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Inhaca Island Introduction

Across the bay from the port of Maputo is the idyllic and unspoiled Inhaca Island, an attractive destination for anyone who wants to savour the laid-back rhythms of a small, semi-tropical, Indian Ocean island.

Inhaca Island lies on the fringe of the tropics at the entrance to Delagoa Bay, 31 km off the Mozambican capital. The island is measuring approximately 10 km from north to south and 7 km from east to west.

Portuguese Island is situated 4 km's north of Inhaca Island and is approximately 2km long and 1km wide. It is an uninhabited nature reserve with pristine beaches, palm trees and pleasant lagoons.

The stunning blue sea, dazzling coral reefs and exotic marine life offers some of the best diving and fishing in the world, and is home to whales, mantas, dolphins and the endangered dugong. The sheltered bay offers perfect conditions for all other water sports.

The island features a wealth of breathtaking golden sandy beaches, with large parts of unspoiled evergreen coastal forest, and with more than 250 species of birds recorded, an absolute paradise for the naturalist and photographer.

The island's natural isolation from mainland Africa ensures a safe and secure environment with almost no traffic and crime.

Inhaca Island may also lay claim to being a Royal Kingdom due to King Nhaca being the officially recognised King of the Island and its people!

The Inhaca Archipelago has been protected as a natural reserve since 1976, and has recently been upgraded to a Marine Protected Area. It is in the process of being awarded World Heritage Site status because of its unique bio-diversity.

