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## **Explore Gorongosa: An Exciting New Safari Destination in Mozambique**



Be one of the first to visit Gorongosa National Park, which is one of the most exciting travel destinations in Mozambique at the moment. With excellent birding, fascinating ecology and history, the re-introduction of big game, and a young and dynamic team pioneering the first private ecotourism initiative, Explore Gorongosa, this National Park is a new gem on the African safari circuit.

Explore Gorongosa offers luxury walking and canoe safaris, expert guiding and small, personal camps in some of the most scenic and wildlife rich areas of Mozambique. The quirky semi-permanent tented camp and fly camps, the Gorongosa 'SkyBeds' offer a true, untainted bush experience. Catering for a maximum of eight guests, the camps are friendly and simple, and offer comfort and good food while not taking away from the exceptional surroundings with fripperies. A particular highlight are the Gorongosa SkyBeds, mosquito-netted canopies with a raised bed with a snug duvet and cotton linen.

Gorongosa National Park has a high diversity of species and ecological features found nowhere else and is currently undergoing a visionary restoration project to re-establish the park back to its former glory. More and more species are being reintroduced on a monthly basis, and last year alone the conservation team at Gorongosa reintroduced, amongst others, a number of elephant bulls from the Kruger Park, a pod of hippo from St Lucia and expanded the herd of buffalo. The park is also home to oribi, reedbuck, waterbuck, warthog, sable in herds of up to 120 and a number of lion prides. Birding at Gorongosa is also incredible with excellent quality and quantities of special and endemic birds including the Collared Palm Thrush, the Green Coucal, Narina Trogon and Spotted Creeper. Over 130 species can be spotted in one sitting.

There are direct flights from Johannesburg to Vilanculos daily or direct flights from Johannesburg to Beira four times a week, where you will be met and transferred by road to Gorongosa National Park. There is also an airstrip near the main camp for light charter aircraft.

**Stay 4 nights with Explore Gorongosa, get 1 night free. Why not ask for that night to include a trek up the amazing Mount Gorongosa? A stay with Explore Gorongosa can be combined with a few days on the beach on the**

coast or on one of the stunning islands in the Quirimbas or Bazaruto archipelagos.

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Notes to editors:

- Gorongosa is currently one of the hot topics in tourism with the 50/50 partnership between Carr Foundation and the Mozambique government. The Carr Foundation is putting in millions of US\$ into the park in the next 20 years to ensure that it can get to a sustainable balance. Greg Carr is a US philanthropist who made his money from voicemail.
- Gorongosa was one of the best parks for game viewing in the late 60s and early 70s, and the aim is to restore the park back to its former glory. Animal relocations happening every 2-3 weeks, and if guests are staying at the time they can watch it and be a part of the release.
- National Geographic is very involved in the Park and its restoration project and are currently filming a documentary on Gorongosa.
- The aim is for the park to be fully sustainable within 20 years. Community projects abound around the Park - all projects are there to help assist the communities to start businesses and be sustainable. The Park has one of the last rainforests in Southern Africa and without the help of the Park, this forest would be cut down in the next few years.
- Explore Gorongosa is the first private operator in the Park. The Park was attracted to the operator's very low footprint and very unique product, taking guests on a real exploration of the park through walking, game drives, canoeing (where possible), mountain hikes, birding expeditions. It offers a really flexible itinerary that is unique and different.