



Sava Dunes

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FACT SHEET

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Sava Dunes is a conservation-orientated and Ecotourism Company dedicated to responsible tourism within the Inhambane area in Mozambique. Their goal is to share the spectacular diversity of the marine environment here with guests from all over the world, while at the same time helping to ensure the future protection of the area's rich natural heritage and sharing the benefits of ecotourism with local communities in a meaningful way.

They believe that in protecting the marine environment, and including the local communities in this process, they can make a difference to the people who call Inhambane home and take steps toward a greater understanding of their underwater environment. They strive for a sincere, mutually beneficial and dignified engagement of the local community in ways that ensure sustainability.

Through the creation of a profitable, ethical and responsible ecotourism business, they strive to reduce their carbon footprint and be as environmentally friendly as they can be in the following ways.

- Electricity at Sava Dunes Eco-Lodge is created solely by solar power, thus using non conventional electricity
- Guests are encouraged to use electrical appliances which do not draw excessive power and are requested to unplug appliances which are not being used
- In the evenings, the lodge runs off power stored in batteries during the day, they ask that guests are mindful of this and are conservative with power usage.
- It is better to charge all phones / laptops etc during the day, between the hours of 12:00 and 16:00.
- All lights should be turned off when guests are not in the rooms.
- Unplug any appliances not being used.
- Appliances such as hair dryers, hair irons and kettles use a large amount of power and the system will not be able to cope with usage of these items.
- Due to limited power, they are unable to sustain air-conditioners. Please feel free to open doors and windows as there is usually a cool breeze. There are also fans, guests are asked not to leave fans on when not in the rooms.
- The water in the lodge comes from a borehole. It has been tested and found to be very good drinking water. They encourage guests to make use of the tap water instead of bottled water, in order to reduce the waste caused by plastic bottles.
- Water heaters are solar-powered and if there is no sun for 4 consecutive days, the insulation on the system keeps the water temperature hot.
- Rubbish is put into a re-cycling system.
- The use of recyclable beverage containers is encouraged. Guests are encouraged to make use of their environmentally friendly drinking water system.
- "Grey water" from the lodge and dive centre is recycled and used to maintain the gardens and vegetation around the lodge.

LOCATION:

Sava Dunes Eco-Lodge is located in Southern Mozambique on the east coast of Africa.

TRAVEL TO SAVA DUNES:

Flying

LAM (Mozambique's National Airline) offer flights to Inhambane from both Johannesburg International Airport and Maputo.

Driving

Inhambane is situated 460 km north of Maputo. If you are planning on driving to Sava Dunes, please contact us so that we may send you road maps and directions. Please note that the last 4 km is only accessible with 4x4 vehicles.

Airport Transfers

The lodge is located about 25km from the airport, the last 4 km of which is a sand track and only accessible with 4x4 vehicles. Sava Dunes can provide transfers from Inhambane Airport to Sava Dunes Eco-Lodge and back. Booking for these transfers is essential and there is an additional cost for transfers.

LODGE AND ACCOMMODATION:

Sava Dunes Eco-Lodge invites you to join us in barefoot luxury at our exclusive sanctuary. The lodge is a hidden beach oasis that offers understated elegance and unparalleled ocean views, specifically designed so that from the bar, restaurant, lounge, pool and villas, the full magnificence of the Indian Ocean is just a glance away.

There are no buildings to our North and no buildings to our South. It's just solitary beachfront and ocean right in front of you. We are very proud to be able to offer such a pristine environment for your relaxation and leisure.

The five exclusive Sava Dunes Villas have been designed to maximize the spectacular views of the ocean, and to give the privacy and solitude each guest deserves. They offer a unique mix of rustic and luxury elements, nestled in the natural dune, providing an underlying sense of relaxation and rejuvenation. Each villa has its own deck, outside shower, day bed and hammock, with 180 degree, unobstructed ocean views.

As we take a maximum of 10 guests, we offer an intimate and tranquil base from which to explore this unique and diverse corner of Africa. Only the sound of the Indian Ocean and the call of the wild can disturb the peace.

BATHROOMS & AMENITIES:

All rooms have open plan, en-suite bathrooms with basins, toilet and frameless inside shower with an ocean view. All villas also have an outside shower on the open deck.

- Two hand towels and two bath sheets per villa are provided, as well as two beach towels.
- Each villa has its own hammock
- Each Villa has a resettable coded/key laptop sized safe for valuables etc.
- Bathrooms are stocked with shampoo / conditioner / soap
- Tea and coffee are provided in the rooms but there is no kettle. Upon arrival, guests can inform us what time they would like their morning beverage and a flask of hot water will be delivered to the room.
- Tea and Coffee is available in the lodge lounge throughout the day.
- Due to the solar power, the lodge is unable to sustain air-conditioners. There is a standing fan in each villa which can be put under the Mosquito nets when it is hot. The rooms are designed so that the natural breeze can be utilized to cool the rooms down.

RESTAURANT:

The restaurant is built overlooking the ocean with folding doors opening onto two decks in the front and onto the pool deck at the back.

Inside we have created a laid back atmosphere where our guests can relax, recharge and soak in the magnificent views, while enjoying the unique flavors of food that only Mozambique has to offer. Our menu selection is carefully planned to meet the needs of all our guests and to introduce them to the exotic flavors of the region. Great care is given to creating meals that are a reflection of our commitment and hopefully leave a lasting impression on every guest, creating moments that are unforgettable.

Dishes range from authentic grilled prawns marinated in lime and chilli to delectable homemade tri-coloured chocolate mousse. They try their best to cater for all dietary restrictions to the best of their ability.

Please inform Sava Dunes when booking of any specific dietary requirements to allow them time to source ingredients. All produce is carefully selected and only the best of local suppliers and fisherman with the freshest produce are used.

They do not to use any endangered or vulnerable species from the ocean, thereby confirming further their commitment to conservation.

CREDIT CARD FACILITIES:

The Mozambique currency is the Metical. Most places in Mozambique, including Sava Dunes accept Rands, Euros, Dollars and British Pounds, but it is best to check in advance which currencies are acceptable.

Sava Dunes also accepts payment by VISA for extras but does not accept traveler's cheques or Mastercards. The bank charge for credit card transactions is 5%.

ELECTRICITY:

As an Eco-Lodge in the true sense of the word, all electricity at the lodge is supplied using solar energy. We encourage guests to assist us in conserving energy in the following ways:

- Avoid using electric appliances that draw a lot of power.
- Turn off lights when leaving your room and during the day.
- Unplug any electrical appliances not being used.
- Do not use power heavy appliances such as hair dryers/ kettles/ hair irons

INTERNET ACCESS AND TELEPHONE:

There is strong cellular phone reception at the lodge. There are no landlines in the lodge. Internet access is available through "internet sticks" at an additional charge.

WEATHER & CLIMATE:

Mozambique has a typically tropical climate with hot and humid conditions along the coastal lowlands during the summer months, especially from December to March, and pleasantly warm during the winter days with cool evenings. Rainfall, mostly in the way of tropical thundershowers, tends to fall between November and March. Cold fronts, continuing up the coast from South Africa, occasionally affect Inhambane, with a few days of cold weather and rain, mostly during the winter months.

The coast of northern Mozambique is occasionally affected by tropical cyclones in the Indian Ocean. These tend to start with tropical depressions east of Madagascar. From time to time they move south or north, entering the Mozambican channel, where they can make landfall on the Mozambican coastline, but the majority pass east of Madagascar and hardly affect Mozambique. These cyclones bring heavy rain and strong winds and can cause large swells.

Average Temperature and Rainfall – Inhambane Province

Month	Min Average Temp (°C)	Max Average Temp (°C)	Record Max Temp (°C)	Average Rainfall (mm)
JAN	22	32	43	130
FEB	22	34	39	120
MAR	21	29	40	123
APR	19	28	39	58
MAY	16	27	38	26
JUN	14	24	32	23
JUL	13	24	33	15
AUG	14	25	36	18
SEPT	15	27	42	29
OCT	18	28	44	42
NOV	19	30	45	75
DEC	22	32	44	110

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