

A Road Trip through Southern Africa – Part I - Swaziland, Mozambique & Lesotho

August 2018: In Johannesburg I rent a car and tune up Google Maps for my first adventure, the mountains of Swaziland, one of Africa's smallest countries and one of the last absolute Monarchies in the world. The cities are small, but the countryside is beautiful and the mountains are glorious.

After a night in a Mountain Lodge I said course for Maputo, the capital of Mozambique. Crossing the border proved difficult especially for the car but after receiving a few additional documents and spending a couple of hours I was on my way. Maputo sits in the south of Mozambique on the Indian Ocean. Interesting edifices include the Train Station, Central Market and Casa de Ferro, a prefabricated iron building designed by Gustav Eiffel and sent from Belgium in the 1890s to house the governor-general. Although an architectural masterpiece it proved too hot for the tropical climate and sat empty until air conditioning was developed and it became a museum.

Lesotho completely surrounded by South Africa is also known as the Kingdom in the Sky with all of the country sitting over one kilometer above sea level. It was a delightful and colorful drive.



Swaziland King's Birthday



Swaziland Schools Out



Swaziland Roadside Shop



Mozambique Border Crossing



Mozambique Maputo Train Station



Mozambique Central Market



Mozambique Casa de Ferro



Mozambique Highway



Lesotho Village



Lesotho Street Food



Lesotho Highway



Lesotho on the road