

8 NIGHTS | 12 DIVES UP TO 8 HOURS CLOSE HUMPBACK WHALE INTERACTION

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With a focus on high-end inwater interactions. These magnificent ocean giants, known for their elaborate courtship songs and displays, are typically 12 to 16 meters in length and weigh around 36 metric tons. What sets humpback whales apart from other baleen whales are their long, narrow flippers, which are about a third of their body length and scalloped on the forward edge. Additionally, they have distinctive large knobs on their head, jaws, and body, with each knob associated with one or two hairs.

Humpback whales can be found along the coasts of all oceans, including the eastern coast of Africa. They embark on extensive migrations, traveling between polar feeding grounds in the summer and tropical or subtropical breeding grounds in the winter. It is believed that these majestic creatures come to East Africa to give birth in the safe and warm tropical waters. In particular, the waters off the coast of Mozambique have been identified as a significant breeding area for humpback whales.

Morungulo and Tofo, the main focus of our expedition, provide the perfect nesting grounds for pregnant females who give birth to their babies in the shallow reefs off either coast.. These birthing grounds offer our guests some of the most spectacular in-water interactions in the world of whale sightseeing. Accompanied by our professional guides, you will have the opportunity to experience up-close and personal interactions with these magnificent creatures, immersing yourself in their beauty. Enjoy your morning breakfast with breathtaking breaching dances from our temporary residents from your ocean deck.



Whale sharks, the largest fish in the world, can be spotted in the warm waters off the pristine shores of Mozambique. These magnificent creatures can grow to lengths exceeding 14 meters. Mozambique is home to three unique aquatic ecosystems, each offering its own breathtaking wonders. One of the most incredible experiences for visitors to Mozambique is the chance to observe whale sharks up close while snorkeling or scuba diving in the ocean. This encounter is truly magical and has the power to be a life-changing experience. While these gentle giants travel long distances to feed, they can often be found in Mozambique's waters throughout the year, particularly in the Tofo area and forms a big part of our interaction species list when choosing a WHALE OF A TIME EXPEDITION..





Steve left the UK at the age of 17 to move to Cape Town, where he started his own recycling business. There he discovered the ocean and scuba diving! In 2004, he went on vacation to Tofo Beach for a few days. In the end, he never left and started a career in diving as an instructor and manager before creating his own center with Nick in 2009.



Nick has always been around the water. He completed his Open Water course aged 12 and had already reached 100 dives by the age of 14! After finishing university in Johannesburg, he decided to become a diving instructor and moved to Mozambique in 2008. He settled in Tofo, where he met Steve and decided to create Peri-Peri Divers together. Nick is also a freediving instructor since 2017.



Martina is from the Czech Republic but left for England quite soon after finishing school to work as an au pair. An enthusiastic traveller, Martina came to Tofo as a backpacker in 2008. Loving the ocean, the beach and always up for a party, she found Tofo was the place for her and ended up staying on and working at Peri-Peri Divers as an Office Manager. She also teaches yoga and runs her own spa

MOZAMBIQUE



Despite its history as an **old Portuguese colony** that ended in 1975, Mozambique has faced challenging times, including severe drought and a prolonged civil war.

However, in 1992, peace was finally restored through a **peace agreement** facilitated by the UN. Thankfully, the Mozambican people and their government have moved past their war-torn past and are now dedicated to **rebuilding their nation**. As a result, Mozambique has become an **attractive destination for tourists**, offering stunning beaches, picturesque islands, a UNESCO world heritage site, captivating colonial architecture, and a warm and hospitable people and culture. With all these qualities, **Mozambique has become an ideal place to visit**.



A DIVER'S PARADISE

With over **2000 km of coastline**, Mozambique offers a diverse range of marine habitats.

When Mozambique is mentioned, most divers immediately think of its abundant megafauna. The waters are rich in ocean giant possibilities with whale sharks and manta rays, which can be found year-round in the plankton-rich environment at the forefront of a divers dream. Additionally, humpback whales pass through, yearly from June to October, on their migratory route from the Antarctic. The Inhambane region and our focus on this expedition, serves as a

sanctuary for nesting marine turtles, mantas, dolphins and humpbacks on top of a myriad of other special ocean giants. Off the coast of Tofo, an area known as "whale shark alley," guests have a fantastic chance to interact with these majestic creatures throughout the year and at our new destination Morrungulo a population of Tiger Sharks has excitedly been discovered. Linking the Shark Mecca of Ponta Do Ouro (tigers, bulls, hammerheads) It is no wonder that these destinations alone puts Mozambique at the top of many scuba divers' bucket lists!

CURRENCIES

- Mozambique Meticais (MZM)
- South Africa Rand (ZAR)

These both can be obtained from all banks with ATM's throughout both countries. Many places also accept USD, ZAR and EUR but their rates often in restaurants are not favourable. Most places also accepts visa & mastercard.

CASH & CREDIT CARD

When bringing USD or EUR its favorable in terms of currency exchange to **bring larger notes** as the currency value is more than with smaller notes. When bringing specifically **USD make sure the notes are newer notes from 2019** onwards and again the larger notes carry a better exchange than the smaller notes.





Currently, there are some difficulties with making payments using Mastercard within Mozambique. However, most establishments in Mozambique do accept Visa cards. To ensure a smooth payment experience, it is advisable to bring a Visa card as your primary payment method.

For cash, your Safari Drive and Dive Specialist will offer two options. They can either make stops at the various **ATM cash points** along the way, or they can arrange for a **local currency exchange agent** who deals in dollars and euros to meet you at the lodge.



Euros & dollars accepted at the daily exchange rate provide by BCI banks

- Restaurants in your destination accept both card and cash payments
- The average cost for a main course meal in these establishments is around MTS 1000 (\$15), depending on the specific restaurant you choose.
- Markets for local traditional gifts and souvenirs only accept cash

CETTING A VISA

STEP TO FOLLOW

1. SEND DEPOSITE TO SDD . SEND COPY OF PASSPORT TO SDD PRINT INVITATION LETTER FROM SDD zambique bord PAY A NOMINAL FEE OF 650MET (~9.20€, 8£, 10\$USD) SUBMIT VALID PASSPORT (AT LEAST 6 MONTHS) SUMBIT ROUND-TRIP FLIGHT TICKET SUMBIT PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION IN MOZAMBIQUE **PAY VISA FEES**

* C O U N T R I E S E X E M P T F R O M V I S A

BELGIUM CANADA CHINA DENMARK FINLAND FRANCE GERMANY GHANA IVORY COAST INDONESIA IRELAND ISRAEL ITALY JAPAN NETHERLANDS NORWAY PORTUGAL RUSSIA SAUDI ARABIA SENEGAL SINGAPOR SOUTH KOREA SPAIN SWEDEN SWITZERLAND UKRAINE UNITED ARAB EMIRATS UNITED KINGDOM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

11\$USD IF YOU ARE VISA- EXEMPT (PLEASE SEE THE LIST*)
50\$USD - 100\$USD IF YOU ARE NOT VISA-EXEMPT (PLEASE SEE THE LIST*)

MORE DAYS IN MOZAMBIQUE

The reformed Visa system for Mozambique now allows every guest 90 days in the country, not the 30 days total as previously permitted. The simple tourist visa has been converted into an all-in-one tourism and business visa.

Furthermore, 14 countries within the South African Development Community (SADC) region can also enter Mozambique without a visa for a period of up to 3 months (or 90 days): Angola, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Although the visa states that it is valid for a single entry. When visiting South Africa, guests are allowed two entries if it is still within its 30-day validity period.

Most border entry points (flying and land based) have started accepting credit card payments for visas but its recommended to carry some cash USD to cover should the machine be offline...

ARRIVAL Williams

HIGH IMPORTANCE NOTE

- Kindly remember to keep your entry visa receipt or payment slip with you and present it at the appropriate departure location IF REQUESTED.
- It is crucial to verify with the Safari Drive and Dive Specialist the specific airport from where your expedition will commence / finish before proceeding with the deposit and flight bookings.
- The Safari Drive and Dive team will accommodate one trip to the arrival and or departure airports. We acknowledge that arrival and departure times may vary, especially in today's financially challenging times. Therefore, the team will schedule the transfer based on the earliest flight times. However, guests with specific DEPARTURE flights at later times, particularly in the evening, who prefer to spend more time in a comfortable hotel environment, have the option to arrange a alternate mode of transfer with the Safari Drive and Dive specialist. Please note that this personalized arrangement will incur additional expenses on your part.

AIRPORTS



- 1. ARRIVING INTO VNX VILANCULOS (BEFORE 13:30PM)
- 2. ARRIVING INTO INH INHAMBANE (BEFORE 15:00PM)

OUT

1. DEPARTING VNX VILANCULOS (AFTER 11.00AM)

2. DEPARTING INH **INHAMBANE** (AFTER 9.00AM)









TRANSPORTATION



We offer three roomy vehicles for your convenience: two 23-seater (4x2) Crafters and a 10-seater (4x4) with additional trailer space for luggage. These vehicles are serviced after meticulously each ensuring they are always in excellent condition and ready to provide you with a worry-free adventure. During our road journeys, you can enjoy the luxury of 4G WiFi, allowing you to indulge in soothing music or captivating podcasts exploring the charming coastal towns of Mozambique. Don't forget to charge your laptops, download your favorite series, and bring a camera to capture the vibrant colors and rich Bantu culture along the way!

THE VAN



3 HOURS From Vilanculos Airport To Morrungulo



2,5 HOURS From Morrungulo To Tofo Beach



5HOURS From Tofo Beach To Vilanculos



Day 1

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be **warmly welcomed** and transported to the enchanting lodge at Morrungulo. After a smooth check-in process, it's time to unwind and treat yourself to a refreshing drink on the serene ocean deck. Take a moment to soak in the breathtaking views and let the tranquility wash over you.

As the evening approaches, a delectable **buffet dinner** awaits you, offering a diverse selection of mouthwatering main courses. While you indulge in the culinary delights, you can also feast your eyes on the captivating sights that surround you.



MORRUNGULO



Morrungulo, one of the FOUR premier diving destinations on these extraordinary expeditions. With its pristine beach it is quickly becoming the number one spot on the Inhambane dive map. For avid divers, the chance to explore and develop a new diving destination is a dream come true.

For the past three years, the dedicated team at SDD has been hard at work creating this diving paradise. The reef systems in Morrungulo are untouched and unspoiled, providing a raw and authentic diving experience. The marine life is abundant, offering divers the opportunity to encounter breathtakingly beautiful creatures.

You will take the chance to be one of the first to discover and explore Morrungulo's hidden underwater treasures. This is an experience that serious divers cannot afford to miss. The design of this adventure makes Morrungulo a captivating diving destination and one of the biggest highlights of your expedition.

WHAT TO SEE

DOLPHINS
WEDGE FISHS

TIGER SHARKS
LEOPARD SHARKS
NURSE SHARKS
WHITE TIP SHARKS

SMALLEYED STINGRAYS

MANTAS RAYS

EAGLE RAYS

ACCOMMODATION







Perched amidst the serene coconut plantations of The rooms are elegantly furnished and each Morrungulo beach in Inhambane, Peri Peri dive one has its own private bathroom. We take pride camp offers a breathtaking beach retreat. With in providing daily room service to ensure your the Indian Ocean just steps away, this stunning comfort. Do not worry if, for any reason, you are vacation spot boasts unspoiled and pristine assigned to a non-sea-facing room in one beaches, providing a perfect backdrop for a destination, we will ensure fairness by variety of activities. The resort is conveniently automatically placing you in a sea-facing room located within a short 300m walk to the beach, in other destinations. Each guest will be treated which is not only safe for swimming but also with utmost consideration and fairness is our showcases endless stretches of sand and top priority. picturesque scenery. Moreover, the surrounding waters host some of the most vibrant reef systems in Mozambique, ensuring a truly remarkable experience for diving enthusiasts.

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LAUNDRY



HOT SHOWER



AIR CONDITIONING

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BAR



RESTAURANT



Day 2 to Day 4

Breakfast is served from 6:45 - with hot and cold options available. After breakfast we kit up for you're **first mornings Double Tank Dive.** Since it is the first day, our launch time is slightly delayed, around 9 am, and we return to the beach from 2 pm onwards. The following days will be faster-paced, with a plan to be on the water by 8.00 am daily to **maximize our in water interactions**. On surface intervals, **we provide snacks**, fruit, water, tea, coffee, or hot chocolate to keep you energized in between dives.





Day 5

TRANSFER DAY

After breakfast we gather our things pack up and move to our next destination 2.5 hours away, Tofo Beach.



TOFO BEACH



Located in southeastern Mozambique, Tofo Beach is a charming coastal town that has transformed from a traditional fishing community into a diver's paradise. While it may appear like any other African backpacker destination with its sandy roads lined with palm trees, friendly locals, and an abundance of affordable beach bars and restaurants, Tofo offers something truly unique.

One of the main attractions in Tofo is the opportunity to swim with whale sharks, the largest non-cetacean creatures in the world. These magnificent creatures can reach an average length of 32 feet, yet they pose no harm to humans. Unlike many other destinations where whale sharks are only seen during certain seasons,

Tofo Beach is fortunate to have these spotted giants as permanent residents all year round!

Visitors to Tofo Beach are treated to a once-in-a-lifetime experience as they can encounter these gentle giants up close and personal. The crystal-clear waters of Tofo provide the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable swim with these majestic creatures.

In addition, Tofo Beach also offers a range of other activities for **nature enthusiasts**. The surrounding marine ecosystem is teeming with vibrant coral reefs, exotic fish species, with manta ray or humpback whale sightings high on our interactive species list.

Beyond the water, Tofo Beach also has a vibrant cultural scene. The friendly local community welcomes visitors with open arms, offering a glimpse into the traditional Mozambican way of life. From local markets selling fresh seafood and handicrafts to lively music and dance performances, there is always something to discover in this lively coastal town!

WHAT TO SEE

HUMBACK WHALES
WHAKESHARK
DOLPHINS

CREY REEF SHARK

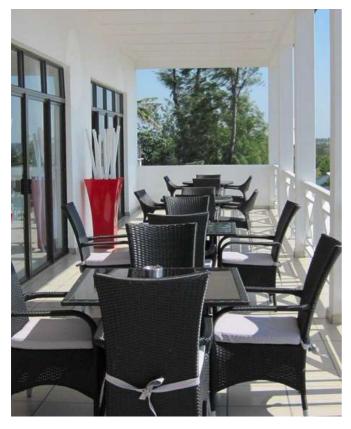
LEOPARD SHARK

NURSE SHARK

WHITE TIP SHARK

MANTAS RAY
SMALLEYED RAY
BOWMOUTH
TURTLES

ACCOMMODATION







Our accommodation is a magnificent three-story building located on Tofo Main Beach, providing guests with breathtaking views that stretch all the way to Barra Point. The Guest House boasts opulent en-suite bedrooms, with most rooms featuring a veranda that overlooks the stunning ocean.

For those seeking tranquility and a chance to unwind, our sundeck and swimming pool area offer both privacy and the perfect setting to bask in the sun while being serenaded by the soothing sounds of the sea. Indulge in a refreshing beverage on the veranda, where it's not uncommon to witness the regular presence of whales (in season) and dolphins gracefully swimming by.

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RESTAURANT



Day 5

Once we arrive from morrungulo your guide will give you a quick show of the area surrounding your lodge and diving centre. Which is followed by a well-deserved drink and some chill time on the ocean deck. The first evening we can eat sea facing on the deck and prepare dive gear and cameras for the nexts days excursion.





Day 6 to Day 8

Breakfast is served from 6:45 on the ocean deck with some of the finest bay views – hot and cold options are available. 7:30 am meet at the **diving centre** where your equipment is already prepared, A quick briefing and we are on to the sea for **2 dives.** Sandwiches , fruit, water, Snacks, tea, coffee or hot chocolate are provided daily in between dives.

Evenings are spent experiencing Tofo's fantastic musical and culinary nightlife.





Day 9

TRANSFER DAY

Regrettably, it appears that our journey has reached its always quick conclusion. After enjoying a satisfying buffet breakfast and ensuring that our belongings are packed in the trailer, it is now time to make our way to the departure airport Vilanculo or Inhambane.







YOUR DIVING EQUIPMENT

We have avaible all aquipment at an additional price per item, per dive, should you need.

Dive cylinders are both DIN & International fittings



WARM DIVING GEAR

hat, windbreaker, 5mm and above wetsuit and even a chicken vest

From June to October the water can go down to 22°C



YOUR DIVES CARDS



PRESCRIPTIVE DIVE MASKS



EXTRA CLOTHINGS

There are hot showers for after the dive, so bringing along a small bag with some extra clothings



USEFUL BOAT STUFF

Suncream, sunglasses, hat, waterproof over jacket

There is always a complimentary snack, sandwich, fruit, biscuits, water, tea & coffee on the boat throughout the diving days

FAQ

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 8 Nights, 12 x Activities (dives and or WHALE snorkelling), UPTO 8hrs daily water time,
- Accommodation including breakfast Morrungulo & Tofo (2 destinations)
- Transfers, Breakfasts, marine science talk with our partners at Marine Megafauna Foundation
- A complimentary 30min back massage.



WHAT'S THE GENERAL CONCENSUS ON TIPPING?

Tipping is a wonderful gesture to express gratitude for a well-organized and carefully planned trip, where the staff has gone above and beyond to ensure your comfort and seamless experience at each destination. While tipping is not obligatory, it serves as an excellent way to show appreciation. We kindly ask all guests considering tipping to hand over at the end of their expedition so that your guide can distribute it evenly among the tour team. However, if you prefer to personally tip a specific individual, that is more than acceptable.



WHAT IS A RELATIVE TIPPING AMOUNT?

Typically, we suggest a reasonable amount of \$5 - \$10 per person per day. However, please note that any amount you choose to give is always greatly appreciated by the tour staff.



HOW IS MY LUGGAGE AND DIVE EQUIPMENT TRANSFERED?

Ideally, guests SHOULD travel with minimal luggage and enjoy the added convenience of complimentary laundry services at every destination. Each day, guests will receive a briefing regarding the schedules for the following day. It is advisable to bring a compact overnight or travel bag, as well as a separate lightweight bag for organizing wet diving equipment during destination changes. At the end of each diving destination, black bags will be available should guests need.



IS THERE WIFI?

WiFi is accessible in all destinations, but the most crucial feature is the availability of WiFi in the vehicle through your guide's phone, which acts as a hotspot.



IS THERE CHARGING PORTS IN THE VEHICULES?

Regrettably NO, before departure ensure that all tablets, power banks, phones, etc. are fully charged.

HIGH END in water SNORKELLING interactions with HUMPBACK WHALES / WHALE SHARKS + 12 Dives, Manta Rays, Leopard Sharks, Dolphins & a myriad of others

FAQ

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS



CAN I GET A LOCAL SIM CARD?

Yes, it is possible to purchase a local SIM card, but it is not necessary since wifi is readily available as soon as you board the bus. If you need a SIM card, you can ask your guide who will be able to arrange it for you at the next suitable opportunity.



IS QUR EVENING MEAL MANDETORY?

Absolutely not at all. Each evening, the group reserves a restaurant option. However, since you are on a holiday and desire tranquility, kindly inform the SDD GUIDE who will be more than willing to provide alternative suggestions and make a reservation for you.

Below the water: Whale Sharks, Tiger Sharks, Bull Sharks, Hammerhead Sharks, Oceanic Black Tip Sharks, Leopard Sharks, Silver Tip Sharks & Humpback Whales (in season Jun-Oct), Manta Rays & Dolphins & many more



MALARIA

Mozambique is one of the best places to deal with the effects of malaria

Nevertheless, here are some tips to avoid contraction:

- Consult a GP about taking Malaria tablets
- Stock up on mosquito repellent
- Wear light clothing that covers arms, legs, ankles etc.
- Use the mosquito nets provided
- Close doors and windows
- Use mosquito window screens
- Use fan or air conditioner to keep mosquito activity down a minimum





ARE 15LTR CYLINDERS AVAILABLE?

Yes they are, but only a certain amount. If a 15ltr is needed please let us know prior to arrival. We stock 10ltr, 12ltr, in both steel and aluminum and all with either DIN or International fittings.



CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR DIVING WEIGHTS?

All our weights are 1kg per weight and can be offered for integrated pockets or separate on a belt. If using aluminum cylinders the staff add 1 kg to your ideal weight to counter the lighter metal. If guests are using a 15ltr look to reduce your comfort weight by 1 kg allowing for the slightly heavier and bigger cylinder.



CAN I TAKE A BAG QUT QN THE BOAT?

Certainly, but please keep in mind that we will be diving from a semi-rigid boat, so space is limited. Once again, only pack essential items and hand them over to the guide on the beach for safe storage.



IS THERE AN ASSIST LADDER?

Regrettably not, we can assist directly. Our guides possess remarkable strength and expertise in aiding even the most delicate individuals in returning to the boat. It is advisable to approach the back area, as it is usually nearer to the water and facilitates easier access.



IS THERE SHADE?

Given the nature of our surf launching and the potential for wind to render retractable covers ineffective, it is important for you to bring along some form of light covering. It is essential to have hats, sunglasses, and sunscreens with you at all times.



WHAT ABOUT CURRENTS AND WATER ENTRIES?

Mozambique is famous for its abundant marine life, thanks to the currents that prevail in its waters. Divers need to be well-prepared for the possibility of these currents. Consequently, our dive entries involve descending quickly with the assistance of our experienced guides. Although this may seem daunting, there is no cause for alarm as we have dedicated sweepers who ensure that all entries proceed smoothly. They are the last staff members to descend, and their primary role is to ensure that the dive entries go according to plan.

DATES: ! VERY POPULAR TRIP! June - October

FAQ DIVING



WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

All divers participating in expeditions must possess a minimum qualification of Open Water and Deep, and should be proficient and comfortable in their diving skills. It is recommended that divers have engaged in diving activities within the past six months prior to attending the expeditions.



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER?

Regrettably, as divers, we have no control over the conditions of the water and ocean. In the event that dives cannot be scheduled due to unfavorable weather, we will firstly offer an alternative activity/experience of equal value. We have a number of options available to us should the weather not play its part, these will be discussed as a group prior to any decision being made. However, if a guest decides not to dive or participate in the suggested activity change for any reason, they will unfortunately forfeit the activity.



IS A THIRD DIVE AVAILABLE?

The possibility of afternoon dives on your expedition depends on the completion time of your morning activities. These dives are generally shallow and cater more towards the interests of macro diving enthusiasts. The cost of which is paid to the diving center at your dives destination.

- Prices PP Sharing: \$1900 (1FOC for every 7 paying exc drinks)
- Airport: ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE VILANCULOS / INHAMBANE

PAYMENTS



To secure and confirm the booking date, we kindly request a 20% deposit. The remaining balance should be paid one month prior to your arrival. Please note that for expeditions other than Whale of a Time, if additional participants join the trip after the date has been opened, the cost per person may decrease slightly. Consequently, your final invoice will be adjusted accordingly.

ACCEPTED METHOD OF PAYMENT







Cancellation policy is non refundable but we will honour the trip at a later date within a year