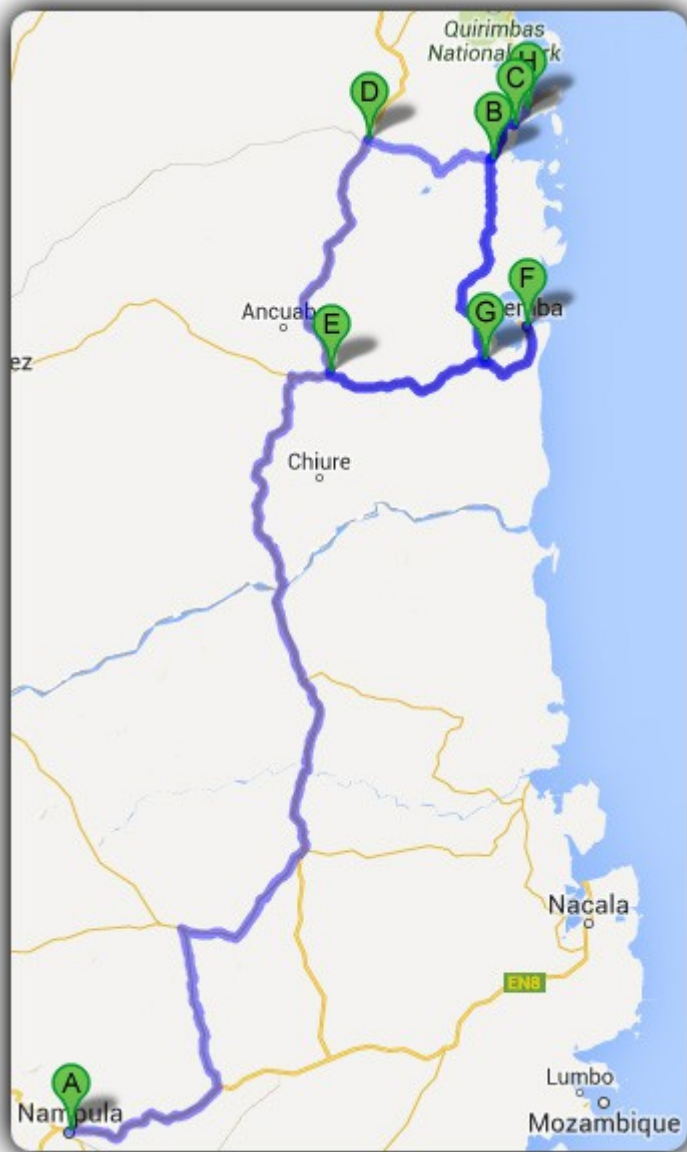




Miti Miwiri | Ibo Island

A GUIDE TO GET TO IBO ISLAND
FROM NAMPULA

TRAVELLING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT



From Nampula you could go to Mozambique Island, Pemba (Point F on the Map) or straight to Ibo Island (Point H on the Map). This later requires adventurous minds as you might have to sleep along the way if things do not go according to plan. The safest route is going through Pemba first.

If Mozambique Island is your next stop you will find many minibuses constantly leaving to the island. It is an easy ride taking 2 hours. Once you decide to leave from Mozambique Island to Ibo, you will need to plan your journey to catch on of the buses described below

Going to Pemba requires taking a bus very early in the morning with the regional bus company 'Mecula'. The buses leave early in the morning so be sure to be there at 4am to purchase your bus ticket (ideally you should purchase it the day before departure). Note that having a bus ticket does not guarantee you a seat. You may have to stand if you are not at the bus station early enough to get your place.

Once you decide to leave from Pemba, you may take every day at 4:30 in the morning, in front of the central store Mcel (Mozambican mobile phone company) near the hotel Cabo Delgado, public transport (truck or Minivan) going to Quissanga / Tandanhangué. Once in Tandanhangué, you will need to take a dhow (local boat) to reach Ibo Island. In theory the boat waits for the truck from Pemba before pursuing towards Ibo. The journey departing from Pemba to Ibo lasts six to twelve hours (*extreme case*), depending on the number of stops and the road condition. Although very hard, it can be quite rewarding for those who would like to experience the local means of transport to better understand how the local population lives.

Going straight to Ibo Island is possible but requires a great dose of adventure as you will need to take a bus very early in the morning with the regional bus company '**Mecula**'. The buses depart with the sun rise, so be sure to be there at 4am to purchase your bus ticket (*should ideally be purchased on day prior to departure*). Note that holding a valid bus ticket does not necessarily gain you a seat. You may have to travel standing if you are not at the bus early enough to get your seat. You can take either the bus to '**Mueda**' or the bus to '**Mocimboa da Praia**'.

Once on-board the bus, make sure you inform the ticket controller that you are going to Ibo. They will let you off at the village **29 de outubro** (*Point D on the Map*). From this point starts the adventure, as you need to travel towards **Mahate** (*Point B on the Map*) by hitch-hiking. *Note that you will probably have to pay something to the driver*. There are not many cars passing through this road, so you might be lucky and get a car which is going to **Quissanga**. If you decide to do the road by stages, make sure that the vehicle taking you, will stop in villages such as **Bilibiza** or **Mahate** (*Point B on the Map*) as if you can not make it to Ibo, at least you will get a basic structure to sleep and eat. Once in Quissanga you need to get to Tandanhangue where you can get a boat to the beautiful Ibo Island.

* We strongly recommend that you call Miti Miwiri on +258 825438564 or +258 26960530 to reserve your room and especially to know about the tide times and heights. Some tides will not allow you to arrive on Ibo Island on the same day

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR OWN CAR

Ibo Island via Bilibiza (*Passing through the points A, E, D, B, C, H*). This road is in better condition than Metuge's road (*Passing through the points A, E, G, B, C, H*). From Nampula go in direction of Pemba, Mueda, Mocimboa da Praia. When reaching the junction **Silva Macua**, (*Point E on the Map*), which is about 80Km away from Pemba. Turn to the left in the direction of "Mocimboa da Praia" / Mueda. Continue until reaching the village named **29 de Outubro** (*Point D on the Map*), where you will see a large sign with a red background and white letters written "ADPP". There turn right on the dirt road towards Bilibiza. Once in Bilibiza continue on the same road, you will reach the village of **Mahate** (*Point B on the*) after 30Km. There you will find another "T" junction: Turn to the left in direction of **Quissanga** (*Point C on the Map*).

Once in Quissanga still at the top of the hill find a road sign indicating Tandanhangue on the left. follow the road until you get to the bottom of the bay.

Pemba (*Point F on the Map*), The road from Nampula to Pemba is tarred but with potholes covered. You can cover the distance in 5 hours (400Km).

*Once in Tandanhangue, you will find a number of places to park your car. We recommend to park it in James' Place near the baobab tree.

For further information on how to get to Ibo from Pemba, please download the pdf file '**To Ibo from Pemba**'.