

# Mozambique

**Continent:** Africa

**Languages Spoken:** Portuguese, Makhuwa, Tsonga, Sena, Shona

**Population:** 33,000,000

**Currency:** Mozambican metical (MZN)

**Area:** 801,590

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Gorongosa National Park', 'writeup': 'A biodiversity hotspot known for its wildlife and scenic landscapes, crucial for conservation efforts.'}
- {'name': 'Island of Mozambique', 'writeup': 'A UNESCO World Heritage site featuring colonial architecture and historical significance as a former Portuguese trading post.'}
- {'name': 'Bazaruto Archipelago', 'writeup': 'A group of islands famous for pristine beaches, coral reefs, and marine biodiversity.'}

## Head of State / Government:

President Filipe Nyusi

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Mozambique Independence Day', 'writeup': 'Celebrated on June 25th, marking independence from Portugal in 1975 with parades and cultural performances.'}
- {'name': 'Maputo International Music Festival', 'writeup': 'An annual event showcasing local and international music, promoting cultural exchange.'}

## Food & Cuisine:

Mozambican cuisine blends African, Portuguese, and Arab influences, featuring dishes like peri-peri chicken, seafood, cassava, and matapa, a stew made with cassava leaves and peanuts.

## Brief History:

Mozambique was a Portuguese colony until 1975 when it gained independence. The country experienced a civil war from 1977 to 1992 but has since been rebuilding and developing its economy.

## Important People:

- Samora Machel - First President and independence leader
- Joaquim Chissano - Second President who helped bring peace
- Filipe Nyusi - Current President

## Current Conflicts:

Mozambique faces ongoing insurgency in the northern Cabo Delgado province, involving Islamist militant groups causing humanitarian and security challenges.

## Youtube Links:

- Discover Mozambique: A Land of Natural Beauty and Culture

- Mozambique Travel Guide - Top Places to Visit
- History of Mozambique: From Colonization to Independence
- Mozambique's Wildlife and National Parks
- Current Situation in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique