

CROSS BORDER TRAVEL MOZAMBIQUE

We wish to advise that we have had many reports from visitors into Mozambique being victimised, having rental vehicles impounded for no reason and being charged astronomical amounts of money for all sorts of unprescribed duties and fees.

This behaviour has been prevalent over the past couple of months and has become more frequent, not only with our customers, but customers of many rental companies.

With this in mind, we would like to strongly advise that customers be discouraged from visiting Mozambique. We feel that the experience of the Mozambican border officials and other authorities spoils it for our visitors. And not being local people or from Africa, it is quite daunting and not a nice experience.

We will keep you posted should this situation change.

[Printable version](#) of Mozambique cross border information.

ESSENTIALS FOR CROSSING BORDERS WITH A HIRED CAR

- Valid passport of the driver
- Certified copy of vehicle registration papers in the name of the driver
- Letter of authority from the Car Rental Company
- **Valid driver's license**
- **Temporary Import Permit for vehicle:** Compulsory - approximately R15 payable in Meticals
- **Third-Party Insurance:** Compulsory - available at any [AA Accredited Sales Agent](#) store; R220 (valid for 30 days)
- **Red Warning Triangles:** 2 triangles required (does not need to be displayed on car)
- **Reflective Jacket:** If more than two people are travelling in the car, then two jackets will be required (to be used when changing a tyre, at an accident scene, or if loading)
- **Immigration Fees:** R17.50 per person
- **Declaration Form for Vehicle:** Cost is approximately R50
- **Yellow and Blue Mozambique Warning Triangle:** Two stickers required if towing a trailer; one in the front of the vehicle (on the bumper) and one on the rear of the trailer
- **ZA Sticker:** Available at any [AA Accredited Sales Agent](#)
- **International Driving Permit:** Recommended
- **Important Notes:**
 - Never give your passport to anyone and avoid using locals to assist with border assistance
 - Look out for speed traps when travelling back to SA (5km before the Border Post on the downhill) it is a 60 km/h zone and you will be fined R300
 - Rand currency is acceptable in Mozambique
 - Carry copies of your passport and driver's license

The Car Rental Company will only provide a cross border permit and vehicle registration documents.

AT THE BORDER

- 1 At the border post, a pass is issued. Follow all instructions before entering border building.
- 2 NEVER allow any assistance with completion of forms. Do it yourself (officials are not allowed to help)
- 3 Always carry some local currency as various costs are only payable in local currency.

4. Do NOT exchange money at the border.

5 Declare ALL goods of high value (laptops, trailers, etc). There are too many stories of taxes being charged for undeclared goods. It is called a custom clearance certificate. If you do not obtain it (and declare everything) they will make you pay a high fine when leaving Mozambique)

Hot Tip: for anything you buy in Mozambique you need an export permit (every souvenir) otherwise customs will fine you.

DO NOT DO ANYTHING TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF POLICE IN MOZAMBIQUE – always have all your papers with you and make sure all licences, car registration, etc are valid!

COSTS

Visas for international visitors should be obtained before you get to the border at an embassy. The cost is +/- R 1000

- 1 R17.50 per South African passport (each passport holder must be present)
- 2 Road tax MTn 26.50 (SA currency not accepted)
- 3 Third party insurance R160.00.