

Serena Polana



Situated in the heart of Maputo on one of the city's most desirable avenues, the justly famous Polana Serena Hotel is a cool and gracious haven that recalls the elegance and splendor of colonial times. Overlooking the Bay of Maputo and close to Maputo's nerve center, the Polana Serena Hotel is a majestic building with a history stretching as far back as 1922. In keeping with Serena's philosophy of integrating local art and culture into design of

each hotel, the refurbished Polana Serena Hotel will engulf its guests with history stretching back many years blended with the colonial past and equipped with state-of-the-art facilities accompanied by outstanding service.

Whilst the architectural motif is unabashed colonial splendor, the interior design concept excels in quiet elegance. The rooms offer a selection of styles from sleek modernity to 'Empire' gilt. Spacious and gracious, the keynotes at the Polana are comfort and tranquility. Standard Rooms - all rooms are fully refurbished and the majority of these rooms are sea facing, twin bedded rooms with verandah. The rooms are quiet and comfortable and the interiors have an "African touch". Our Executive Rooms feature the same facilities and amenities as the standard rooms however they are either larger with open space, dining and seating area or with a small lounge area separated from the bed-room. All have been set with either King-size or Extra King-size beds.



The Polana Hotel, with its rambling lines and tall palm trees, is typical of the style of Mediterranean-influenced architecture which graces the city. Another good example is the Natural History Museum, with its tall spires and stone fretwork. The Hotel's sports facilities include tennis, bowling, sauna, massage, free-weights, cardiovascular and aerobics training, swimming pool and there are plenty of scenic walks along the

undulating white cliffs that front the hotel and enjoy magnificent vistas out over the endless blue waters of Maputo Bay. For nightlife, visit one of the many bars and clubs on Feira Popular, where you can dance all night to the Afro/Latino beat. A regular ferry service takes visitors from the harbor to Inhaca Island to see the maritime museum and the old lighthouse, and to Inhaca's close neighbor, Portuguese Island, with pristine sandy shores. An excursion just south of Maputo will take you into the swamplands of the 236.000 hectare Maputo Elephant Reserve. Around 180 to 200 elephant roam the Reserve.