



CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Gorongosa Safaris

MOZAMBIQUE

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GENERAL INFORMATION	
CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC: Muzimu Lodge & Chicari Camp. EXPEDITION: Mt Gorongosa Community Camp Open April – Nov annually. Minimum stay 2 nights applies to all camps.
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, and the expedition experience Mt Gorongosa Community Camp. At the entry level, the Gorongosa Tours division operates a campsite (Chitengo), and safari activities for other guests staying at the Park HQ.
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).
LODGE & CAMP	Muzimu Lodge – 6 Luxury tents. Per person per night rate. Chicari Camp – 8 Safari tents (per person per night rate) & 2 Treehide tents that have a shared deck – perfect for 2 couples or a family travelling together. Per person per night rate.
CHILDREN	All Camps – 12+ years. 2 tents at Chicari have a shared deck – perfect for a family 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, while the Community Camp operates from 1 June to 30 November.			
APRIL - MAY	JUNE - AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER – NOVEMBER
16 – 33 °C 61 – 91 °F	14 – 29 °C 57 – 84 °F	20 – 32 °C 68 – 90 °F	13 – 43 °C 55 – 109 °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.	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.	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.	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. Community Camp – no Wi-Fi Limited mobile signal at all camps.
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 13:00 Until 11:00
CREDIT CARDS	Yes
SECURITY	On-site staff always available.
MAKE AN IMPACT	Just by staying at Gorongosa. Add a 2-night stay at Mt. Gorongosa Community Camp to increase your impact.
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), biking & community visits, pangolin rescue centre, E.O Wilson Lab tour, Mt Gorongosa day trip.



MUZIMU LODGE



CHICARI CAMP (Render)



MT GORONGOSA COMMUNITY CAMP

MUZIMU LODGE

Permanent lodge overlooking a river oxbow. Wooden walkways connect the tents, which are all built on hardwood decks. Main area has a spacious lounge, dining area and a large shaded deck with open-air fire pit.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# TENTS	6 Tents Max 12 adults	POOL	Main area only
EXTRA BEDS	X	IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
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

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. Main area has lounge, dining and a fire pit.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# TENTS	10 Tents Max 20 adults	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	X	IN-ROOM WIFI	Main area only
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

MT GORONGOSA COMMUNITY CAMP

Fly camp style exclusive use camp, set up for a minimum stay of 2 nights. Led by the community, the experience is simple and best suited for adventurous guests wanting to make an impact.

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# TENTS	5 Tents Max 10 adults	POWER	Solar lights
EXTRA BEDS	X	IN-ROOM WIFI	X
TWIN BEDS	✓ All tents	MINI BAR	X

BATHROOM	Communal Shared	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ Bucket shower	FAN	X
BATH	X	MOZZIE NET	X
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	X
ROOM SAFE	X	DISABLED	X

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

GAME DRIVES	Twice daily with Guide Morning & Afternoon Off roading for key sightings. Max 6 guests per vehicle.
GUIDED WALKS	1 armed walking Guide Max 4 guests per walk. 4+ guests – 2 nd armed scout joins
NIGHT DRIVES	N/A – only drive back from sundowners to camp
PRIVATE VEHICLES	Available at an extra charge
WATER BASED SAFARI	Seasonal: April – May depending on water levels Boating and canoeing
GORONGOSA MOUNTAIN & COFFEE TOUR <i>(Available during stays of 5+ nights)</i>	Full day – 8hrs with a tour of the GRP Coffee project, a hike to Murombodzi Falls, and a picnic lunch. <i>Option of heli flight one or both ways.</i>
COMMUNITY VISITS	Guided bicycle or walking tour to local community.
E.O. WILSON LAB TOURS	Meet GRP scientists documenting the flora and fauna of the park.
PANGOLIN CONSERVATION <i>(Available during stays of 5+ nights)</i>	Interact with the carers as they take rescued pangolins out for foraging.
HELICOPTER FLYING <i>(Not included in rates – additional charge)</i>	View the extraordinary and richness of Gorongosa from the air, and explore otherwise inaccessible parts of the Park



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.			

LOCATION & ACCESS MAP

INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AIRLINK

- Johannesburg (JNB) – Beira (BEW) daily.
10:45 – 12:25
- Beira (BEW) – Johannesburg (JNB) daily.
12:55 – 14:55

SAFARI AIR

- Cross border charter flights can be arranged from almost anywhere in Southern Africa.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

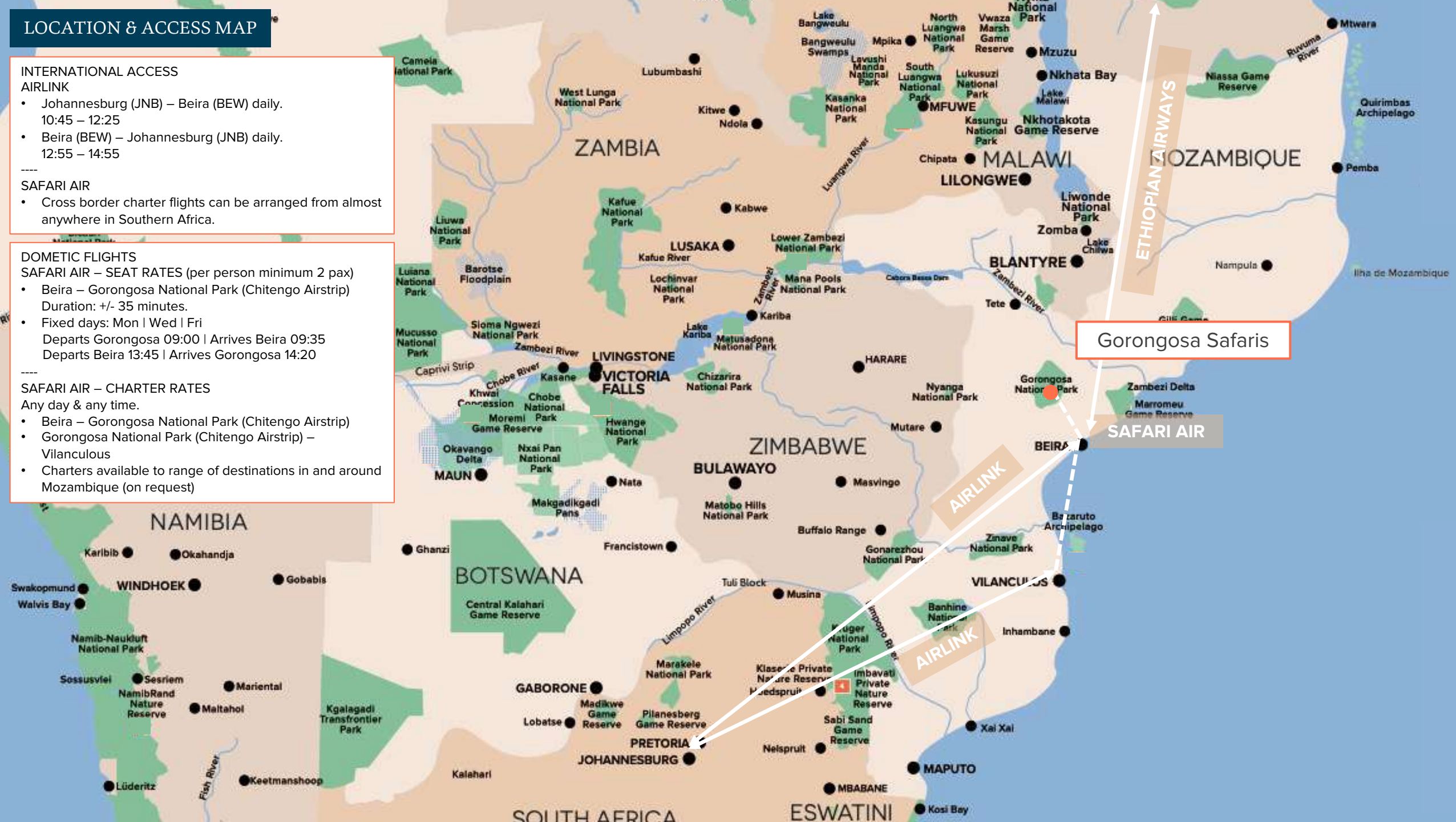
SAFARI AIR – SEAT RATES (per person minimum 2 pax)

- Beira – Gorongosa National Park (Chitengo Airstrip)
Duration: +/- 35 minutes.
- Fixed days: Mon | Wed | Fri
Departs Gorongosa 09:00 | Arrives Beira 09:35
Departs Beira 13:45 | Arrives Gorongosa 14:20

SAFARI AIR – CHARTER RATES

Any day & any time.

- Beira – Gorongosa National Park (Chitengo Airstrip)
- Gorongosa National Park (Chitengo Airstrip) – Vilanculos
- Charters available to range of destinations in and around Mozambique (on request)



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CHICARI CAMP - RENDER



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GORONGOSA SAFARIS	MUZIMU LODGE	CHICARI CAMP	MT GORONGOSA COMMUNITY CAMP
CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC	CLASSIC	EXPED
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		BIRDING HIKING COMMUNITY
GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION	ON REQUEST		
GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES	✓	✓	✓
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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