



JWP MOZAMBIQUE NORTH EXPEDITION (JWP02)

Mozambique

#JWP is about connecting ethical adventure travel with the purpose of making a difference. These self-drive adventures are led and organised by Carla Geyser who is the founder of the BSST and who has to date lead many successful trips into Africa. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who's passionate about conservation and who takes life as it comes, then this is for you! These trips focus on visiting wildlife projects along the route and raising money for their cause.

Dates:

1st to 17th September 2019
16 nights/ 17 days

Countries:

Mozambique

Rates:

Price: US \$3900 pp + \$1400 (fundraising) = \$5300pp

Crew:

TBA

*Please note this itinerary may be subject to change but we will keep you posted.

DAY	DATE	ROUTE	ACTIVITIES & COMMENTS	ACCOMMODATION
1	1st Sept 2019 (Sunday)	Crew fly into Quelimane (Mozambique)	AM – Final Shopping & Fuel	Hotel Flamingo
			PM – Crew Dinner and Brief	Type: Room (sharing)
				Meals: D, B & B
Description: The Hotel Flamingo Complex is located in the heart of the city of Quelimane, concretely on July 1st Avenue, just in front of the Heroes Square of Mozambique and in front of the City Council.				
2	2nd Sept 2019 (Monday)	Quelimane – Gile National Reserve	AM – Drive to Gile National Reserve (7/8 hrs drive)	Musseia campsite at Gile National Reserve Contact: Alessandro Fusari
			PM – EA + Wildlifevets debrief	GPS: Regone (-16.788656, 38.879370) – Musseia /camp (-16.699588, 38.793787)
				Type: Camping
				Meals: All
Route: From Quelimane we head north on EN7 – Nicuadala-Mocuba-Mugeba-Mocubela-GNR Description: Location: The Gile National Reserve (GNR) is situated in Zambeze Province, covering the districts of Gile and Pebane. The GNR was initially declared at first proclaimed Partial Game Reserve of Gile in 1932 Area: 2,860 km2 The Gilé National Reserve (GNR) used to be one of the most preserved treasures of biodiversity in Mozambique. Mainly composed of dry forest, known as Miombo forest, the GNR hosted the last black rhino population of Mozambique. However, it suffered from the collateral damages of the Mozambican civil war in 20 years, all of the GNR infrastructures were destroyed and its wildlife was reduced to almost zero. Since 2009 the International Foundation for Wildlife Management (IGF), benefiting from a loan from the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM), is striving to rehabilitate the Reserve through the re-establishment of its infrastructures, anti-poaching activities and wildlife reintroduction (buffalo, wildebeest, zebra...). So far, those actions have proved to be efficient as wildlife populations are now increasing again. The work we are involved in for the next 5 days is part of this rehabilitation. Attractions: It is mainly made up of miombo forest, dambos, reforested savannah and riverine vegetation along various rivers and rivulets. Of great interest the granitic Kopjes' habitats which are either inside or around the GNR. Fauna: There are listed 95 mammal species, amongst which the elephants, lions, leopards, wild dogs (wolves), spotted hyenas (crocutacrocota), pala-palas, kudus, impalas. There are also listed 114 bird species. Particularities: The mounts surrounding the Reserve are ideal for mountaineering. The GNR can have tourist connections, with the beautiful Pebane beach, the Gurue landscape, the Moebasse beach and with the first and second islands, (Zambeze Province) as well as with Mozambique Island (Nampula Province). Gile National Reserve Elephants We will be collaring 5 elephants over the next five days, and visiting 2 schools in the area to hand our wildlife education booklets. The terrain is very thickly wooded but we have a very good pilot, Harry Hensberg, and with good communications we are very confident all animals will be place very close to a road at all the collaring operations so that everyone can get involved (in fact we will have to do it this as most of the area is too thick for the helicopter to land).				

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<p>Gile NR has a small but significant population of about 100 elephants spread over 2-3 large groups and a few bulls, because of the thick terrain monitoring them visually and on foot is extremely difficult, and also because Gile isn't fenced they sometimes roam outside the reserves, putting GPS collars on them will give Alessandro a better idea of their seasonal movements and range area, and also herd dynamics (would expect more discrete, smaller herds, but sounds like they join and separate quite often, maybe a safety tactic from the war days?)</p> <p>Activities: Collaring 5 elephants with Elephants Alive and Wildlifevets . We will be visiting one or two communities, we can have games drives into the reserve, climbing of Pope mountain and also some walking along the Lice River.</p> <p>Elephants Alive is one of Blue Sky Society's beneficiaries, started by Dr. Michelle Henley in 2003. Their research contributes towards the long-term survival of the African elephant. Elephant's Alive researchers work towards achieving a greater understanding of the complex relationships that elephants have with each other and their surroundings, including the humans with whom they share their world.</p>				
3	3rd Sept 2019 (Tuesday)	Gile National Reserve	AM – Collaring elephants	Musseia campsite at Gile National Reserve
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All
4	4th Sept 2019 (Wednesday)	Gile National Reserve	AM - Collaring elephants	Musseia campsite at Gile National Reserve
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All
5	5th Sept 2019 (Thursday)	Gile National Reserve	AM - Collaring elephants	Musseia campsite at Gile National Reserve
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All
6	6th Sept 2019 (Friday)	Gile National Reserve	AM - Collaring elephants	Musseia campsite at Gile National Reserve
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All
7	7th Sept 2019 (Saturday)	Gile National Reserve – Pebane	AM – Driving	Pebane Fishing Lodge
			PM – Fireside talk	GPS: -17.294476, 38.140444
				Type: Cabins / Bungalows
				Meals: Full Board
<p>Description:</p> <p>We leave the magnificent GNR for a short(ish) trip towards the coast. Pebane Lodge is located on a secluded private beach, 100 yards from the warm Indian ocean and is rated 3-Star. This undeveloped shoreline ensures utmost privacy and tranquillity. This is where we will spend the next two days of expedition lapping in the magnificent ocean.</p>				
8	8th Sept 2019 (Sunday)	Pebane	AM – Boat to Mangroves x 2	Pebane Fishing Lodge
			PM – Bonfire / Beach Dinner *weather depending	Meals: Full Board

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9	9th Sept 2019 (Monday)	Pebane – Catapu	AM – Driving	M'Phingwe Camp
			PM – Driving	GPS: -18.040150, 35.202204
				Type: Cabins/Bungalows
				Meals: D, B & B
Route: Mocuba — Pebane - Macubela (-16.880502, 37.787949) - Mugeba (-16.544147, 37.177266) – Mocuba – Catapu Description: After a long and tiring days driving we are sleeping over in Catapu to break the journey. M'phingwe is an affordable bush lodge nestled within the 25,000 hectare Catapu forestry concession and 9,960 hectare Catapu Safaris game farm. Time to stretch our legs and relax.				
10	10th Sept 2019 (Tuesday)	Catapu – Gorongosa national park	AM – Driving	Montebelo Campsite at Chitengo camp
			PM - Relax	GPS: -18.978914, 34.352069
				Type: Camping
				Meals: All (Self-catering)
Route: Catapu- Casa banana (R564 road, also known as pyro road) – Gorongosa NP Entrance gate gorongosa/turnoff to chitengo camp: +18.999763, 34.201159 Description: Gorongosa National Park – turn left onto the dirt road. Continue on the graded dirt road for 11 km until you reach the park entrance gate. Now our adventure really begins! Continue on the road inside the park for 18km and watch for sable antelope, bushbuck, and baboons as you make your way to the reception desk at Girassol Gorongosa Lodge and Safari where you will pay your park entrance fees and get information on the park. Gorongosa National Park is a preserved area in the Great Rift Valley of central Mozambique. Its forests and savannahs are home to lions, hippos and elephants. Lake Urema and its surrounding wetlands and rivers attract scores of water birds. The multitiered Murombodzi Falls spills over jagged rocks on the slopes of Mount Gorongosa. Limestone gorges and bat-filled caves define Cheringoma Plateau. https://www.gorongosa.org/ Activities: We will be meeting people for various organisations to hear about their project, and hopefully doing a community /school OR Project visit OR visit EO Wilson Biodiversity Lab				
11	11th Sept 2019 (Wednesday)	Gorongosa NP	AM – Exploring GNP	Montebelo Campsite at Chitengo camp
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All (Self-catering)
12	12th Sept 2019 (Thursday)	Gorongosa NP	AM - Exploring GNP	Montebelo Campsite at Chitengo camp
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All (Self-catering)

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13	13th Sept 2019 (Friday)	Gorongosa NP	AM - Exploring GNP	Montebelo Campsite at Chitengo camp
			PM – Fireside talk	Meals: All (Self-catering)
14	14th Sept 2019 (Saturday)	Gorongosa NP – Vilankulos	AM – Driving	Chigamane Camp or similar
			PM - Relax	GPS:
				Type: Rooms / Bungalows
				Meals: Full board
Departure Option: If guests need to they can fly out early they can from Chimoio				
Description: Vilankulo is a coastal town in Mozambique, lying in the Vilanculos District of Inhambane Province. Vilankulo is named after local tribal chief Gamela Vilankulo Mukoke, and some of the “bairros” are named after his sons. Known as Vilanculos during colonial times, the name was changed to Vilankulo at independence				
African Parks Project - Bazaruto Archipelago is made up of an extraordinary collection of terrestrial and marine habitats of unique ecological value along Mozambique’s coastline. In 2017, this critical marine sanctuary became the 13th park and first marine reserve to fall under African Parks’ management, in partnership with the National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC). Our shared vision is to see this exquisite coastal ecosystem revitalised as one of the Africa’s leading and most productive marine protected areas.				
A remarkable productive seascape that consists of a chain of five picturesque islands, Bazaruto is an important sanctuary for over 2,000 fish species and iconic marine megafauna including numerous species of whales, sharks, rays, dolphins and turtles. The flagship species, however, is the dugong and Bazaruto remarkably contains the last viable population within the Western Indian Ocean. In addition to the rich biodiversity, the Archipelago includes five islands that support a local population of approximately 5,800 people who are entirely dependent on marine resources for survival. With several well-established high-end lodges, the challenge is to position Bazaruto as a well-managed and sustainably thriving tourist destination as well as a safe and productive marine sanctuary where wildlife and people can both benefit.				
Through the delivery of effective management and improved law enforcement to counteract unsustainable fishing and resource-use, and conservation-led economic development, Bazaruto will be secured for the for generations to come.				
https://www.africanparks.org/the-parks/bazaruto				
15	15th Sept 2019 (Sunday)	African Parks Project visit to Bazaruto Island (Details TBC)	Chigamane Camp or similar	
			Meals: Full board	
16	16th Sept 2019 (Monday)	African Parks Project visit to Bazaruto Island (Details TBC)	Chigamane Camp or similar	
			Meals: Full board	
17	17th Sept 2019 (Tuesday)	Guest crew fly out of Vilankuos (Mozambique) Meals: Breakfast Transport to Airport		



Includes:

Expedition leader | Car Hire & Fuel & Toll fees | Basic accommodation (camping/ bungalows) | All Meals & Water | Park Fees

Activities – Collaring elephants in Gile NR , 1 x boat cruise at Pebane, Visit African Parks Bazaruto Project, Game Drives Gorongosa National Park, Visit Communities and/or Wildlife conservation education at school(s)



Excludes:

Flights & any necessary transfers to get to the start/finish of any expedition | Gratuities | Any Visas & border costs | Alcoholic drinks & Snacks | Any personal expenses | Comprehensive Travel insurance (*Compulsory)



Payment & Booking:

30% of total amount to be paid to confirm a seat within 48 hours of booking
70% to be paid 90 days (3 months) prior to departure



Cancellation Policy:

30 days (one month) or less – 100% Cancellation fee applies. No refund.

30 – 90 days (one to three months) – 70% Cancellation fee applies.
30% will be refunded.

90 – 150 days (three to five months) – 30% Cancellation fee applies.
70% will be refunded.

150 days or more – 0% Cancellation fee. 100% will be refunded.
There is an administration fee of R2000.



Comments:

Please note the itinerary may change slightly but we will keep you posted as to any amendments or changes. This is Africa. BSST crew will drive from South Africa to get to Quelimane (26th August 2019). The guest crew will be fetched in Quelimane and we will continue on our expedition. Guest crew will fly out of Vilankulos (17th Sept 2019). BSST would like to do educational work in rural schools as well if possible, handing out educational booklets to children and/or visiting communities. Travel insurance is COMPULSORY. We will send you emails with what documentation and correspondence we require from you. An Expedition Agreement contract will be sent and needs to be read, understood , signed and returned to confirm your seat.

