CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

# Gorongosa Safaris

## GORONGOSA NATIONAL PARK, MOZAMBIQUE



FACT SHEET

OCTOBER 2026



# General Information

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| CLASSIFICATION | ***CLASSIC:*** Muzimu Lodge & Chicari Camp. Open Apr to Nov annually. Min stay 2 nights.<br>***EXPEDITION:*** Seasonal Expedition Camps. Open 1 May to 31 Oct 2027, with the second camp opening in August. Only one camp hosts guests at a time. Min stay 2 nights. |
| LAND RELATIONSHIP | Gorongosa National Park (GNP) is managed through a Public-Private Partnership between the Government of Mozambique and the Carr Foundation, established in 2008 and extended to 2043. Turismo de Gorongosa (TDG) is the Park's not-for-profit tourism entity, responsible for managing tourism activities within the Park. |
| OVERVIEW | Gorongosa Safaris is the high-end safari division of Turismo de Gorongosa (TDG), running Muzimu Lodge, Chicari Camp and two Seasonal Expedition Camps. Guests at Muzimu Lodge and Chicari Camp can add the Lion House Sleep Out, a private night on the roof of the Park's first tourist camp. TDG's second division, Gorongosa Tours, runs the Chitengo campsite and activities for guests at Park Headquarters. Park fees and levies go directly to the Gorongosa Restoration Project. |
| IMPACT OF YOUR STAY | A stay at Gorongosa gives guests the chance to learn about the Park's restoration, research and community work first-hand. On weekdays, guests can visit the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Lab to meet the scientists documenting the Park's flora and fauna, and visit surrounding communities. Stays of five nights or more include a pangolin foraging walk with the vets and rangers caring for rescued pangolins, and can add a Behind the Scenes experience with the Gorongosa Restoration Project team at extra cost. |
| ACCESS | FLY: Daily flights from O.R. Tambo International (JNB) 1hr40 on Airlink to Beira (BEW). Air Gorongosa seat-in flights from Beira directly to Gorongosa (Chitengo airstrip) run Mon, Wed & Fri, connecting with Airlink and Ethiopian Airlines. Private charters can be arranged any day. Ethiopian Airlines flies into Beira 5 times per week. |
| LODGE & CAMP | Muzimu Lodge – 6 Safari tents & 3 Island tents (new for 2027). Per person per night rate.<br>Chicari Camp – 9 Safari tents. Per person per night rate.<br>Expedition Camps – 6 tents per camp, booked as semi-exclusive (3 tents, 1–6 guests) or exclusive use (6 tents, 1–12 guests). Rate per 3 or 6 tents per night. |
| CHILDREN | All Camps – 12+ years. Children aged 12–15 share a tent with an adult family member; 16+ may have their own tent, sharing or single. |
| HEALTH | Malaria area – seek advice from your health professional. Full medical support available. |

## Need to know

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| OPERATING SEASON | Muzimu Lodge & Chicari Camp:<br>Apr to Nov<br>Expedition Camps:<br>1 May to 31 Oct | GYM / KEEP FIT | Muzimu Lodge – Gym in a bag & yoga mat<br>Chicari Camp – Not available |
| ELECTRICITY | Solar with generator back-up. | SPA / MASSAGE | Muzimu Lodge – In-room.<br>Chicari Camp – Not available |
| WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL | Muzimu Lodge – Wi-Fi in rooms.<br>Chicari Camp – Wi-Fi in main area.<br>Expedition Camps – No Wi-Fi<br>Limited mobile signal | FOOD & WINE | Fully inclusive: all meals and local drinks (imported drinks extra).<br>No Halaal / No Kosher. |
| CHECK-IN<br>CHECK-OUT | From 13:00<br>Until 11:00 | GUIDE ROOM | Yes, one guide room at each camp. |
| 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, helicopter flights (extra), Lion House Sleep Out (extra), private vehicle (extra), private photography vehicle (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 1 December to 31 March and the Expedition Camps are closed from 1 November to 30 April.

### APRIL – MAY

16 – 33 °C | 61 – 91 °F

April is a lovely month, lush and green with little rain, and seasonal boating is available. May is the start of the Dry season; the bush is still lush, but the rain has stopped.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

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

## CHICARI CAMP

Seasonal camp set in a band of forest around a large natural waterhole, or “pan”. Tents open directly onto the pan, giving excellent wildlife sightings from camp. The main area has a lounge, dining area, bar and fire pit.

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| TWIN BEDS | ✓ All tents | MINI BAR | ✗ |
| BATHROOM | En-suite | AIR CON | ✗ |
| SHOWER | ✓ Indoor | FAN | ✓ |
| BATH | ✗ | MOZZIE NET | ✗ |
| HAIRDRYER | ✗ | LAUNDRY | ✓ Included |
| ROOM SAFE | ✗ | DISABLED ACCESS | ✗ |
| FAMILY ROOM | ✗ | GUIDE ROOM | ✓ |

## EXPEDITION CAMPS

Two seasonal camps in Gorongosa’s wilder corners, the first opening in May and the second in August. Each hosts up to 12 guests in six tents, booked semi-exclusively or for exclusive use, with only one camp hosting guests at a time. Both are designed for exploration and slow discovery on foot.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

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| # TENTS | 6 Tents Max 12 guests per camp | POOL | ✗ |
| EXTRA BEDS | ✗ | WIFI | ✗ |
| TWIN BEDS | ✓ All tents | MINI BAR | ✗ |
| BATHROOM | Shared | AIR CON | ✗ |
| SHOWER | ✓ shared | FAN | ✗ |
| BATH | ✗ | MOZZIE NET | ✗ |
| HAIRDRYER | ✗ | LAUNDRY | ✗ |
| ROOM SAFE | ✗ | DISABLED ACCESS | ✗ |
| FAMILY ROOM | ✗ | GUIDE ROOM | Allocated guest tent |


MUZIMU LODGE


CHICARI CAMP


EXPEDITION CAMPS


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# Activities & Experiences

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| GAME DRIVES | Twice daily with Guide<br>Morning & Afternoon<br>Off-roading for key sightings.<br>Max 6 guests per vehicle. |
| GUIDED WALKS | Led by an armed walking guide<br>Up to 4 guests: 1 armed guide<br>5 or more guests: a second armed scout joins |
| NIGHT DRIVES | Enjoy an after-dinner drive to explore the nocturnal wildlife of Gorongosa. |
| PRIVATE VEHICLES<br>(Extra cost) | Private standard vehicle<br>Private photography vehicle<br>Both subject to availability.<br>Full-day explorer drives are only available with a private vehicle. |
| BOATING | Seasonal: April – May depending on water |
| GORONGOSA MOUNTAIN & COFFEE TOUR<br>(Extra cost) | Full day – 8hrs with a tour of the GRP Coffee project, a hike to Murombodzi Falls, and a picnic lunch. |
| COMMUNITY VISITS<br>(Mon – Fri) | Tour of the surrounding communities |
| E.O. WILSON LAB TOURS<br>(Mon – Fri) | Meet GRP scientists documenting the flora and fauna of the park. |
| PANGOLIN FORAGING WALK<br>(Included on 5+ night stays) | Interact with the vets and rangers as they take rescued pangolins out for foraging |
| BEHIND THE SCENES<br>(Extra Cost – Stays of 5+ nights) | An exclusive opportunity to interact with the Gorongosa Restoration Project team. |
| HELICOPTER SCENIC FLYING<br>(Extra cost) | See Gorongosa's extraordinary landscapes from the air. |
| LION HOUSE SLEEP OUT<br>(Extra cost) | A private overnight sleep out on the roof of the Lion House for up to two guests, with one booking per night. Available as an add-on at Muzimu Lodge and Chicari Camp. |



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 | Gorongosa is recognised for its biodiversity and offers a range of wildlife and conservation-focused experiences. | | | |

# Gorongosa Safaris Through the Seasons

| | APRIL – MAY | JUNE – JULY | AUGUST – SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER – NOVEMBER |
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| MUZIMU LODGE | ✓ Open from 1 April for the season | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ Closed from 1 December |
| CHICARI CAMP | ✓ Open from 1 April for the season | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ Closed from 1 December |
| EXPEDITION CAMPS | ✓ Open from 1 May for the season | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ Closed from 1 November |
| WATER-BASED SAFARIS & SEASON FOR BREEDING BIRDS | ✓ Peak water-based experiences | X | X | X |
| 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 (Mon-Fri) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| E.O. WILSON LAB TOURS (Mon-Fri) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 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*

### AIR GORONGOSA

- 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 AIRLINES

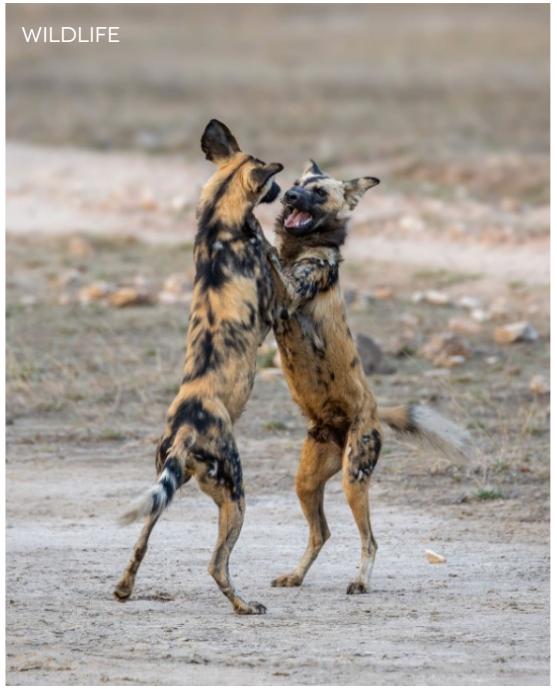
- Addis (ADD) – Beira (BEW)
  4 x weekly: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun
  09:20–14:30 | Via BLZ
- Beira (BEW) – Addis (ADD)
  5 x weekly: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun
  15:15–20:50 | Non-stop




GORONGOSA MOUNTAIN & COFFEE TOUR

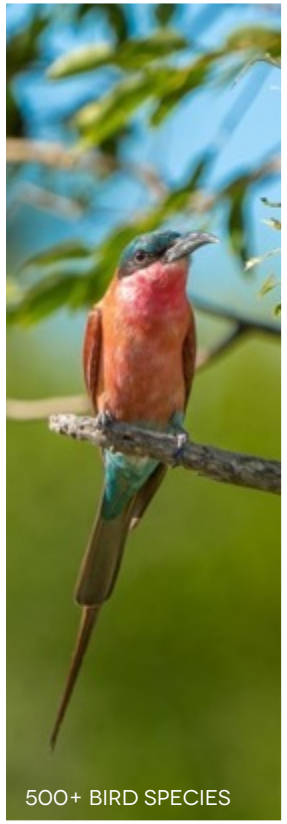

E.O. WILSON SCIENCE AND RESEARCH LABS


SEASONAL BOATING


WILDLIFE


MUZIMU LODGE

SUNDOWNERS


500+ BIRD SPECIES


PANGOLIN FORAGING


LION HOUSE SLEEP OUT

# GORONGOSA SAFARIS

| | MUZIMU LODGE | CHICARI CAMP | EXPEDITION CAMPS |
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| CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION | CLASSIC | CLASSIC | EXPEDITION |
| CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE) | 12+ | 12+ | 12+ |
| FAMILY ROOMS | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| HONEYMOON OFFER | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| LAND SAFARI | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| WATER SAFARI | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| SPECIAL ACTIVITIES | LION HOUSE SLEEP OUT<br>NIGHT DRIVES<br>BOATING SAFARIS<br>PANGOLIN FORAGING WALK<br>E.O. WILSON LAB TOUR | | WALKING SAFARIS |
| GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION | ON REQUEST | | ✗ |
| GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| WELLNESS & MASSAGE | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |

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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.

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