

Inhaca Island, Maputo Province, Mozambique

A true time-machine port: no paved roads, no cruise terminals — just pristine beaches, endangered dugong habitat, and the world's best plate of LM prawns eaten with sand between your toes.

- Tender port (wet landing possible)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- USD / ZAR / MZN accepted
- Portuguese & Changana

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; wet landing at beach jetty

Best For: Snorkeling, secluded beaches, authentic Mozambican seafood

Walk to center: 5–10 min from landing beach to Inhaca Village

Don't Miss: LM prawns at Restaurante Lucas & a drift snorkel at Santa Maria

Getting around: _____

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Santa Maria Drift Snorkel** — The southern tip of Inhaca narrows into a tidal channel where currents carry you over healthy coral and clouds of reef fish.
- **Portuguese Island Beach Day** — A 10-minute boat hop to a completely uninhabited island of powder-white sand and turquoise water.
- **Inhaca Lighthouse & North Trail** — First established in 1894 (the present concrete tower dates to the 1920s), the Farol sits on the northern tip and offers sweeping views of Maputo Bay.
- **Inhaca Village Walk & Market** — Stroll the sandy paths of this authentic Mozambican fishing village, browse the small market for capulanas (tie-dye sarongs), fresh fruit, and...
- **Marine Biology Museum** — A charmingly retro research station established in 1951 displays preserved specimens of dugongs, sharks, sea turtles, and corals.

BEST WALKS

- **Landing Beach to Inhaca Village** 0.5 km · 10 min · Easy · Flat sand — From the tender drop-off point, follow the sandy path north along the shore into the village centre.
- **Village to Marine Biology Station** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Sandy path — Head west from the village along the coastal track to the Marine Biology Research Station.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:49AM–5:29PM · Jun 6:09AM–5:11PM · Aug 5:59AM–5:29PM · Sep 5:35AM–5:34PM · Oct 5:11AM–5:40PM	
Apr	86°	69°	10d	USD / ZAR / MZN accepted	
Jun	80°	62°	6d		
Aug	84°	63°	2d		
Sep	90°	67°	2d		
Oct	94°	70°	3d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear water shoes. The tide flats have submerged rocks, coral fragments, and sea urchins — reef shoes protect your feet during the tender landing and on shallow reefs.
- Check the tidal window. Maputo Bay tides swing up to 3 metres. Confirm your ship's tender schedule and plan beach time for the high-tide window — low tide exposes broad mudflats.
- Carry small-denomination cash. USD and South African Rand are widely accepted. There are no ATMs and credit cards rarely work. Negotiate prices for 4x4 rides and dhow charters before you board.
- Bring DEET sunscreen. Mozambique is a malaria zone. Daytime cruise visits pose low risk, but bug spray is still wise — and the equatorial sun is fierce, so layer both on before you step off the tender.
- Eat the prawns. LM (Lourenço Marques) prawns are large, locally caught, and grilled with garlic or peri-peri at Restaurante Lucas. It is the single must-do dining experience on the island.
- Try an R&R. Tipo Tinto rum + Sparletta Raspberry soda is the legendary local cocktail — served in a plastic cup with a lot more kick than it looks. A genuine Mozambican rite of passage.

Inhaca Island, Maputo Province, Mozambique — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal