

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

# Gorongosa Safaris

GORONGOSA NATIONAL PARK, MOZAMBIQUE



# General Information

CLASSIFICATION	<b>CLASSIC:</b> Muzimu Lodge & Chicari Camp. Open Apr to Nov annually. Min stay 2 nights. <b>EXPEDITION:</b> Expedition Camp. Open 1 Jun to 31 Jul & 1 Sep to 15 Oct 2026. Min stay 2 nights.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Gorongosa National Park (GNP) is known as Africa's greatest wildlife restoration story. In 2008, the Government of Mozambique and the Carr Foundation formed the "Gorongosa Project", a 20-year Public-Private Partnership for the joint management of the Park and for human development in the communities near the Park; this partnership has been extended to 2043.
OVERVIEW	Turismo de Gorongosa (TDG) is the not-for-profit tourism entity that manages tourism activities in the Park. Under TDG, there are two divisions: Gorongosa Safaris, which operates the high end camps of Muzimu Lodge and Chicari Camp. At the entry level, the Gorongosa Tours division operates a campsite (Chitengo) and offers safari activities for other guests staying at the Park Headquarters.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW   MEDIUM   HIGH   <b>VERY HIGH</b> The restoration of Gorongosa National Park is a globally acclaimed conservation success story. Known as 'a Park for the people', Gorongosa is a story of the resilience of nature and humanity against all odds. After the devastation of conflict, dedicated conservation and community ownership efforts have resulted in an extraordinary transformation - where Gorongosa now boasts one of the highest densities of large mammals on the continent, and is one of the largest employers in Mozambique. Every guest makes a significant contribution to the ongoing restoration and sustainability of one of Africa's great Parks.
ACCESS	FLY: Daily flights from Johannesburg International 1hr40 on Airlink to Beira (BEW). Followed by a 35-minute Safari Air charter flight directly to Gorongosa (Chitengo airstrip). Ethiopian Air flies into Beira 5 times per week.
LODGE & CAMP	Muzimu Lodge – 6 Luxury tents & 3 Island tents (from April 2027). Per person per night rate. Chicari Camp – 8 Safari tents & 1 Treehide unit (2 bedrooms with shared deck). Per person per night rate. Expedition Camp – 6 Dome tents. Per camp per night rate.
CHILDREN	All Camps – 12+ years. 2 tents at Chicari have a shared deck – perfect for a family or two couples travelling together.
HEALTH	Malaria area – seek advice from your health professional. Full medical support available.

## Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Muzimu Lodge & Chicari Camp – Apr to Nov Expedition Camp – 1 Jun to 31 Jul & 1 Sept to 15 Oct	GYM / KEEP FIT	Muzimu Lodge – Gym in a bag & yoga mat Chicari Camp – Not available
ELECTRICITY	Solar with generator back-up.	SPA / MASSAGE	Muzimu Lodge – In-room. Chicari Camp – Not available
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Muzimu Lodge – Wi-Fi in rooms. Chicari Camp – Wi-Fi in main area. Expedition Camp – No Wi-Fi Limited mobile signal	FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: All meals, & drinks. No Halaal / No Kosher.
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 13:00 Until 11:00	GUIDE ROOM	Yes, at both camps (From May 2026)
CREDIT CARDS	Yes	OTHER FACILITIES	E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Lab and the Pangolin Rescue Centre.
SECURITY	On-site staff always available.	ACTIVITIES	Twice daily game drives, walking safaris, boating (seasonal), community visits, E.O Wilson Lab tour, Mt Gorongosa day trip (extra), pangolin foraging walks (included on stays of 5+ nights), Night drives (extra), Helicopter flights (extra)

## Weather

Gorongosa has a tropical climate with Wet and Dry seasons. The cool Dry season (May to Oct) offers the best wildlife viewing. Muzimu and Chicari are closed from 30 Nov to 1 Apr & Expedition Camp closed 16 Dec – 31 May & 1 – 30 Aug.

### APRIL – MAY

16 – 33 °C | 61 – 91 °F  
April is a lovely month as everything is lush and green with little rain, seasonal boating is available. May is the start of the Dry season the bush is still lush but the rain has stopped.

### SEPTEMBER

20 – 32 °C | 68 – 90 °F  
It is still very dry and the bush is starting to thin out. It is also warming up and mornings are getting less cold. Excellent wildlife sightings as animals move closer to water.

### JUNE – AUGUST

14 – 29 °C | 57 – 84 °F  
There is almost no rain and the bush is drying out. These are the coolest months and it gets cold at night. Warm clothing for early morning game drives is recommended.

### OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

13 – 43 °C | 55 – 109 °F  
The hottest time of the year, but still low on humidity until the rains begin. Thunderstorms bring relief and the game continues to concentrate close to water sources and pans.

## MUZIMU LODGE

Permanent lodge overlooking a river oxbow. Wooden walkways connect the tents, which are all built on hardwood decks. The main area has a spacious lounge, dining area, pool and a large shaded deck with an open-air fire pit.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# TENTS	9 Tents Max 18 adults	POOL	Main area only
EXTRA BEDS	X	WIFI	✓ In rooms only, not in main area
TWIN BEDS	✓ All tents	MINI BAR	X only tea & coffee
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ Indoor	FAN	✓
BATH	X	MOZZIE NET	✓
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED ACCESS	X
FAMILY ROOM	X	GUIDE ROOM	✓ (From May 2026)

## CHICARI CAMP

Seasonal, low impact camp set in a band of forest surrounding a large natural waterhole "pan". Tents open directly on to the pan, providing excellent wildlife sightings from camp. The main area has a lounge, dining area, bar and a fire pit.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# TENTS	9 Tents Max 20 adults	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	X	WIFI	✓ Main area only, not in rooms
TWIN BEDS	✓ All tents	MINI BAR	X
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ Indoor	FAN	✓
BATH	X	MOZZIE NET	X
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	X	DISABLED ACCESS	X
FAMILY ROOM	✓ Treehide unit has a shared deck	GUIDE ROOM	✓ (From May 2026)

## EXPEDITION CAMP

A seasonal, exclusive-use mobile camp placed in some of Gorongosa's most untouched areas. Hosting up to six guests in six dome tents, with a central dining and fire area for relaxed evenings. Designed to reach remote landscapes and encourage slow, immersive discovery on foot.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# TENTS	6 Tents Max 6 adults	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	X	WIFI	X
TWIN BEDS	✓ All tents	MINI BAR	X
BATHROOM	Shared	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ shared	FAN	X
BATH	X	MOZZIE NET	X
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	X
ROOM SAFE	X	DISABLED ACCESS	X
FAMILY ROOM	X	GUIDE ROOM	Allocated guest tent



MUZIMU LODGE



CHICARI CAMP



EXPEDITION CAMP



EXPEDITION CAMP



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# Activities & Experiences

GAME DRIVES	Twice daily with Guide Morning & Afternoon Off roading for key sightings. Max 6 guests per vehicle.
GUIDED WALKS	1 armed walking Guide Max 4 guests per walk. 4+ guests – 2 <sup>nd</sup> armed scout joins
NIGHT DRIVES (Extra cost)	Enjoy an after-dinner drive to explore the nocturnal wildlife unique to Gorongosa.
PRIVATE VEHICLES (Extra cost)	Subject to availability
BOATING / CANOEING	Seasonal: April – May depending on water
GORONGOSA MOUNTAIN & COFFEE TOUR (Extra cost)	Full day – 8hrs with a tour of the GRP Coffee project, a hike to Murombodzi Falls, and a picnic lunch.
COMMUNITY VISITS	Tour of the surrounding communities
E.O. WILSON LAB TOURS	Meet GRP scientists documenting the flora and fauna of the park.
PANGOLIN FORAGING WALK (Included on 5+ night stays)	Interact with the vets and rangers as they take rescued pangolins out for foraging
BEHIND THE SCENES (Extra Cost – Stays of 5+ nights)	An exclusive opportunity to interact with the Gorongosa Restoration Project team.
HELICOPTER SCENIC FLYING (Extra cost)	View the extraordinary and richness of Gorongosa from the air



GUIDED WALKS



PANGOLIN FORAGING

## WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION	✓			
LEOPARD			✓	
CHEETAH				X
ELEPHANT	✓			
RHINO - WHITE & BLACK				X
BUFFALO		✓		
GIRAFFE				X
ZEBRA			✓	
HIPPO	✓			
CROCODILE	✓			
WILD DOG	✓			
HYENA - SPOTTED			✓	
AARDVARK			✓	
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES	✓			
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
PANGOLIN	✓			
WILD BUSH PIG		✓		
MIGRATION				X
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Wild dog, pangolin, variety of birds, large herds of antelope species, wild bush pig.			
OTHER	Recognised as one of the most biodiverse Parks on earth, Gorongosa offers an intelligent safari for adventurous guests.			

# Gorongosa Safaris Through the Seasons

	APRIL – MAY	JUNE – JULY	AUGUST – SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER – NOVEMBER
MUZIMU LODGE	✓ Open from 1 April for the season.	✓	✓	✓ Closed from 30 November
CHICARI CAMP	✓ Open from 1 April for the season.	✓	✓	✓ Closed from 30 November
EXPEDITION CAMP	✗	✓ Open from 1 Jun – 31 Jul.	✗	✓ Open from 1 Sep – 15 Oct.      ✗
WATER BASED SAFARIS & SEASON FOR BREEDING BIRDS	✓ Peak water-based experiences	✗	✗	✗
MORNING & AFTERNOON GAME DRIVES	✓	✓	✓	✓
WALKING SAFARIS	Limited	✓	✓ Best time for walking	✓
GORONGOSA MOUNTAIN & COFFEE TOUR (Not included in rates – additional charge)	✓ Can be limited due to rains	✓	✓	✓ Can be limited due to rains
COMMUNITY VISITS	✓	✓	✓	✓
E.O. WILSON LAB TOURS	✓	✓	✓	✓
PANGOLIN FORAGING WALK (Available during stays of 5+ nights )	✓	✓	✓	✓
HELICOPTER FLYING (Not included in rates – additional charge)	✓ Can be limited due to rains	✓	✓	✓ Can be limited due to rains
LION & WILD DOGS	✓	✓✓✓ Wild dogs tend to be denning May / June	✓✓✓	✓✓
ELEPHANTS	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
BIRDING	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
GENERAL ANTELOPE & WILDEBEEST	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓

# Location & Access Map

## Flight Access

### SAFARI AIR

- Beira (BEW) – Gorongosa (CHTG)  
3 x week M.W.F. Connects with Airlink
- Beira (BEW) - Vilanculos (VNX)  
2 x week M.W Connects with BEW – CHTG

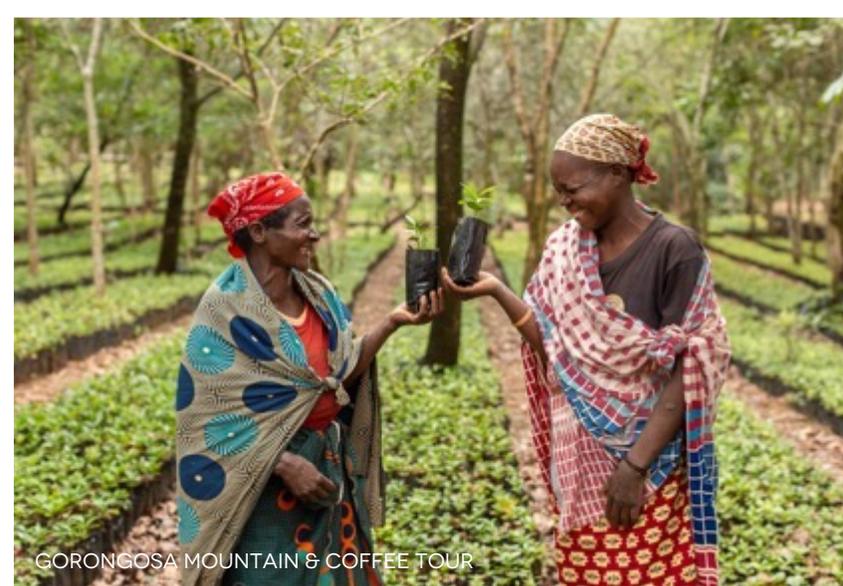
### AIRLINK

- Johannesburg (JNB) – Beira (BEW) daily.  
10:45 – 12:25
- Beira (BEW) – Johannesburg (JNB) daily.  
12:55 – 14:55
- Johannesburg (JNB) – Vilanculos (VNX) daily.  
11:15 – 12:50
- Vilanculos (VNX) – Johannesburg (JNB) daily.  
13:30 – 15:15

### ETHIOPIAN AIRWAYS

- Addis (ADD) – Beira (BEW)  
5 x weekly (not Tues, Sun)  
09:30 – 14:40
- Beira (BEW) – Addis (ADD)  
15:25 – 21:00





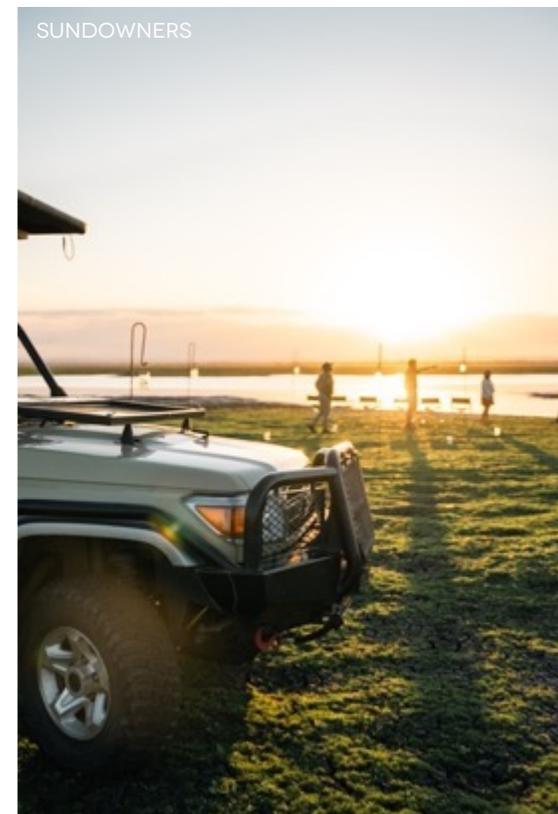
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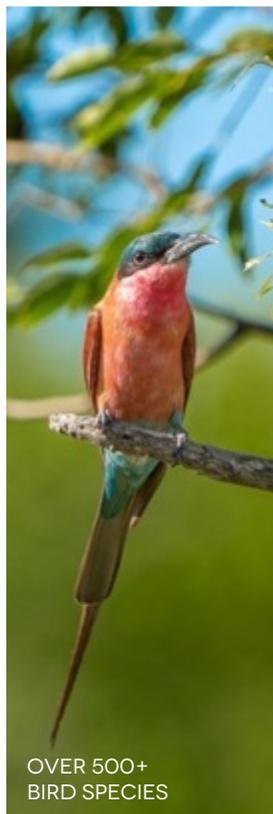
MUZIMU LODGE



WILD DOGS



SUNDOWNERS



OVER 500+ BIRD SPECIES



PANGOLIN FORAGING



CHICARI CAMP



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# GORONGOSA SAFARIS

	MUZIMU LODGE	CHICARI CAMP	EXPEDITION CAMP
CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC	CLASSIC	EXPEDITION
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	VERY HIGH		
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	12+	12+	12+
FAMILY ROOMS	X	✓	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	X	X	✓
HONEYMOON OFFER	X	X	X
LAND SAFARI	✓	✓	✓
WATER SAFARI	✓	✓	X
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	WALKING SAFARIS COMMUNITY VISITS BOATING SAFARIS PANGOLIN FORAGING WALK E.O. WILSON LAB TOUR		WALKING SAFARIS
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	ON REQUEST		X
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	✓	✓	X
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	✓	X	X

## CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

## IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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