



CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Gorongosa Safaris

MOZAMBIQUE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC: Muzimu Lodge & Chicari Camp. Open April – Nov annually. Min stay 2 nights. EXPEDITION: Expedition Camp. Open 1 June – 31 July & 1 Sep – 15 Oct 2026. Min stay 2 nights.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Gorongosa National Park (GNP) is perhaps 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 <u>VERY HIGH</u> 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: From Johannesburg International 1hr40 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. Per person per night rate. Chicari Camp – 8 Safari tents & 2 Treehide tents 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.

WEATHER

Gorongosa has a tropical climate with Wet and Dry seasons. The cool Dry season (May to October) offers the best wildlife viewing. Muzimu and Chicari are closed from 30 November to 1 April & 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.

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.

NEED TO KNOW

ELECTRICITY	Solar with generator back-up.
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Muzimu – Wi-Fi in rooms. Chicari – Wi-Fi in main area. Expedition – No. Limited mobile signal
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 13:00 Until 11:00
CREDIT CARDS	Yes
SECURITY	On-site staff always available.
GYM / KEEP FIT	Muzimu Lodge: Gym in a bag & yoga mat
SPA / MASSAGE	At Muzimu Lodge only (outdoors).
FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. No Halaal / No Kosher.
OTHER FACILITIES	E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Lab and the Pangolin Rescue Centre
ACTIVITIES	Daily morning and afternoon game drives, walking safaris, boating (seasonal), community visits, pangolin rescue centre, E.O Wilson Lab tour, Mt Gorongosa day trip (extra)

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	6 Tents Max 12 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	X
FAMILY ROOM	X	GUIDE ROOM	Allocated guest tent



MUZIMU LODGE

CHICARI CAMP

Seasonal camp set up every year, 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	10 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	X
FAMILY ROOM	✓ Treehide Tents have a shared deck	GUIDE ROOM	Allocated guest tent



CHICARI CAMP

EXPEDITION CAMP

A seasonal, exclusive-use mobile camp placed in some of Gorongosa's most untouched areas. Hosting up to six guests in four 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	X
FAMILY ROOM	X	GUIDE ROOM	Allocated guest tent



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Activities & Experiences	
Game Drives	<p>Twice daily with Guide Morning & Afternoon</p> <p>Off roading for key sightings.</p> <p>Max 6 guests per vehicle.</p>
Guided Walks	<p>1 armed walking Guide</p> <p>Max 4 guests per walk.</p> <p>4+ guests – 2nd armed scout joins</p>
Night Drives <i>(extra cost)</i>	Enjoy an after-dinner drive to explore the nocturnal wildlife unique to Gorongosa.
Private Vehicles	Available at an extra charge
Boating / Canoeing	Seasonal: April – May depending on water
Gorongosa Mountain & Coffee Tour <i>(Extra Cost)</i>	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 Conservation <i>(Included on 5+ night stays)</i>	Interact with the carers as they take rescued pangolins out for foraging
Behind the Scenes <i>(Extra Cost – Stays of 5+ nights)</i>	An exclusive opportunity to interact with the Gorongosa Restoration Project team.
Helicopter Flying <i>(extra cost)</i>	View the extraordinary and richness of Gorongosa from the air



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 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	X	✓ - Open from 1 Jun – 31 Jul.	X	✓ - Open from 1 Sep – 15 Oct.	X
WATER BASED SAFARIS & SEASON FOR BREEDING BIRDS	✓ - Peak water-based experiences	X	X		X
MORNING & AFTERNOON GAME DRIVES <i>(afternoon includes a bit of a night drive)</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
WALKING SAFARIS	Limited	✓	✓ - Best time for walking		✓
GORONGOSA MOUNTAIN & COFFEE TOUR <i>(Not included in rates – additional charge)</i>	✓ - Can be limited due to rains	✓	✓		✓ - Can be limited due to rains
COMMUNITY VISITS <i>(Available during stays of 5+ nights – additional charge)</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
E.O. WILSON LAB TOURS <i>(Available during stays of 5+ nights – additional charge)</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
PANGOLIN CONSERVATION <i>(Available during stays of 5+ nights – additional charge)</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
HELICOPTER FLYING <i>(Not included in rates – additional charge)</i>	✓ - 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
- *NEW SEAT IN FLIGHT:*
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) | via Blantyre
09:30 – 14:40
- Beira (BEW) – Addis (ADD)
15:25 – 21:00



GUIDED WALKS



MUZIMU LODGE



CHICARI CAMP



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 SAFARI PANGOLIN VISITS E.O. WILSON LAB TOUR		WALKING SAFARIS
GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION	ON REQUEST		X
GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES	✓	✓	X
EXPEDITION TRIPS	X	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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