to Malongane

- From Pretoria/Johannesburg drive to Witbank - 112 Km's (S25.89561°, E029.25282°)
- From Witbank drive to Middelburg
- Take the 3rd offramp after the tollgate - 141 Km's (S25.8243°, E029.52767°)
- Turn right to Hendrina - 184 Km's (S26.17293°, E029.72121°)
- Straight through to Ermelo - 232 Km's (S26.51698°, E029.98431°)
- From Ermelo take the N2 to Piet Retief - 330 Km's (S27.00439°, E030.79468°)
- Continue to Pongola - 430 Km's (S27.38342°, E031.62415°)
- Continue on N2
- Turn left to Jozini - 482 Km's (S27.54277°, E031.97897°)
- Through Jozini, keep left over dam wall (check for potholes the last 10km before the T-junction)
- - 500 Km's (S27.42503°, E032.07366°)
- At T-junction turn right - 537 Km's (S27.09919°, E032.15900°)
- Follow the road to Manguzi/Kwangwanasi - 603 Km's (S26.98895°, E032.75589°)
- Straight to Kosi Bay border post - 618 Km's (S26.86427°, E032.82940°)
- Continue 5km on tarr road. Just after toll gate turn right onto Ponta do Ouro road
- After 3 km is the turnoff to Malongane - sand road
- To Malongane (sand road) - 632 Km's (S26.79591°, E032.89114°)



### Tips

- First part up and to the Hendriena turnoff fine with two tollgates (R24 and R40)
- From there the road gets narrower, with heavy early morning mist- No real cool pitstops at Hendriena, rather push through to Ermelo - Piet Retief and Pongola are both good stops to rest.
- Kwangwanase (Kosi Bay) is your last stop before the border. A last few twist and turns but the road is fine
- At the border remember to be polite and patient.

**NB: GIVE YOURSELF 9 HOURS TRAVELLING TIME to be safe**

#### From Johannesburg



#### From Bloemfontein



#### From Durban



#### From Cape Town



## Option 2 - Via Lembombo border (Komatipoort)

### From Gauteng to Malongane

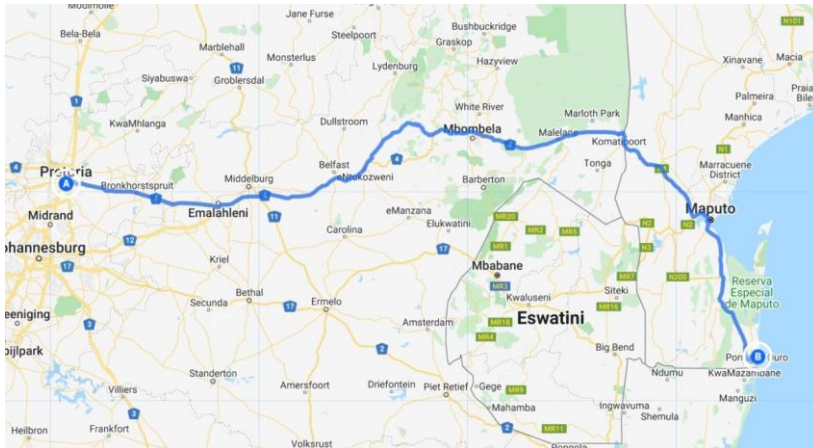
- From Gauteng, either via N4 or N12, meet up at Emalahleni on the N4 and drive right through to Lebombo border post.
- From the border post, drive onwards towards Maputu - 120km/h speed limit.
- After about 70km you will be entering the Maputu suburb of Matola, where the new Ring Road around Maputu turns off to the left to Xai Xai. 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.
- 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 again
- Continue straight, over the new 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 Malongane (sand road) for those with 4x4's or AWD's, another 8km to Malongane resort.
- Just before the turnoff is another entrance for secure parking if you came by car. Watch for the sign.
- Your border pickup will get you there.

### Tips

- To avoid Maputu peak hour traffic, get to the border from 8 o'clock.

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### From Pretoria



## 2. BEFORE YOU GO

### ALL PACKED?

- Do a last-minute check - Most food and drink items, except red meat, is 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
- Camping chairs for the stage area
- 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 realising... 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 either buy your 3rd party insurance online at [www.drivemoz.com](http://www.drivemoz.com) or as you leave the Mozambique side of the border post at the Sasol garage on your right.

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. 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 still.

## 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 9 hours for traveling time to be safe.

#### VIA KOMATIPOORT

Google places in Nelspruit, 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 opens at 6:00 and closes at 24:00. From Gauteng, allow 9 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 drivers 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 organised a border pickup, you can leave your car in the secure car park on your left, 200m before the border post for about R75 per day.

## MOZAMBIQUE SIDE

### VEHICLE:

- The driver of the vehicle must go to Customs (on left-hand side) with car papers and driver's license.
- You will either have to fill in a temporary import permit or a digital version will be printed for you. It will cost Mtz750 or around R200 per vehicle.
- 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 on the right-hand side as you go through the border gate. You will also have to present your PCR test there (not older than 72 hours).

If you are vaccinated, just present your vaccination certificate.

### TIPS:

- It is always a good idea to have an extra pen or two for the border posts.
- Have exact cash available, as change might be an issue.

### 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 won't be space on the next one. It is absolutely critical that you print out your voucher 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 have a drink at the barakka just outside the border post on the Mozambican side while you wait for your border pick up.
- Buy compulsory Mozambique Third-party insurance for R280 for vehicles and an additional amount for trailers from any of the insurance representatives based on the right-hand side of the tar road as you come through the border

## KOMATIPOORT

## SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE

### VEHICLE:

Normally vehicles with SA license numbers are not checked here. Go straight to passport control.

### 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.

### COVID CHECKPOINT:

You will have to present either your Vaccination Certificate or your Covid PCR test at the Covid checkpoint at the parking area. You will be given a slip to be presented upon stamping your passport. If you want to enter with a rapid test you can do it there for R300.

### PASSPORTS:

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

**VEHICLE:**

To the left of the passport counter is the vehicle customs area. Be ready with car papers, gate pass and driver's license.

- You will either have to fill in a temporary import permit or a digital version will be printed for you. It will cost Mtz750 or around R200 per vehicle.
- Ensure the official stamp and give back your gate pass to exit the border post.
- Once you have finished all your documentation, a customs officer 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.
- Have exact cash available, as change might be an issue.

## 5. IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

### ALCOHOL

- 3 Bottles of wine per person
- 1 litre of spirit per person
- NO beer
- 200 cigarettes

## 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 - turn right
- After three km's you will see 1st a border pickup entrance for those of you that didn't want to park your car on the SA side, and immediately after that the turn-off to Malongane
- Follow the sand road and signs for 8km's until you get to Malongane

### KOMATIPOORT

- It is approximately 3 hours drive from the Border to Malongane turnoff
- About 2km after the border post is a Sasol garage on your right, You can refuel here. It will take you about 3 hours from here to get to the Malongane turnoff near Ponta do Ouro
- You can also buy your 3rd party insurance here for R280 if you haven't bought it on-line
- 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
- After three km's you will see 1st a border pickup entrance
- 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 absolutely critical that you print out your voucher for your border pickup and your border drop-off. This is your ticket that must be given to your driver when you embark. No Ticket - No Ride!
- Immediately after that the turn-off to Malongane
- Follow the sand road and signs for 8km's until you get 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 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:

### KEY DEPOSIT

- Chalets
- Log Huts
- Rondavels

### FOOD VOUCHERS

The names of everyone 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.

### OWN CAMPING

You will have to bring everything. Casual help can be hired at R100 per day to assist with setting up camp, cleaning etc. Please arrange with Security at the gate for an approved assistant. Ensure that you and the casual help 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.

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

### TENTS-ON-DECK

There are 2 beds with mattresses and fitted sheet in each pre-pitched tent, no bedding and no electricity. Bring your own sleeping stuff and a 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. Pots, cutlery and crockery are provided.

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### CHALETS & RONDAVELS

For the 4, 5 and 6 bed 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 bed rondavels do not have ablutions, so you need to use the communal ablutions

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## 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. Pots, cutlery and crockery are provided.

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## 9. ENTERTAINMENT & STAGE

There is a huge beach party happening on the Wednesday evening.

The stage will be at the Dive camp area. 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 in it, you need your own bedding
- Own camping - bring everything

### EXTRAS

- Camping chairs
- Beach accessories
- Games
- Torch
- Money (South African Rand accepted everywhere)

### 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 at Ponta Malongane. Everybody with food options will be served there.
- Food can be bought at the restaurant between 11:00 and 16:00 and from 19:00 to 21:00.
- Food will be sold throughout the day at the stage area.
- For the pre-booked meals, brunch will be from 8:00 to 11:00 and dinner from 16:00 to 19:00
- There are a number of restaurants in Malongane town, on the road to Ponta do Ouro and in Malongane itself.

## 12. DIVING INFORMATION

### DIVERS

Malongane staff will be in charge of the diving activities. You can approach them regarding diving. Find Malongane staff at the dive shop to complete all the indemnities.

- Remember your certification card and/or logbook.
- Reef tax of R100 is payable by divers
- Indemnities must be done before you do your first dive.

There will be a short meeting at the dive planning board for all the scuba divers at 16:30 from Wednesday afternoon.

### KIT-UP

You have the option to leave your diving equipment in the kit-up area at own risk.

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

Students (advanced and open water) 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.

### DIVE PLANNING

Dive planning will take place at 16:30 every day. Divers interested in diving the next day must be at the dive planning white board. Nobody is allowed to book dives for a group of more than 4 people.

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:

- 6 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 or not you should take malaria pills. This area are sprayed annually and its been a few years since the last recorded case of Malaria. 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 some of us. It is not the same as Gauteng water, so bring your own if you think it is going to be an issue.

## CURRENCY

Meticals.

Rand is accepted everywhere. The exchange rate is currently around 4 Meticais to the Rand. Please note that there are only VISA card facilities available at the resort.

Please note that there are only VISA card facilities available at the resort. This can only be used for diving activities, accommodation and restaurant. NB: NOT IN USE AT THE BAR!

## CELL PHONE RECEPTION

Voice and data coverage in Malongane.

## SAFEGUARD YOUR POSESSIONS

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 cellphone in SA, buy a Moz simcard and airtime in Malongane village and use that as a phone for the duration of the festival.

## OTHER REQUESTS

If you have any other issues please contact Hanalie:

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