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Southern Mozambique

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This promises to be a truly memorable trip.

Our trip focuses on the region north of Xai Xai, around the Inhambane peninsula and the woodlands surrounding Panda. This area boasts two of the most sought after Mozambique “specials” ie Olive-headed Weaver and Crab Plover. A rapidly dwindling area of miombo woodland, close to the town of Panda, is the only locality in southern Africa where the Olive-headed Weaver has been seen since 1960. Crab Plover can be found anywhere from Inhambane up to Ponta da Barra on the far north of the peninsula.



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THE DESTINATIONS

Panda is a short distance inland from the southern Mozambique coastal city of Inhambane. The area around Panda includes a rapidly disappearing patch of *Brachystegia* woodland, mixed woodland, dambos, a river supporting extensive reedbeds and a large marshy area.

The city of **Inhambane** is situated on a peninsula on Mozambique's south coast, on the edge of a tidal mudflat and estuary. Being one of the oldest cities in southern Africa, it boasts impressive architecture and an extremely interesting museum.



Mangrove swamps flank the water along the edge of the peninsula, all the way up to Ponta da Barra. Extensive mudflats offer a good variety of migrant waders in summer, the most sought after being the Crab Plover.

Inland, a variety of shallow pans and wetlands are to be found. Sandy grassland occurs in patches throughout the indigenous woodland areas. Isolated patches of secondary dune forest are to be found near the coast.

BIRDING ATTRACTIONS

Panda area

Palm-nut Vulture, Bat Hawk, Olive-headed Weaver, Shelley's Francolin, Neergaard's Sunbird, Southern Hylia, Green-backed Honeybird, Racket-tailed Roller, Pink-throated Twinspot, Black Coucal, Swamp Nightjar, Lemon-breasted Canary, Black-eared Seedeater, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, Pale Batis, Red-faced Crombec, Bohm's Spinetail, Grey Penduline-Tit, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Lesser Moorhen, Allen's Gallinule, Lesser Jacana, Rufous-bellied Heron, African Pygmy-goose

Inhambane peninsula

Crab Plover, Greater Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover, Terek Sandpiper, Lesser Crested Tern, Rufous-winged Cisticola, African Pygmy-goose, Mangrove Kingfisher, Madagascar Bee-eater, Magpie Mannikin, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Osprey, Sooty Falcon, Collared Palm-Thrush, Pale Batis, Purple-banded Sunbird,

Xai Xai and environs

European Honey-Buzzard, Dickinson's Kestrel, Sooty Falcon, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Black Coucal, Brown Scrub-Robin, Rudd's Apalis, Gorgeous Bush-Shrike, Rufous-winged Cisticola,

