

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: January 27th2015 (640th day)

Location: Mwanza, Tanzania

Driven km up to date: 64 000.



PHOTOS



VIDEO



NEWS

Over the past month, we have visited a part of Mozambique, huge country that we have only been able to visit on the main roads (otherwise dirt roads are bad due to the rainy season) and we have crossed a large part of Tanzania.

Mozambique seemed **more dynamic** than Malawi. After a long civil war, the country appears to be **moving forward**. Traces of the past presence of Persians, Arabs and Europeans in old trading cities on the coastline highlight the fact that these settlers stood sheltered on from the most dangerous land on the coast to exploit resources (gold and slaves). In Mozambique, we have visited a tea factory in Gurue. We have enjoyed the **relaxed atmosphere in Ilha de Mozambique**, where we spent New Year's Eve. The **beaches and crystal clear waters** are stunning (**Chocas!**). And we have loved eating **seafood** (crabs, shrimps, fish, sea urchins). We were welcomed with open arms by Alan, Lee and Juan from Moz Environment. Crossing to Tanzania was a bit stressful (bad dirt roads, rain).

Tanzania is clearly a more **developed country**. The political regime is more stable and elections are free. The country has not suffered from civil war and is a refuge for many people fleeing from neighboring countries. Julius Nyerere's role, after the country's independence, has undoubtedly contributed to forging a **strong national identity**.

From Malawi, we feel tired. Heat, stress related to road condition, and the lack of interaction with the locals, while being in an intense promiscuity with them, is a weight for us. We must redouble our efforts to accept differences and remain open. We are currently in Mwanza visiting friends from Bulgaria - Mark, Penny and their children - where we are catching our breath and seeking inspiration.

FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Timeless walks in the old colonial trading Islands, among ruins, historic buildings and crystal clear water;
- Exotic accents in Portuguese in Mozambique;
- Seafood tasting of all kinds;
- Football game for Antoine in Mwanza;
- Cooler weather in Tanzania and therefore better sleeping at nights.



CURRENT MOOD : A little tired, we are recovering from minor injuries and are in a thinking process to find our second inspiration wind for the rest of our crossing of Africa, based on the idea of greater tolerance and understanding of differences.



COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, France, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania.

COMING : Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Israël?, Jordan?, Libanon?, Europe.



MAP - ITINERARY :

since the last newsletter

 *Departure*

 *Arrival*



1. Ilha de Mozambique (MOZ)
2. Chocas (MOZ)
3. Ruvula beach (TAN)
4. Kilwa Kisawani (TAN)
5. Mikumi national park (TAN)

