

Description

You are invited to join a fun loving team of scuba divers on a 8 day mission to Mozambique - The task is to find, photograph, identify, scuba dive and snorkel with as many manta rays as possible - and there is also the bonus of diving with Whale Sharks!



There are also lots of whale sharks, devil and other rays, turtles, dolphins, all sorts of eels, tropical reef fish, pelagic fish etc!

Requirements

Open water or equivalent certificate required for diving.
C-cards and Log Books must be presented.
Non-divers welcome to snorkel with the Whale Sharks.

Duration (Monday to Monday)
8 Days/7 Nights

Safari Dates - (Custom dates can be arranged only for groups larger than 8)
9 February to 16 February 2009
23 February to 1 March 2009
8 March to 15 March 2009
22 March to 29 March 2009

Note: (This is a annual safari and bookings can be made for one year in advance)

Price

The price for this 8 Day/7 Night safari is **ZAR31,999.00 per person sharing.**

Optional 3 Night/2 Great White Shark cage dive sessions @ **ZAR6,999.00 per person sharing** – (see Option B below)
Optional 3 Night/2 Dive session package with Tiger Sharks @ **ZAR6,999.00 per person sharing.** - (see Option C below)
Optional 3 Day/2 Night land safari @ **ZAR7,299.00 per person sharing.** - (see Option D below)

ITINERARY

Day one:

The flight departs at 08:00 from Lanseria Airport (close to Johannesburg) and from there we fly via Maputo to Inhambane. Then it is a three-hour journey by four-wheel drive vehicle to Pomene Bay, our first camp on the mission. On the way you will experience and enjoy the true Mozambique - little villages, friendly people, potholes and goats:-).

Check in, orientation and briefing plus sundowners on the estuary - and of course dinner and a nice bed...

Days two to three:

In between breakfast and lunch we do two dives per day on different locations to find, photograph and describe Manta Rays for Save the Mantas Network (<http://www.save-the-mantas.org/>). If tide and conditions allow we do two special dives in the estuary looking for the very rare river dolphins and dugongs. Field reports complete, we attack dinner and make an orderly retreat to our humble but comfortable quarters. Water temperature is 27+ degrees C, viz from ten to forty meters and beautiful coral reefs covered with tropical reef and pelagic fish, moray and other eels, nudibranchs, turtles and lots more.

Day four:

A Lazy morning and breakfast before we depart for the highlight of the trip. Half the route is in 4x4's and rest by sailing across Inhambane Bay in a traditional Dhow. We do a tour of the historic town of Inhambane, visit the markets and lunch at a local restaurant – the peri-peri prawns or chicken is a must! The lodge has a pool, bar, comfortable rooms, fantastic food, optional land and water activities to choose from, and of course a beach to die for.

Days five, six and seven:

Three dives a day (ok, only two on the last day because we have to fly the next day) looking for the Mantas that inhabit the bay during the summer. There are also lots of Whale Sharks, devil and other rays, turtles, dolphins, all sorts of eels, tropical reef fish and pelagic fish.

Day eight:

Spend the last morning on the beach or explore the area before we transfer to Inhambane Airport for the flight back to Johannesburg.

- (Option A)

Call it a day and fly home, or

- **(Option B) - Great White Shark viewing**

Jump on a plane to Gansbaai to **cage dive with the Great White Sharks** - 3 nights bed and breakfast, land transfers, 2 sessions cage diving/viewing @ **ZAR6,999.00 per person sharing**, or

- **(Option C) – Tiger Shark Diving**

Fly to UmKomazi to dive with Tiger Sharks (sorry, no cages) - 3 nights bed and breakfast, land transfers, 2 sessions **Tiger Shark Diving @ ZAR6,999.00 per person sharing**, or

- **(Option D) - Land Safari**

Add a **land safari** to the trip and see lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, buffalo, zebra, giraffe and many more species before flying home - 2 nights bed and breakfast, land transfers, 4 game activities @ **ZAR7,299.00 per person sharing**

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Included in the price:

- Experienced guide/dive master and driver
 - Return flight Lanseria/Inhambane/Lanseria
 - Return transfer to Pomene
 - Sundowners at Pomene
 - 4 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast at Pomene
 - 3 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast at Barra
 - 10 (Ten) dives on a use it or lose it basis - air, weights and cylinders included.
 - All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
 - Transfer to and from Inhambane Airport
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Excluded from the price:

- All travel costs to and from South Africa
 - Transfers to and from Lanseria Airport
 - Visas, personal insurance and taxes
 - Alcoholic and other drinks
 - Lunches and extra meals
 - Optional excursions
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General

- Mozambique and the wildlife reserves are malaria areas and you should consult your doctor for advice on the tablets to take. The cost of this is not included in the price.
- Most foreigners are required to have visas to enter Mozambique. The visas cannot be obtained at the border post, but can be bought in Maputo during certain hours on week days. We recommend however that visitors purchase their visas before coming to South Africa. The cost for this is not included in the price.

Terms

- Subject to availability.
- If we cannot launch due to bad weather we will offer alternative excursions in lieu of diving.
- 25% Non-Refundable deposit to secure booking
- Balance payable 30 days before departure date
- For payment by credit card add 6%
- Bank charges are for your own cost
- All prices are per person sharing
- Non-divers welcome

Important

We are committed to delivering the exact itinerary, but we reserve the right to make any changes that we find necessary for the comfort or safety of the client without notice.

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