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Welcome to Malawi

Described as the 'Warm Heart Of Africa', this relatively little known gem of this diverse continent has so much to offer; wildlife, culture, adventure, scenery, and of course the third largest lake in Africa. A year-round destination, some even go as far to describe Malawi as the most attractive country in sub-Saharan Africa!

This may seem to be an extravagant claim for such a relatively small country but the truth lies in the unique combination of attractions that Malawi has to offer. Where else will you find such a genuinely warm welcome in a country at peace with itself? Where else can you experience such a diverse scenic kaleidoscope in such a small area? Here you have central Africa's highest mountain, vast high plateaux with seemingly limitless views, forests and unspoilt game parks and, the jewel in the crown, Africa's third largest and most beautiful lake - truly an inland sea.

The friendliness of the Malawians is renowned and this makes the cultural experiences second to none. Add to that the beautiful and varied scenery, thrilling safaris and beach-fringed crystal clear waters of Lake Malawi and you have the best that Africa has to offer in one, very compact, destination. If Malawi had a weakness, it was that some of its neighbours had more animals, but significant changes in Malawi's parks and reserves that began in 2015 are transforming its wildlife and safaris - making it now a truly complete Africa destination.

Yet, remarkably, Malawi remains untouched and unspoilt by mass tourism. This is still real Africa where you will hardly see another visitor, and it is safe and easy to explore. For decades now, Malawi has been known as the Warm Heart of Africa. Malawi welcomes its visitors from overseas with a genuine warmth that is truly unforgettable; whether they be first time visitors to Africa or old Africa hands.

As well as the warmth of the welcome and the unrivalled cultural experiences, interacting with real people in real villages, there is a whole host of activities to choose from: safaris by 4x4, by boat, or on foot, sailing, kayaking, snorkelling, scuba diving, water-skiing and much more on the Lake: trekking, climbing, mountain biking and walking in the highlands and forests; or just relaxing on a golden sand beach or watching wildlife at a waterhole. Malawi is exceptionally family-friendly and there's so much available to keep everyone interested. It also benefits from a lovely climate of largely warm, sunny days. If ever too hot, there will always be a highland area offering a cooler escape, and those highlands are the only places it could ever be described as 'cold'.

Malawi's tourism has witnessed unprecedented development in recent years. New lodges have opened and some existing hotels and lodges have been enlarged and upgraded. The tourist infrastructure remains small scale but what's there is of a high standard. The country's reserves are seeing the greatest changes. New public-private partnerships have safeguarded the future of the country's wildlife through conservation initiatives and re-stocking programmes; at the same time improving the safari experiences beyond recognition. If Malawi's wildlife was ever seen as a weakness, all that is changing! Investment has also been put into local infrastructure, making Malawi not just stunning, rewarding, and memorable, but also easy and safe. Malawi is simply waiting to be discovered!

USING THE BROCHURE

The first pages cover the country's main attractions of Lake, Landscape, Wildlife and Culture; plus details of activities and advice on touring Malawi. The sections on the three regions (North, Central and South) include location descriptions followed by a directory of accommodation for that region (listed North to South by location). The directories give descriptions of all the best lodges, hotels and camps, including symbols to show at a glance what each offers (see key below). These include activities/facilities available on site or nearby (see P.15 for more detail), a guide to property size and an indication of price. As a rough guide, the properties are split into 4 price bands, based on rates for B&B per person per night. \$ = <US\$50; \$\$ = US\$50-115; \$\$\$ = US\$115-230; \$\$\$\$ = US\$230+. (NB: at a number of properties, a B&B rate is not actually offered, but an approximation has been calculated for comparison purposes). Next comes a directory of companies responsible for transport, tours & safaris who can organise all aspects of your visit to Malawi.

At the back of the brochure is a general Travel Advisory and a full A to Z of contact details for all the members of the Malawi Travel Marketing Consortium whose products and services are included in the brochure. Finally, you will find a useful map inside the fold of the back cover. This can be folded out to view no matter which page you are on, and identifies the location of all lodges, hotels, safari camps, and service companies.

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Malawi: The Warm Heart of Africa



In the past, Malawi tended to be neglected by travellers: little known, small and hidden in the Great East African Rift Valley. Even today, it remains unspoiled by the mass tourism that has been the fate of some other African countries. Approaching 45,000 square miles /120,000 square kilometres in area; the country epitomizes the saying 'small is beautiful'. Landlocked it may be but it has its own inland 'sea' - the stunningly beautiful Lake Malawi.

It is the unique combination of landscape, wildlife, lake and, of course, the people which makes Malawi one of Africa's most amazing countries. This is one of the safest and friendliest countries in the whole of Africa, offering the visitor a fascinating variety of sights and experiences. The diversity of landscapes, the huge lake and the national parks and reserves provide the foundation for the unrivalled choice of safaris, water sports and outdoor activities on offer.

LANDSCAPE

Malawi's natural scenery is stunningly beautiful. The diverse landscapes, including their cloaks of vegetation, are breathtaking and change around every bend in the road: untouched wilderness, high plateaux, mountain peaks, riverine lowlands, vast tracts of forest, grasslands, and plantations of sugar and tea.

The highest peaks in Malawi touch 10 000 ft / 3000 m while the lowlands are barely above sea level. These great contrasts help to make the landscape of Malawi one of the most varied in Africa, and all in a country smaller than England.

The Lake, its immediate shoreline and the valley of the Shire River which drains it, lie within the Great Rift Valley of eastern Africa. From the Lake, a series of escarpments climb to the Central African Plateau (1600 - 5000 ft / 500 - 1500 m). This is gently undulating land, punctuated by occasional hills and forests. Rising to even greater heights are Malawi's true mountains: the whaleback plateau of Nyika and the mountainous Viphya in the north, the Dowa Highlands in the centre and, in the south, the two great massifs of Zomba and, highest of all, Mulanje, Central Africa's grandest peak. Clothed in forests and broken by streams and waterfalls, these highlands provide a landscape not expected of Africa.

As well as viewing points from which to see across countless miles of varied and magnificent landscapes, the forest reserves and uplands offer activities from climbing to trekking, mountain biking to birdwatching, or simple cool tranquillity in surroundings of incredible natural beauty.

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CULTURE

The Warm Heart of Africa' is not just a marketing slogan, it's a reality. Malawians are the most friendly people you could wish to meet anywhere in the world. A warm, welcoming and safe nation, locals love to share their communities with visitors; and cultural interactions here are genuine and true to life.

Even in the context of Malawi's great natural riches and attractions, its people are its greatest asset: friendly and welcoming to a fault. Every visitor is met with a smile and the warmth of the welcome is genuine and long-lasting. With a little more than 18 million people, Malawi is one of the more densely populated countries of this part of Africa. Most people live in traditional rural villages. But these villages give visitors a wonderful opportunity to have a glimpse of real Africa - daily life as it is today in the heart of the continent. These are not tourist creations, but a chance to interact with real people in real villages going about their lives.

Malawians are pleased to welcome in respectful visitors and proud to show them around. The majority of Malawi's tourist lodges across the country have strong links to their local communities and can easily arrange village visits.

Many of today's Malawians are descendants of the Bantu people who moved across Africa and into Malawi for hundreds of years up to the fifteenth century. There is now a rich cultural mix in Malawi with the Chewa being the most numerous tribe. Others include the Yao, the Nyanja and the Maravi. In the north the Tumbuka are prominent. Each tribe has contributed to modern Malawi, whether it be in dress, dance, language or thriving music scene. Masks are commonly used in various dances and ceremonies and these are usually tribe-specific. Traditional (African) doctors still attract many people and the two main 'modern' religions, Christianity and Islam, frequently exhibit a continuing adherence to traditional beliefs.

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The private beach and swimming pools are ideal to laze around but there are also many activities on offer such as snorkelling, nature walks, kayaking, mountain biking, waterskiing or sunset sails on the dhow

Mkulumadzi: One of Africa's lesser known gems, Majete Wildlife Reserver is blessed with a rich diversity of flora and fauna and has been transformed into Malawi's only official Big 5 Park. Mkulumadzi is surrounded by 7000 hectares of private concession and enjoys an idyllic location at the confluence of two rivers shaded by giant leadwood trees.

The lodge has eight superb chalets, each with spacious living quarters and private viewing deck. Guests can swim in our pool, dine under the stars, enjoy river cruises, game drives and walking safaris. Undiscovered by tourists, Majete is a true wilderness where every trip into the bush will feel like an adventure.

Kuthengo Camp opening in Liwonde National Park in 2018!

LAKE

The jewel in the crown of the country's tourist attractions is Lake Malawi - the Rift Valley's 'Lake of Stars'. Home to the world's first freshwater National Park and covering a third of the country, Lake Malawi is the third largest lake in Africa. Although a lake of crystal clear fresh water, its size and depth gives it a sea-like appearance, with one side rarely visible from the other, and a shoreline of idyllic golden sandy beaches lapped by gentle waves. The Lake is a real-life aquarium, home to up to 1000 species of brightly coloured tropical fish, many unique to the Lake. That's more species than all the lakes and rivers of Europe and North America put together! Far from hiding away, these fish will swim around you, come up close, and boast their magnificence right in front of your eyes.

This vast body of freshwater is not only a scenic wonderland but it provides a wide range of water sport opportunities for those looking for something beyond sun, sand and swimming. International- class accommodation is dotted along its length, mainly small friendly lodges, but to suit all budgets and interests. From luxury lodges and yacht charters to rustic camps on deserted islands, all have their own piece



WILDLIFE

Malawi's nine national parks and wildlife reserves offer game viewing and tracking as it should be... intimate and exclusive. Each park has a maximum of just two lodges, so you can view the Big 5 without the crowds.

It is the country's wildlife that is undergoing the greatest changes at present. Having achieved one of Africa's great conservation success stories in Majete Wildlife Reserve, the African Parks organisation took over the management of two more of Malawi's protected areas in 2015 - Liwonde and Nkhatakota. Majete has already been transformed from a neglected area with few animals into a thriving Big 5 reserve. Nkhatakota has recently received the largest ever translocation of elephants (plus large numbers of other game species). Liwonde had cheetahs reintroduced in 2017 and is set to receive more predators in 2018. With this massive investment in conservation and re-stocking, the future is very bright for Malawi's wildlife.

The Parks and Reserves cover a great variety of landscape and vegetation types, and include areas of genuine unspoilt wilderness. In the north are the unique and beautiful highlands of the Nyika Plateau

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of paradise and offer plenty of activities to keep you occupied. Equally, they all offer a truly relaxing beach experience, often in complete seclusion.

Lake Malawi was "discovered" by the Scottish missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone just over 150 years ago and it now forms an integral part of Malawi's cultural heritage, bringing sustenance, livelihood, tourism and leisure to the country. Fishing villages are scattered along the shore and the traditional industry and practices are an attraction to visitors. Lake Malawi's approximate dimensions are 365 miles north to south and 52 miles broad, hence the nickname: "the calendar lake". The Lake, in the north, is quite extraordinarily deep at 2300 ft/700 m, plunging well below sea level. This reflects the enormity of the natural faulting of the Great Rift Valley, which is the origin of the Lake. Access to the Lake is possible along much of its length but it should be noted that it is usually necessary to take a short detour off the main roads in order to reach the beach (part of the magic!). There are long stretches of totally uninhabited golden sand lakeshore, lapped by crystal clear waters. Journeys on the Lake range from the famous 'lake ferry', the mv Ilala, to sailing in an ocean-going yacht or exploring on a kayak expedition.

National Park, and the low lying Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Central Malawi has two vast game areas: Kasungu National Park in the west and Nkhatakota Reserve in the east which straddles the rugged and untouched wilderness of the Rift Valley Escarpment. In the south is Liwonde, the most established National Park in the country, offering the most prolific game viewing along the River Shire.

There are also three game areas further south in the Lower Shire Valley: Lengwe National Park and the wildlife reserves of Mwaybi and the Big 5 Majete. Near the southern end of Lake Malawi is the world's first freshwater national park at Cape Maclear. This is one of Malawi's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. A safari in Malawi is about memorable experiences, not just tick lists; plenty of game in beautiful surroundings but no convoys of vehicles characteristic of some African game parks. Visitors are relatively few in number, giving everyone the opportunity to experience all types of safari: in a 4x4, by boat, or on foot, and even wildlife viewing from your balcony, in peaceful privacy.

Malawi is also an ornithologist's paradise. Few countries in the whole of Africa can rival Malawi's range of bird species, coupled with the relative ease of birdwatching. Around 650 species have been identified with over ten percent not being seen in other parts of southern Africa. Best known is the fish eagle to be seen at the Lake and along the River Shire. But the greatest variety of animal species is to be found under water, with Lake Malawi home to around 1000 species of tropical fish - a number unsurpassed anywhere else in the world.

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Activity & Adventure

For a small country, Malawi has a quite remarkable array of activities to offer its visitors - on land and on (and in) water. The days of 'laze and gaze' seem to have gone, replaced by a wish to do something new and exciting. A visit to Malawi is certainly not generally about staying in one place - it's about touring, seeing new places and enjoying new experiences. At the end of this section is a useful table detailing what activities are on offer at the various lodges, camps and hotels.

WATERSPORTS

Lake Malawi, an inland sea, provides the opportunity for almost any water sport you care to think of. The lake's size, its warm freshwater and its beautiful surrounding beaches make it a magnet for those seeking an all-year round location to swim, scuba dive, snorkel, water-ski, sail, kayak, parasail or simply potter about in boats. The salt-free water is a bonus.

The clarity of the water (especially between June and December) gives visibility at best down to 30 metres and the lake has the largest number of fish species of any in the world. Almost all the lodges and hotels along the lakeshore have equipment for water sports and there are many dive schools offering PADI courses. Kayaking and sailing can range from an hour or so on the water to a full kayaking expedition or to living aboard a luxury yacht as it sails the length of the lake. For a traditional experience of the lake, take a trip on the famous mv Ilala, the local water-bus.

WILDLIFE SAFARIS

It is Malawi's safaris that are undergoing the most exciting changes at the moment. With African Parks now managing three reserves, a massive conservation and restocking programme is underway and the country's safari experiences are being transformed.

Two of the great attractions of Malawi's national parks and wildlife reserves are their completely unspoilt wilderness and the absence of mass tourism. You really do feel you're looking at a scene recognisable from over 150 years ago. There's a real touch of the Garden of Eden about them. You discover the animals, they're not lined up as though in a theme park, and with only one or two lodges in any one reserve there's hardly ever another vehicle to be seen.

There's a wide choice of safari. You can use 4x4 vehicles (most are open-topped) for your game drives or you can really get to know the country and its wildlife on a walking safari. Or try a boat safari along the Shire River - a wonderful way to see the animals close-up. You can float close to the hundreds of hippos and watch the elephants drink just a few metres away.

It is difficult to find many countries that can approach Malawi as a destination for birdwatching. Few will get close to the range of species that can be seen and even fewer have such ease of viewing.



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Malawi's people are its greatest asset - friendly, welcoming, colourful and vibrant. It is impossible to visit and not to become engaged with the people, but there are also opportunities to spend time in real villages (including staying overnight) for a first-hand experience of the cultures, traditions and daily life. These visits allow a genuine interaction with Malawians and are usually the highlight of any trip.

Malawi's festival and music scene is fast expanding, with events throughout the year and with some Malawian artists gaining international recognition. Events vary from choir festivals to seasons of dance. The event that is already on the world map is the Lake of Stars Festival. This is a high profile celebration of music from Malawi, Africa and around the world! The festival normally takes place during September, and is held on the shores of the lake.

There's much to see of Malawi's history, including the pre-historic remains of the Karonga district and Stone Age rock paintings near Dedza (home to the famous Pottery). The Cultural & Museum Centre at Karonga is well worth a visit. Elsewhere, the colonial period is preserved in buildings from the David Livingstone era and the defeat of the Arab slave trade is well documented in the museums of Blantyre. Among other museums around the country are a Lake Museum at Mangochi, a mission museum at Livingstonia and a postal services museum near Zomba. Mua Mission also deserves special mention - for both its wonderful cultural museum and the quite amazing wood carvings it produces.



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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Malawi's varied landscapes provide the perfect backdrop and environments for an ever-increasing range of outdoor activities.

From trekking up Mount Mulanje, looking out for miles from the top of Zomba Plateau, to exploring the rolling hills of Nyika, and hiking through the rugged wilderness of Nkhosokota - there is so much to discover simply on foot in Malawi's varied highlands, forest and plateaux. All levels and abilities can be catered for. The country has also become known as a great destination for cycling. Mountain biking is possible from a number of centres and the country's variety in a small area makes it ideal for touring by bike.

Horse riding remains popular and is increasingly available with excellent stables on the Zomba Plateau, on the Lakeshore at Kande and on the Vipha Highlands. Specialist tours/activities include yoga holidays, tea factory tours, art safaris and pottery classes. Orchid lovers are also regular visitors to Malawi's unique displays.

TOURING MALAWI

Visitors should think in terms of a stay in the country of 10-14 days. A longer period will allow you to make a more leisurely tour but if, on the other hand, you can't spare more than a week it may be best to focus on just one region. The beauty of Malawi's compact size and great variety is that no time is ever 'lost' to travel. Each destination is likely to be only a few hours from the next, and with a fascinating amount to see on the way. If you are thinking of making an excursion into the Luangwa National Park in Zambia or thinking of a flying visit to the Victoria Falls, add in another three to four days.

The most convenient way to divide Malawi is to use the capital Lilongwe, in the heart of the Central Region, as a dividing point between the north and the south. Whether heading north or south of Lilongwe, it's possible to follow an itinerary which samples the variety of landscape, wildlife, lake and cultural attractions that the country offers. If time allows, a combination of north and south is the ultimate Malawi Trip. Opening up the map folded into the back cover will help to identify the places detailed in the following guide:

Heading north from Lilongwe, Ntchisi and the Vipha Plateau offer an immediate escape to tranquil highland forests. In between the two is

the rugged wilderness of the Nkhosokota Wildlife Reserve, now being re-stocked. Further on, into North Malawi, is the country's third most important town, Mzuzu, which leads, via Rumpi, to the wonderland of the Nyika Plateau National Park and to the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Both are good game-viewing locations and the Nyika Plateau is Malawi at its most scenic. Heading east, the famous Livingstonia Mission and the historic town of Karonga bring you to Lake Malawi. Places to stay at its shore on the return south to Lilongwe include the bustling Nkhata Bay and the beautiful beaches of Chintcheche. Across the lake to the east there is the magical island of Likoma and the enchanting Mozambique shore. Once back into Central Malawi, the historic Nkhosokota and charming Senga Bay bring you within a short drive of Lilongwe.

Alternatively, heading south from Lilongwe, highlands are soon encountered at Dedza, which has the added attractions of its famous pottery and nearby Chongoni Rock Art, a World Heritage Site. Continuing into South Malawi, Blantyre is one of the country's two largest towns, with historical monuments and a variety of attractions close by. South of Blantyre, the Lower Shire Valley is home to no less than three national parks and wildlife reserves - Lengwe, Mwabvi and Majete, the latter now a Big 5 Reserve. East of Blantyre, is the magnificent Mount Mulanje and the beautiful Thyolo tea estates it overlooks. Beginning the return north, the old capital town of Zomba and the famous views from Zomba Plateau are a short drive away. A little further on is Liwonde National Park, Malawi's most popular and best established game park. Lake Malawi is reached initially at a strip known as the 'Mangochi lakeshore' where you'll be spoilt for choice of accommodation. From there it's a short drive to Cape Maclear/Lake Malawi National Park and its range of attractions. Back in Central Malawi, Senga Bay and the Marelli Islands just off shore are reached via the interesting Mua Mission, and then it's a short return to Lilongwe.

With Blantyre now served by three international airlines, it's also possible to cover the southern part of the country by using Blantyre as a start (and/or end) point.

Further details of the specific locations mentioned above can be found in the following pages on North Malawi, Central Malawi and South Malawi, with accommodation details following in the relevant Directory pages.

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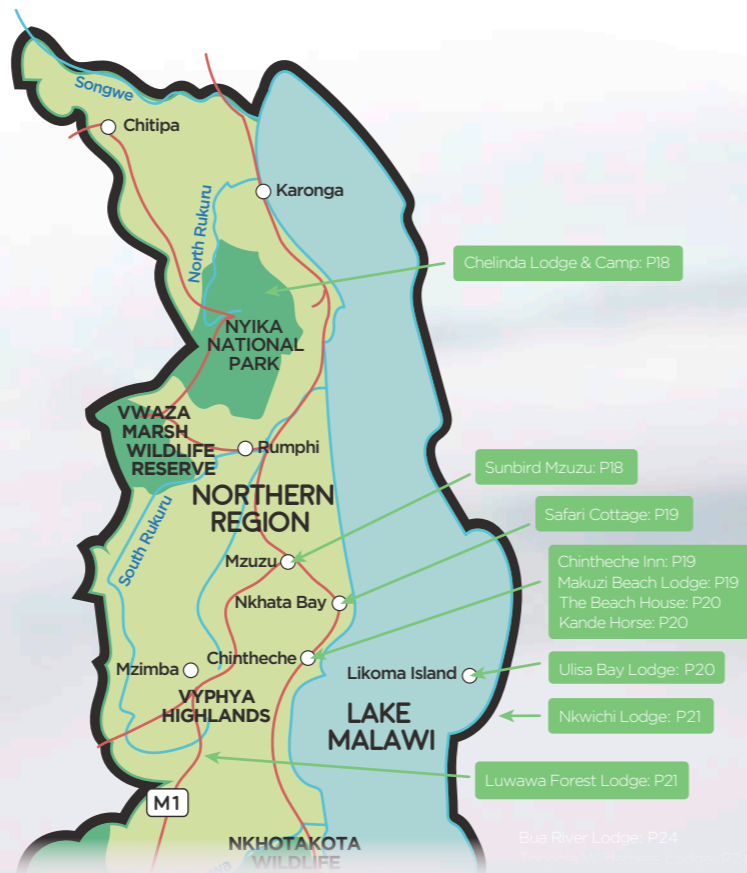
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North Malawi

Less well known than the rest of the country, North Malawi has so much to offer the visitor. With a lower population density, it is a region for those who wish to experience Africa at its most unspoilt. It has a different character from the rest of the country, recognisable in its scenery and its people. Except for that part of the region which is occupied by Lake Malawi, the north is characterised by its great highlands and its quite astonishing beauty is the lasting memory of all who explore this unique area.

For accommodation details for North Malawi, see the Directory which follows these pages.



NYIKA NATIONAL PARK is Malawi's largest (1250 sq miles/3250 sq km) and longest established. It extends across the great Nyika Plateau, which is essentially a granitic dome rising to 8000 ft /2400 m with an environment like none other in Africa. The rolling landscapes of the central plateau are described as whalebacks and are rich in wildflowers. Over 200 types of orchid flower in the rainy season. Nyika is wonderful for trekking and mountain biking, and for conventional 4x4 safaris. The montane vegetation attracts large numbers of antelope from the diminutive duiker to roan and eland, the latter of which can occur in very large herds. Zebra are common and leopard, hyena and jackal also live on the plateau. The leopard population is one of the densest in Africa and sightings are regular. Elephants and buffalo usually keep to the lower ground on the edges of the park. For the birdwatcher, the park has a great deal to offer, with over 400 species recorded, including the rare Denham's bustard, wattled crane and red-winged francolin. Other things to see in the vast park include waterfalls, a Neolithic rock shelter, trout pools and even a 'magic lake'. (Accommodation: Chelinda Lodge, Chelinda Camp)

LIVINGSTONIA MISSION is wonderfully sited between Nyika's eastern edge and the shore of Lake Malawi. From 3000 ft/1000 m there are views of incredible beauty across the lake to Tanzania. Livingstonia is a fascinating mission settlement dating from 1894, established by Robert Laws, a disciple of David Livingstone. The Old Stone House, the home of the Laws family, is now a rest-house and museum.

VWAZA MARSH WILDLIFE RESERVE is 400 sq miles/1000 sq km of marsh and plain, with a few rocky outcrops. The reserve has a wonderful mix of vegetation: forest and grassland, thin woodland and marsh. It is this rich habitat which attracts a splendid range of birdlife. Nearly 300 species of birds have been recorded including stork, heron and the white-faced tree duck. For safaris, Vwaza offers the more traditional 'bush game' experience - a perfect complement to Nyika's rolling grassland hills. Herds of thirty or forty elephants are regularly seen and there are large numbers of hippos

- particularly found in Lake Kazuni, near the main entrance. Buffalo, various antelope, baboons and many smaller mammals are also to be seen. Lions are the main predators.

MZUZU the capital of the north, lies in a saddle in the highlands. It stands at the junction of the lakeshore road (M5) and Malawi's main north-south highway (M1). The town, which has grown rapidly in recent times, has an airport and a host of other facilities in the crowded town centre. (Accommodation: Sunbird Mzuzu)

LIKOMA ISLAND is off the eastern shore of the Lake: a little piece of Malawian territory in Mozambican waters. Likoma's claim to fame is its 100 year old cathedral (the size of Winchester's). This vast building has some interesting features including stained glass and carved soapstone. The island also boasts some lovely beaches. Access to Likoma is by boat or aircraft. (Accommodation: Ulisa Bay Lodge)

MANDA WILDERNESS is an ambitious project on the Mozambique mainland nearest to Likoma Island. This is a 120,000 hectare community reserve of unspoilt wilderness - brachystegia and riverine forest, savannah, swamps and streams, mountains and miles of beaches with crystal clear fresh water. It is an area known for its biodiversity and used to be one of the biggest game areas in the country. Conservation projects are now being run with the local communities in this genuine wilderness area. (Accommodation: Nkwichi Lodge)

THE VIPHYA HIGHLANDS are the forested spine of North Malawi, stretching up from Central Malawi all the way to Nyika. This is a wonderful area for those seeking a combination of stunning

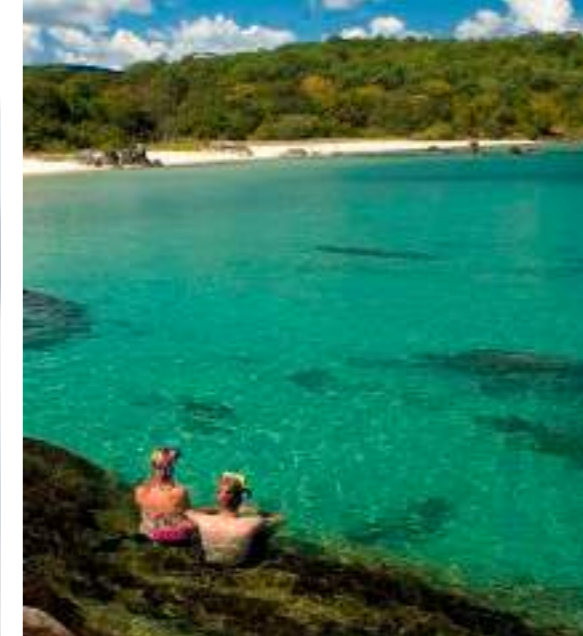
scenery and solitude. The undulating plateau rises to 6000 ft /1850m although some peaks stretch a further 1000 ft /300m higher. It is an ideal area in which to unwind but there are also opportunities for trekking, mountain biking and various other activities. Though not a safari destination, the birdwatching is excellent and there are small mammals and the occasional leopard to be seen in the forests. (Accommodation: Luwawa Forest Lodge)

THE NORTHERN LAKESHORE is Lake Malawi at its most varied - everything from high cliffs dropping sheer into the lake, to secluded coves accessible only by boat.

- **CHINTECHE** has a concentration of small Lakeshore resorts, making the most of some of the best beaches on the lake - long stretches of white sand. Nearby is an area of cultural interest, the Bandawe Mission site. (Accommodation: Chinteché Inn; Makuzi Beach Lodge, The Beach House, Kande Horse)

- **NKHATA BAY** is a vibrant port town in the North of Malawi often referred to as the gateway to the islands. It has a wonderful carving market and a bustling (almost Caribbean) feel to it. Just a 3 minutes drive away from the town is a beautiful sand beach where there are a number of lodges to choose from. With plenty of small shops and a bank / ATM as well as internet cafés, restaurants and bars, Nkhata Bay, despite its size, has a lot on offer. (Accommodation: Safari Cottage)

- **KARONGA** has a fascinating museum telling something of the interesting history of the area back to prehistoric times. The skeletal remains of the Malawisaurus dinosaur have been unearthed nearby as have been the oldest human remains in the country. Karonga's 19th Century history is equally of interest.



Lake Malawi



Manda Wilderness

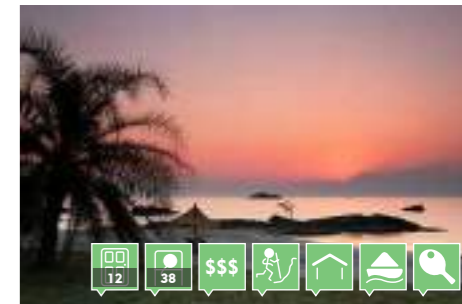
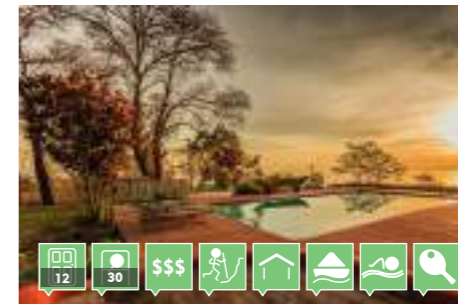
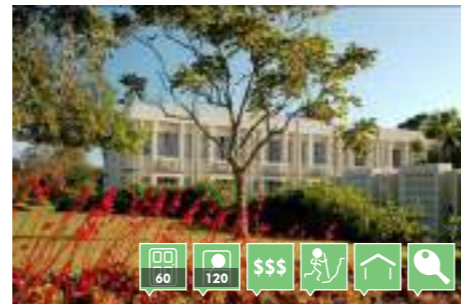
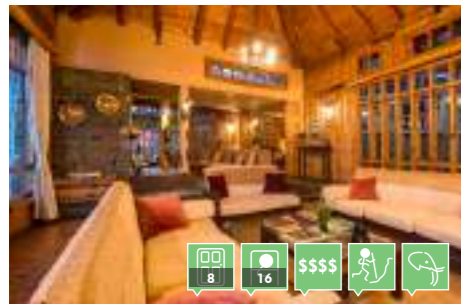


Nyika National Park





NORTH MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



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Nestled in the highlands of Nyika National Park, Chelinda Lodge is a 16-bedded exclusive classic camp that lies against a magnificent backdrop of towering pine trees. Situated high on the plateau, the eight luxuriously appointed chalets offer panoramic views of woodland patches, rolling plains and montane grasslands (often dotted with herds of antelope).

The cabin styled chalets are constructed of stone and pine, and each is fitted with an en-suite bathroom, fireplace, an upstairs seating area and a viewing deck. Meals can be enjoyed in the spacious main lounge or on the grand outdoor deck that overlooks the grasslands.

Nyika National Park is one of Malawi's most scenic and spectacular wilderness areas. It boasts an incredible mixture of scenery and landscapes - pristine brachystegia woodlands, mature mountain forest patches, crystal clear running streams and miles and miles of open rolling grasslands. Leopard sightings are common on the plateau as well as sightings of Burchell's zebra, roan antelope, reed buck, eland, bush buck, warthog, bush pig, spotted hyena, side-striped jackal and serval. Birdlife is prolific with over 425 species inhabiting the plateau. Activities include day and night game drives, guided walks, mountain biking and fly fishing (which is available seasonally). Guests can also opt to embark on the Livingstonia Trail or the Sangwala Trail, and can also visit the nearby local school.

Chelinda Camp, situated in Nyika National Park, overlooks a crystal-clear dam with views of montane grasslands that stretch across the Nyika Plateau. The park is often heralded as one of the continent's most unique areas of wilderness and its rolling plains are reminiscent of the Scottish highlands.

Accommodation at the camp comprises four chalets; each have two double bedrooms, a dining area, a small kitchen and a bathroom. The chalets also have a spacious lounge and large fireplace. The camp is ideal for private groups who are seeking an affordable and comfortable stay on the plateau. An additional six twin-bedded rooms are also available and are located opposite a freshwater dam. Wholesome and rustic meals are served in a cosy dining area, and guests can also unwind in a comfortable lounge and bar, in the warmth of an inviting fireplace.

Nyika is renowned for incredible leopard sightings and the park is also home to an abundance of flora and fauna. Common wildlife sightings include that of Burchell's zebra, roan antelope, reed buck, eland, bush buck, spotted hyena, side-striped jackal and serval. Over 425 species of bird can be found on the plateau along with nearly 200 species of orchid. Aside from enjoying traditional day and night game drives, mountain biking, fly fishing (which is available seasonally) and guided walks. Guests can also opt to visit the nearby local school or can explore the plateau further by embarking on the Livingstonia Trail or the Sangwala Trail.

Sunbird Mzuzu is the leading hotel in North Malawi's 'capital'. The hotel is just a short distance from the town centre but in a quiet setting close to the Mzuzu golf club. It is just three and a half kilometres from the airport and 100km from the beautiful lake beaches of Chintheche.

Accommodation is in sixty rooms, including four suites. All bedrooms are en suite, air conditioned and with satellite television. There is 24-hour room service and secure car parking. Car hire can be arranged. There is a lobby bookshop and pharmacy. Free WIFI is available. The Nyika Coffee Shop serves drinks and full meals and there is the famous Chomba Bar. The hotel's fully-equipped conference centre can cater for up to 200 participants. Sunbird Mzuzu recently unveiled a new addition to its product range; a gym that open to both residents and non-residents.

In addition to the nine-hole golf course next to the hotel, tennis and squash are nearby. Golf equipment can be hired at the front desk. Adjoining the hotel is Boma Park where cultural dances and other events are held.

The hotel is ideal for the guest on business in this rapidly growing town and also for the tourist wanting a base from which to explore Nyika Plateau, Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve, Lake Malawi, Mzuzu town, and transit tourists to and from Tanzania and Zambia.

Safari Cottage is a self-catering cottage in Nkhata Bay just a couple of metres from the shore of Lake Malawi. There are three bedrooms, dining room, sitting room and a kitchen for self catering.

The cottage is located in the second bay in the town, which is more secluded than the first, and overlooks the mouth of the Nkhata River, the whole bay and the lake.

From the veranda there are fine views of the bay and the plain surrounding the outlet of the Nkhata River - an excellent spot for bird-watching; just take a pair of binoculars and a deck-chair...

Facilities include: a daily cleaning service, laundry service, 24 hrs security, completely fenced area, secure parking, satellite TV, self-catering facilities, bedding, etc. There is a night-watchman.

The centre of Nkhata bay is small and home to not more than 2000 people. But there are many villages nearby that make Nkhata Bay the infrastructural centre for up to 20,000 people. Tourism and fishing are the main industries of the town. Nkhata Bay is a lively place, especially on Sundays and Mondays, when fisherfolk come into town to sell their weekly catch.

Chintheche Inn offers guests a relaxing holiday on the pristine northern lakeshore, which is famed for its warm clear waters, white sands and age-old fishing villages. The north of Malawi is well known for its beautiful and un-spoilt beaches, which are set against the dramatic backdrop of the rolling Viphya Mountains.

Accommodation is available in ten brightly furnished en-suite rooms that are comfortable and draw inspiration from local materials and crafts. Each room opens out onto the beach and the Inn features a welcoming reception and dining area with a bar. Meals can be enjoyed indoors or outside in the gardens, by the swimming pool or on the beach.

Activities include a variety of mountain biking trails that pass through local fishing villages and markets. Village tours can be arranged to provide a unique window into rural communities. The gardens and surroundings of the Inn are ideal for relaxed birding and a wide variety of water-sports are available, including kayaking, snorkelling and boat rides. Chintheche Inn is also the home of CAWS' Root to Fruit tree planting initiative, which to date has planted over 250,000 trees in the area.

Scuba diving and horse riding are also available at nearby Kande Beach. Chintheche Inn provides an idyllic retreat for families and couples and is the ideal venue for destination weddings, romantic getaways, team retreats or even fun-filled family holidays.

Makuzi Beach Lodge is situated on the lush Northern shores of Lake Malawi. Delightfully sited in its own completely private bay, the lodge is ideal for that perfect "Retreat to Paradise".

Makuzi is family owned and built to be Eco-friendly using local materials and expertise to build their "Paradise". Makuzi works hand in hand with the local community which gives guests the opportunity to experience Malawi at its best.

Makuzi has retained the beauty and exclusivity by only having twelve individual comfortable en-suite chalets, (3 superior, 5 standard, 3 family chalets, 1 self catering) all with stunning lake views set in perfectly manicured gardens.

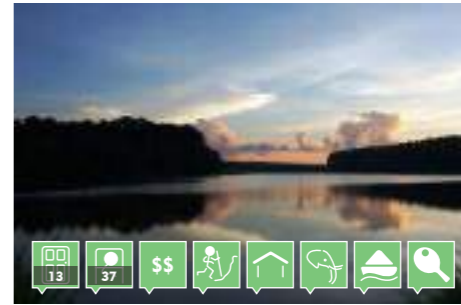
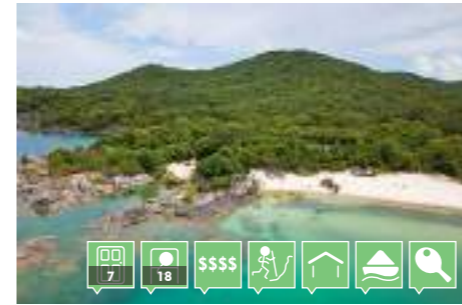
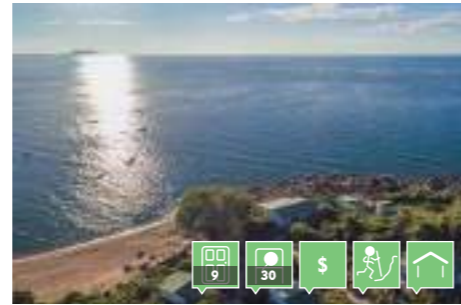
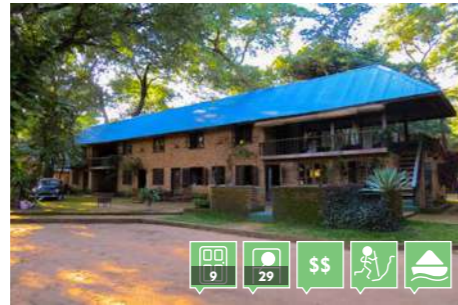
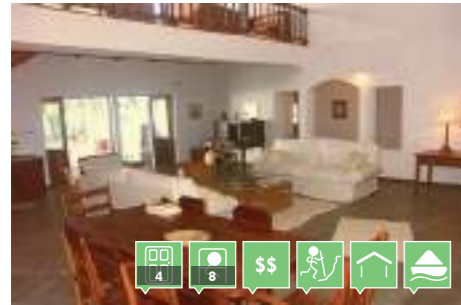
Sipping a cocktail or enjoying one of the chefs' delicious meals from the deck of the main lodge is an experience in itself. Makuzi enjoys an excellent reputation for its cuisine and guests are encouraged to enjoy a full African dining experience under the stars.

There are a wide variety of activities: swimming, kayaking, fishing, yoga, birding or just wallowing in the lake. Activities run by the community are the village tour including the Mission site and community museum and boat trips on the lake. Horse riding and scuba diving are available off site. Great value for money in a secluded haven of tranquillity.





NORTH MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



THE BEACH HOUSE CHINTHECHE

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The Beach House, on North Beach, Chintheche, overlooks silver sands facing down Lake Malawi. It is perched on the very edge of the dunes. Sunrise over the islands of Chizumulu and Likoma is a photographer's dream.

Four large bedrooms have twin beds, mosquito nets and en suite bathrooms. The spacious lounge area is furnished in colonial style with many old maps and prints, paintings and photographs of Malawi, past and present. A wide, shaded patio and terrace all around the house provides the very best of outdoor tropical life.

The well-equipped kitchen encourages the widest range of self-catering. Barbecue equipment allows al fresco dining on the beach or under the trees. A well qualified cook can, depending on availability, be offered as extra, low cost.

The local fish chambo, kampango, ncheni and the whitebait-like usipa can often be bought at dawn on the beach. There are many small shops in the village just two kilometres away.

The Beach House is easily reached. Lilongwe International airport is a 4-hour drive or a 30 minute flight away. Mzuzu, the capital of North Malawi, is an hour's scenic drive away and has an airport.

KANDE HORSE CHINTHECHE

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Ride through the forest, farmland villages and golden beaches, and end with the unforgettable experience of swimming in Lake Malawi with your horse. Enjoy stunning rides and home cooked meals while staying in beautiful accommodation. Packages are available and all ages and levels are catered for.

The Stables Guest House provides three double luxury rooms for visitors wanting something a little different than the usual beachside experience. There are accommodation packages for both rider's and non-riders. Each beautifully furnished, second-storey room provides comfortable 4-poster beds with mosquito net, fan, en suite toilet and sink. Relax and unwind on the balcony as you watch the sun set across the horse stables and working yard.

Kande Horse is nestled in amongst the forest, allowing the trees to provide you with respite from the African sun. Kande Horse has 16 beautiful horses, for all levels and ages. Take a 1 or 2 hour ride through the forest or down the beach ending in the unforgettable experience of swimming with your horse. Kande horse is the perfect place for larger groups. There are beautifully home cooked meals each day, with much of the produce sourced from their own vegetable garden. The closest beach is 3km away at Kande Beach Campsite. It is a short drive, a nice walk or a fantastic ride away.

ULISA BAY LODGE LIKOMA ISLAND

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Situated on the West Side of Likoma Island, with spectacular sunsets, Ulisa Bay Lodge offers affordable island luxury with Deluxe, Superior & Standard Chalets all with lake views. For budget travellers there is a luxurious dorm and a campsite. The well stocked bar and the restaurant have a wooden deck open on three sides to catch the breezes off the lake. There is a large organic garden where we produce fresh vegetables, fruit and salad to accompany a wide variety of fish, meat and vegetarian courses and the legendary cheese-cake is always available.

The lodge has a beautiful sandy beach as well as a rocky shoreline - perfect for snorkelling and many brightly coloured small fish, some endemic only to Likoma Island, live in the rocks. There are footpaths throughout the island & it is very safe to walk anywhere. The lodge staff will be happy to escort guests to view Likoma's many attractions including the magnificent brick & stone Cathedral built by the early missionaries over 100 years ago. Guests can work with traditional potters to make and fire their own traditional pots. Likoma Airport has daily scheduled flights from Lilongwe most of the year. Several boats, including the historic lake steamer M.V. Ilala take passengers from Nkhata Bay, Nkhotakota, Salima and Monkey Bay to Likoma Island usually 5 days a week. Contact them for their monthly sheet showing all current ways to get to Likoma. They also provide assistance at both Nkhotakota and Nkhata Bay to help guests safely board and disembark from the ships.

NKWICHI LODGE MANDA WILDERNESS

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Imagine a dazzling white beach where the lake is so pure you can drink it. This is Nkwichi Lodge on the shores of Lake Niassa in northern Mozambique. Hidden among the trees are five spacious individually-designed chalets (two premier and three standard) and one private house, a short distance from the main lodge, all built from local wood and stone.

The only way into Nkwichi is a short boat ride from Malawi's Likoma island or through Mozambique - this is real unspoiled Africa. Sail on a traditional dhow, swim and snorkel in water teeming with fish or trek through the wilderness, paddle your own canoe or stand up paddle board, or just relax in a hammock slung between the trees.

Spend a romantic night in the unique Lake of Stars Bed, high up on a viewpoint overlooking the lake or on a deserted beach, relaxing on a king- sized bed, waking up to your own private sunrise!

Nkwichi Lodge is more than a relaxing getaway. It is the driving force for the ambitious Manda Wilderness conservation project, aimed at not only preserving the wilderness but helping local communities.

Nkwichi Lodge recently won a silver African Responsible Tourism Award in 2015.

LUWAWA FOREST LODGE VIPHYA HIGHLANDS

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Luwawa Forest Lodge is an International Tourist Lodge and Outdoor Adventure Centre set in the beautiful Luwawa valley overlooking Luwawa Dam. The lodge is located approximately 3.5 hours drive north of Lilongwe and at an altitude of 1600m offers a malaria free, fresh forest environment.

Maintaining the forest environment together with a conservation programmes, is at the heart of everything that is done at Luwawa Forest Lodge. Its beautiful surrounds ensures that all guests can enjoy a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities supported by experienced and expertly trained guides and instructors. For the less active visitor, the lodge offers a relaxing garden environment where a wide variety of birds can be viewed at leisure from the lodge's verandas. Activities on offer at the lodge include mountain biking, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, orienteering and archery. More specifically the lodge provides horse riding, long distance wilderness walks and bike rides to Lake Malawi and birding walks around the garden and along surrounding woodland tracks. The professionally trained staff at the lodge also facilitate both local and international school groups, corporate team building courses, conferences and group retreats.

The lodge is committed to responsible tourism through its many local community assistance projects and is the winner of the Malawi Government's Sustainable Tourism Award.



Central Malawi



Central Malawi is a region of special importance. It is the point of arrival for most international visitors and home to the country's capital, Lilongwe. Access to the rest of the country is easy and this is an interesting region in its own right. Most of the region is part of the Central African Plateau, gently undulating around 4000 ft/1200m before descending to the Lakeshore at the edge of the Rift Valley. The plateau is crossed by numerous rivers and, here and there, isolated hills known as inselbergs, punctuate the gentle landscapes. The scenery in Central Malawi is less dramatic than elsewhere in the country but it has the same attractive variety that makes Malawi a wonderful place to tour.

For accommodation details for Central Malawi, see the Directory which follows these pages.

KASUNGU NATIONAL PARK is in the west of Central Malawi bordering Zambia. It's an 800 sq mile/2000 sq km area of natural woodland and bush with occasional stretches of more open grass. Kasungu used to be Malawi's premier game park but poaching has reduced animal numbers. However, there is still wildlife to be seen and the park is relatively easy to drive to from Lilongwe.

NKHOTAKOTA WILDLIFE RESERVE is a vast 700 sq miles / 1800 sq km of rugged terrain crossed by a number of rivers that tumble down the edge of the escarpment as they make their ways to the Lake. Most of the reserve is miombo woodland with occasional grasses and rainforest. This is a wonderful example of true wilderness and a wide range of mammals inhabit the vast reserve. While access and viewing has been difficult in the past there are exciting developments taking place. Two lodges are now well established and African Parks, who took over the management of the reserve in 2015, have begun to transform Nkhosakota with conservation initiatives and a re-stocking programme that includes the largest translocation of elephants ever undertaken, and numerous other big game species. With the added attractions of prolific birdlife, this is destined to be a very popular safari destination. (Accommodation: Bua River Lodge; Tongole Wilderness Lodge, Kachenga Bush Camp)

NTCHISI FOREST RESERVE contains some of southern Africa's last remaining rainforest and is famous for its orchids, birdlife and liana-swinging samango monkeys. The Reserve has excellent hiking, with breathtaking views from Ntchisi Mountain, while the surrounding villages offer a picturesque and untouched experience of the real Africa. (Accommodation: Ntchisi Forest Lodge)

DWANGWA is split in two by the M5 road. This is very much a company town, influenced and determined by its giant sugar estate. (Accommodation: Ngala Beach Lodge)

LILONGWE was made Malawi's capital by the country's first President, Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda. The Old Town is very different to, and distinct from the newer Capital City - the two parts separated

by the Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary which is also now home to the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre (P. 46). The City's gleaming modern buildings, in their spacious garden-like settings, contrast with the hustle and bustle of Old Town. The craft market in Old Town is especially popular with visitors. Most of the main safari/tour companies have offices in Lilongwe and there's no shortage of good accommodation. Lilongwe is the usual start-off point for trips across to Zambia's Luangwa National Parks. (Accommodation: Sunbird Capital; Sunbird Lilongwe; Umodzi Park, Crossroads Hotel; Korea Garden Lodge; Kiboko Town Hotel; Mafumu Hotel; Africa House Malawi; Heuglin's Lodge; Kumbali Country Lodge)

DZALANYAMA FOREST RESERVE is an extensive area of highlands cut by rivers and cloaked by woodland. Most is Brachystegia but there are significant areas of evergreen forest. There are animals to be seen though mammal populations are much reduced from days gone by. The forest does, though, provide some of the best birdwatching in the country - a veritable ornithologist's delight just an hour from the capital. (Accommodation: Dzalanyama Forest House)

DEDZA is a wonderful forest town, overlooked by the Dedza mountain and surrounded by the hills south-east of Lilongwe. As well as the scenic beauty, the town is home to the Dedza Pottery where craftsmen can be viewed in the workshops and factory, producing a variety of items, from mugs and dinner services to table lamps and tiles. Many are decorated with brightly coloured designs or local scenes and all are sold at the factory shop. Dedza Pottery products are found all round Malawi, as well as being sold for export. With a charming tea shop selling delicious cakes, the pottery is a popular stop between Lilongwe and Blantyre.

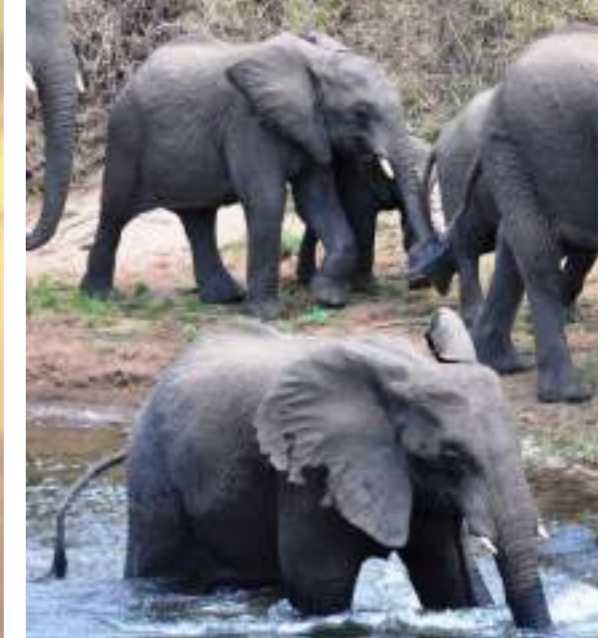
MUA MISSION was established by the White Fathers over 100 years ago. It is presently home to a thriving community, including an arts and crafts centre whose students create Malawi's finest wood carvings and who go on to make a living from their own handiwork throughout Malawi. Mua also works to preserve the local cultures and has the country's best cultural museum.

THE CENTRAL LAKESHORE does not have quite the variety of the Northern Lakeshore, nor the number of lodges found to the south, but there are still a number of places of scenic and historical interest.

- **SENGA BAY** is the point on the Lakeshore closest to Lilongwe and is reached via Salima, a busy town at the junction of the M1 and M5. Senga Bay has a range of hotels from the luxurious to small lodges and campsites, each overlooking a lovely beach. It is also home to a breeding facility for Lake Malawi's colourful cichlid fish, and is backed by a forest reserve. (Accommodation: Sunbird Livingstonia Beach, Kumbali Lake Retreat, Blue Waters by Serendib)

- **THE MARELLI ISLANDS** consist of three uninhabited islands located opposite Senga Bay that fall under the protection of the Lake Malawi National Park. Due to the large array of habitats present, from rocky shorelines to small wild sandy beaches and from wooden hillsides to reedy lagoons, the islands are home to a wide range of animals species. The islands are exceptionally beautiful, with views across to the rift valley mountains, lively fishing villages, the northern coastline and a grand endless vista of the lake to the north. (Accommodation: Blue Zebra Lodge)

- **NKHOTAKOTA** is some 70 miles / 112 km north of Salima, along the Lakeshore. It is described as the largest traditional village in Africa, Nkhosakota is rich in history. Visited by Dr Livingstone in 1863, it was then a centre for the slave trade. In 1960 Dr Banda chose Nkhosakota for his first political rally on his release from prison prior to Malawi gaining independence. South of Nkhosakota is an interesting Pottery, the twin of that at Dedza (see above).



Elephants at Nkhosakota Wildlife Reserve



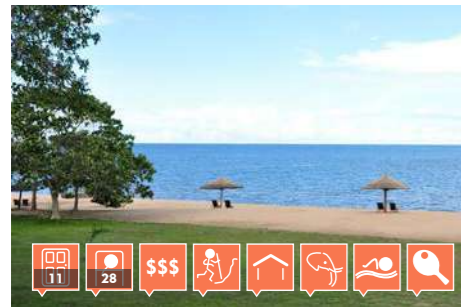
Wood Carving at Mua Mission



View from Dedza Mountain



CENTRAL MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



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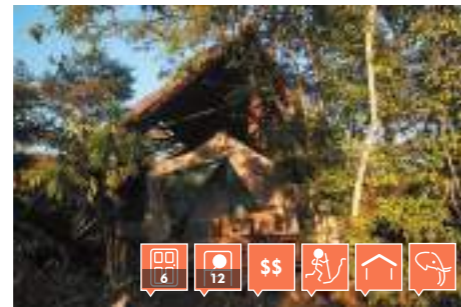
Ngala Beach Lodge offers comfortable, affordable accommodation, home from home cooking, with friendly, personal service. Ngala Beach Lodge has stunning views of both the Lake and the Vipha Mountains, with both sunrise and sunset over the water. The spacious, individually decorated rooms ensure comfort and privacy.

The accommodation comprises 2 x Deluxe (beach facing) A frame chalets (twin or double) and 1 x Deluxe Family unit (comprising 2 singles & 1 king size bed, lounge area, with private verandah overlooking the beach and Lake). The Executive Chalets (overlooking the manicured garden, infinity pool and Lake beyond) comprise 6 x twin or double rooms and 2 x Executive Family Units.

The Main Lodge comprises a bar, lounge, restaurant and deck overlooking the Lake towards the Vipha Mountains. The infinity pool is adjacent to the Lodge. We also have a TV/conference room adjacent to the main Lodge. Wi-Fi is available in the bar area.

Located on a peninsula on the beach, the Soggy Kwacha Beach Lapa is an ideal place to laze away the afternoons in a hammock and watch the sunset. Our boat can take you out on a sundowner cruise, or to Unaka Lagoon to see the hippos and crocodiles, or a trip to the Chiwi Hot Springs can be arranged. Various other activities are available nearby.

For more information, please visit the website.



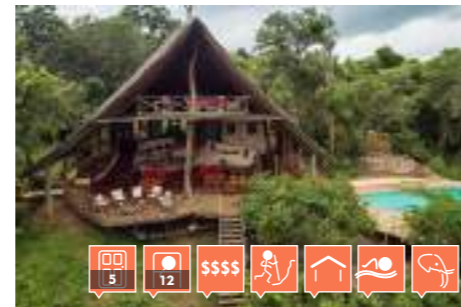
BUA RIVER LODGE NKHOTAKOTA WILDLIFE RESERVE

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Located on the banks of the beautiful Bua River, inside Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve, only three hours drive from Lilongwe and less than an hour from the Nkhotakota Lakeshore resorts, Bua River Lodge offers high-quality, tented accommodation at moderate prices. There are six en-suite accommodation units consisting of purpose made canvas safari tents, shaded by thatched roofs.

Since September 2015, the Reserve's management has been in the hands of African Parks, a not-for-profit conservation organization. They have recently completed a huge translocation of 500 elephants into Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve, together with a large number of other mammals. The animals have been released inside a fenced sanctuary, which includes Bua River Lodge. As a result, spectacular elephant sightings from the lodge are now frequent. Development of a road network over the next years will permit access to more remote parts of the reserve and vehicle-based game viewing.

Bua River Lodge has earned an excellent reputation for the comfort of the accommodation, the tranquility and beauty of the location, the quality of its food and, above all, the high standard and friendliness of the service. The lodge itself has been described as unique in Malawi. Constructed on four levels, entirely of timber and thatch, it has open-air and covered dining areas and an upper viewing deck. Accommodation comprises two luxury Island tents, each with broad decks to the front overlooking pools in the river (see photo); two standard Riverside tents, one; and two economy Hillside tents.



TONGOLE WILDERNESS LODGE

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Tongole Wilderness Lodge, is a luxury eco-lodge, situated deep within the Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve. Overlooking the Bua River, Tongole offers the idyllic setting from which to enjoy the tranquillity and explore this unspoilt wilderness.

With freedom to choose how they spend their time, guests may enjoy a variety of activities, including nature walks or canoe trips accompanied by an expert guide, bird watching, fly fishing, scenic drives to a sun downer spot, or simply relax at the lodge watching elephants come down to the river to drink.

The 5 riverside suites possess a super-king sized double or twin beds, shower, twin marble basins, flush lavatory and a large hand-built sunken bath. Spectacular raised wooden decks with river views afford a peaceful and private space to relax.

A scenic 4 hour drive, or only a 28 minute flight from Lilongwe airport, Tongole has established an exceptional reputation, priding itself on personal, yet unobtrusive service, fine cuisine and excellent guiding.

Tongole is run with clear principles for the benefit of local communities and conservation.

Discover Tongole, the Warm Heart of Malawi!



KACHENGA BUSH CAMP NKHOTAKOTA WILDLIFE RESERVE

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Kachenga Bush Camp consists of 3 chalets and is centrally located in Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve, in a tranquil setting, with views out to Kasukusuku mountain. Each self-contained chalet has a similar layout, comprising 2 bedrooms, communal lounge area, bathroom (shower, toilet and wash basin) and kitchen. The chalets therefore sleep up to 4 guests comfortably and there is flexibility for additional beds for children, accommodating families of up to 6.

The design of the chalets is well suited to self-catering guests (with a gas cooker in the kitchen) and self-catering rates are extremely good value for the standard of accommodation offered, from just US\$ 60 per person per night. Accommodation can also be booked on a bed & breakfast, half board and full board basis, allowing maximum flexibility to cater for preferences.

There is a small communal bar with a decked area, at which to buy a cool drink, relax, enjoy the tranquillity and socialise with other guests.

Kachenga also has a separate camping area with shared ablutions (hot showers, flush toilets and washing up basins). There is a large braai area and firepit for guests to cook and socialise around a campfire, as well as a separate shaded seating area.



CENTRAL MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



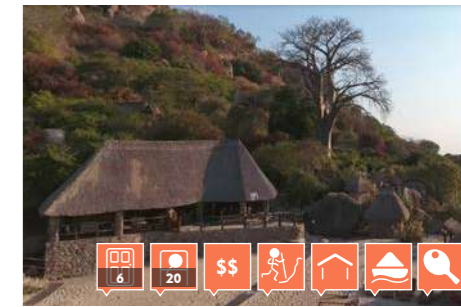
NTCHISI FOREST LODGE NTCHISI FOREST RESERVE

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Imagine, waking up in complete silence. You get up and find yourself strolling or spotting birds in one of the last indigenous rainforests of Malawi and classified Important Bird Area. Once back in the lodge you indulge yourself in an extensive breakfast with homemade muesli, bread, jams and marmalades.

Time for some relaxation at the khonde where you have some spectacular views on the Lake of Stars. When you find yourself ready for another activity you can join our guide Eston for an easy or strenuous trail in the rainforest, or you walk to the village and visit local shops, the chief and drink a cup of tea.

At the end of the day you take your sundowner to sunset rock to stretch your legs and enjoy the scenery. After refreshing yourself in either an en-suite room, a luxury tent or the forest cabin it's time for dinner. You will enjoy a candlelit homemade three course dinner - appreciated by our guests - as one of the best in Malawi. After some relaxation in front of a log fire in our living room and some drinks from our Rainforest bar it's time to go to bed. Silence sets in and your dreams take over...it's time for another memorable day!



KUMBALI LAKE RETREAT SENGA BAY

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Kumbali Lake Retreat is an eco-friendly lodge on the beautiful shores of Lake Malawi. Owned and run by the same family who own Kumbali Country Lodge in Lilongwe, Kumbali Lake Retreat comes with the same familiar home away from home feel with comfort and nature as the main focus.

The property is built into the side of Lifuwu Hill which is home to the indigenous Samango Monkey. Offering 4 individually thatched chalets each with a private outdoor lavatory and hot water shower, private khonde, walk-in mosquito nets, double or twin beds, ample storage space and breath taking views of the world famous Lake Malawi. Kumbali Lake Retreat now also has a family chalet and bungalow.

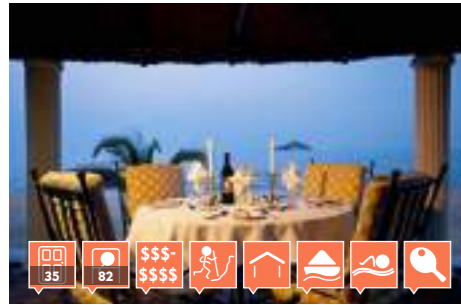
All meals are provided, and there is a well-stocked cash bar. Kumbali Lake Retreat provides the perfect setting for a sundown boat trip around the bay where you can feed the fish eagles and take in the luxury of your surroundings followed by a drink of your choice while watching the sun set.

Activities include sundown boat trips, boat trips to Bird or Mbenje Island, kayaking, beach volleyball, snorkelling, and hikes up the hill. Other attractions in the area are the rice project, crocodile farm & tropical fish farm. On the new pontoon, Kumbali Lake Retreat are now offering safari boat trips to view birds, hippos and Malawi's famous tropical Cichlids (fish). Corporate functions, Bachelor & Hen parties can also be arranged.





CENTRAL MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



SUNBIRD LIVINGSTONIA BEACH SENGA BAY

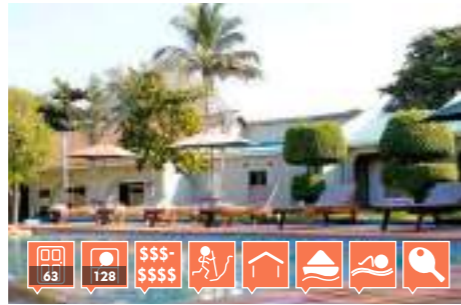
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Opposite Bird Island on the shores of Lake Malawi is Sunbird Livingstonia Beach, just 90 minutes drive from the Capital City, where Lilongwe International Airport is located. This exclusive hotel stands on the one kilometre long, broad private sands previously known as the Grand Beach.

It is set in immaculately kept gardens of bougainvillea and scented frangipani. The hotel's stunningly beautiful setting gives direct access to the beach and azure waters. The buildings retain much of their original 'colonial' charm with the addition of chalets in rondavel style. It has 35 rooms, 12 standard rooms, 6 Superior rooms, 7 deluxe rooms, 3 Family rooms, and 7 chalets, all tastefully furnished and decorated in local materials. Rooms have television and tea and coffee making facilities.

Fish from the lake, including the famous chambo and exquisite kampango, are available in the restaurant, set high above the gardens and overlooking the lake, or on the lakeside terrace. There is a swimming pool that overlooks the lake, tennis court and a comprehensive range of water sport facilities.

Visits to places of interest such as the Bird Island and to crocodile and tropical fish farms can be arranged. Sunbird Livingstonia Beach has all that can be expected of a luxury lakeside hotel. The hotel also provides a camping ground adjoining the main property.



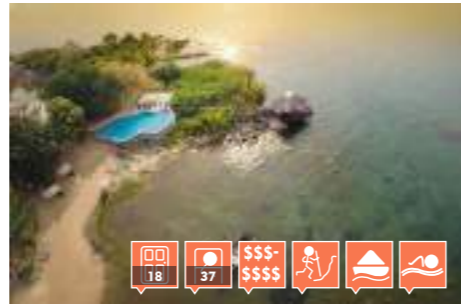
BLUE WATERS BY SERENDIB SENGA BAY

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Blue Waters is an elegant getaway for the discerning traveler to enjoy world-class service amidst tranquil surroundings. Situated on Senga bay, in the lakeside town of Salima along the shores of Lake Malawi, it is home to idyllic beaches, calm lake waters and exciting water sports making it the ideal aquatic playground for families while the corporate world makes important decisions in the comfort of various conference venues within the resort. Not forgetting the blend of chefs coming together to treat guests to a variety of global cuisines at the beachfront restaurant.

Blue Waters resort consists of a variety of rooms to choose from such as deluxe rooms, beach chalets and suite rooms, and well equipped with conference facilities, right along the beach with breathtaking views of Lake Malawi. It is the ideal place for conferences, retreats, outings, corporate events or themed weddings in a calm and soothing environment which serves as the ideal escape from urban life.

The enticing location of the hotel invites guests to take advantage of being at the doorstep of Lake Malawi and to take part in all the leisure and recreation activities one could think of when at a lakeside and beach environment. With various beach and water activities available, there is always something fun to do.



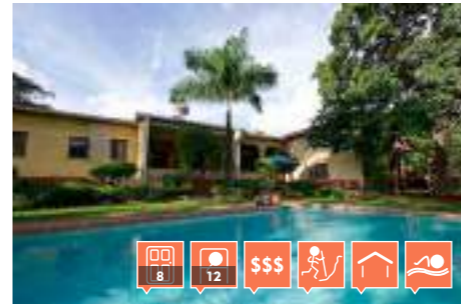
BLUE ZEBRA ISLAND LODGE MARELLI ISLANDS

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Located in the Central Region of Malawi and just a 2 hour journey from Lilongwe, The Blue Zebra Island Lodge is situated in the Lake Malawi National Park on Nankoma Island which forms part of the Marelli Island Archipelago, and a UNESCO World Heritage site (whc.unesco.org). The three islands are home to a vast array of fresh water fish, including some of the most rare and colourful in the world. The islands support diverse flora and fauna and are a bird watchers paradise.

Blue Zebra Island Lodge offers 8 exclusive tented en-suite chalets each overlooking the lake with some of the chalets boasting private lake access from where one can discover the dazzling array of fish in crystal clear waters. The chalets are set in an unspoiled environment and our guests are surrounded by nature and luxury.

Guests are free to chill at the infinity pool, kayak around the islands or enjoy a game of volleyball as part of the full board package. The lodge also offers free use of snorkelling equipment to view the unique colourful fish that inhabit every inch of the coastline. The more adventurous can take advantage of other water sports including wakeboarding, skiing and SCUBA diving. Nature lovers can take the time to explore the island's birdlife either by boat or by foot with its nature trails leading to the top of the island.



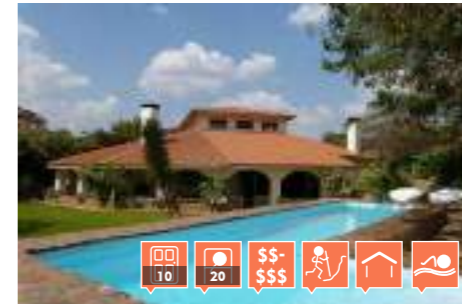
HEUGLIN'S LODGE LILONGWE

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Heuglin's Lodge is situated in the leafy residential suburbs of Lilongwe, just minutes away from the city centre. This attractive rambling house is named after the Heuglin's Robin, which is often seen in its gardens.

Heuglin's Lodge is an ideal base for a sightseeing tour of the capital city, or for a short stop-over before or after an intercontinental flight. The lodge also provides a relaxing interlude before or after a safari and serves as a convenient waiting point for transfer guests. Heuglin's Lodge is also suitable for short-stay and business guests. The guest house has seven spacious and tastefully furnished en-suite bedrooms as well as one bedroom with shared bathroom facilities.

Heuglin's Lodge is fully catered and provides high quality dining options for guests. The lodge has a swimming pool in the gardens, a large, comfortable lounge with its own wildlife library and a "help yourself" bar. Heuglin's Lodge also has a wireless broadband connection and for business guests a small business centre provides internet access, as well as access to printers and photocopying facilities. Chauffeured transport is available for trips into and around town or for airport transfers if required.



AFRICA HOUSE MALAWI LILONGWE

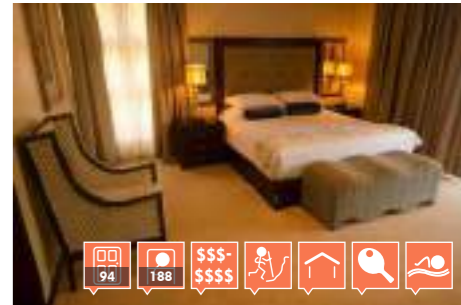
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Whether a tourist, business person or transit visitor, all come to appreciate the Africa House tasteful and comfortable accommodation, warm hospitality and excellent collection of African arts and crafts. The lodge has a range of different rooms, all en suite, and a restaurant for residents.

During many years of experience and travel in Africa the owners collected traditional arts and crafts; this collection shows how traditional cultures make use of locally available materials. Whether the material that is used is wood, stone, beads, paint, metal, fabric or leather, African people continue to make powerful statements about their cultures and create an extraordinarily rich heritage of artistic expression.

A stylish contemporary lodge has been created from a unique blend of African designs, furniture, fabrics and personal collectables. Each room is named after an African country, style or culture and decorated to reflect that.

This and a work experience of just under 20 years in the tourism and hospitality industry have made the AFRICA HOUSE MALAWI a true destination with a difference.



SUNBIRD CAPITAL LILONGWE

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The Capital is Lilongwe's premier hotel set in beautifully tended gardens. Although conveniently close to the centre of Malawi's capital city, the hotel itself is enveloped in an air of calm and peacefulness. The hotel has 170 rooms on three floors. All rooms are en suite and air conditioned with 24-hour room service. Each elegantly furnished room has satellite TV, tea and coffee making facilities, international dial telephones, mini-bars and safes. Wi-Fi and Hotspots facilities are also available.

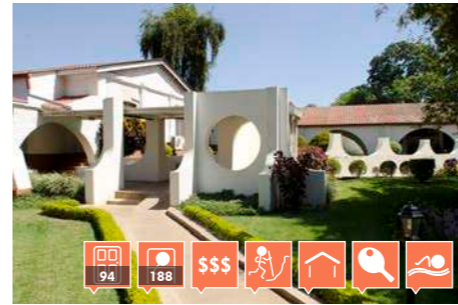
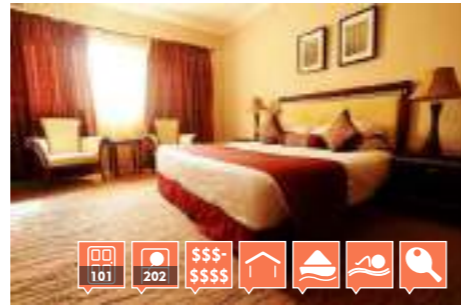
On the third floor is an executive reception which provides VIP check in and check-out, free internet service and a private dining area for continental breakfast and snacks. The hotel lobby has shops, airline offices, car hire agents and a business centre. The hotel recently introduced a fine dining restaurant; Vincent's, which is dedicated to artist Vincent Van Gogh. Adjacent to it is the exclusive Vincent's Bar. Additionally, the hotel has a more informal bar and a terrace food court that serves breakfast, barbecue and the well-loved customised pizzas baked in a wood fired oven. As well as the large swimming pool and a children's pool, there is a gymnasium, hair dressing salon, massage parlour and squash courts.

A diverse portfolio of tours and excursions have been developed, from a 3 hr birding tour of Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary to half, full day and overnight trips. For the business or leisure visitor, Sunbird Capital has all that is expected of an international hotel.





CENTRAL MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



UMODZI PARK LILONGWE

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Officially opened on 1 May 2015, the Umodzi Park business precinct in the heart of Malawi's capital of Lilongwe, includes the world-class Bingu Wa Mutharika International Convention Centre (BICC), the five-star 130-key President Walmont hotel and nearby, is the private estate featuring 14 Presidential Villas for dignitaries and long-term stays.

Guests are welcomed to the new 5 star President Walmont hotel via an expansive reception area. The impressive hotel overlooks Malawi Square and offers 130 rooms and suites, with 60 Classic King Rooms, 59 Classic Twin Rooms, a Special Assistance Room and 10 Presidential Suites. The rooms are designed to reflect local Malawian influences with a distinctly continental African flair. All rooms include air-conditioning, 40-inch TVs with local satellite channels, a writing desk, international plugs, Wi-Fi, a mini bar that is stocked on request, and a tea and coffee station.

Whether it's an international conference for heads of state, an important product launch, unforgettable wedding, a music concert, an outdoor exhibition or festival, an exclusive cocktail party or merely an intimate boardroom meeting, Umodzi Park is able to cater to all needs ... it can truly lay claim to where Africa's leaders meet and stay.



KUMBALI COUNTRY LODGE LILONGWE

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Kumbali Country Lodge, is a boutique lodge situated on 650ha estate and dairy farm neighboring the State House in Area 44 and only 10 minutes from Lilongwe's Capital City Centre and 25min from Kumuzu International Airport.

There are 16 thatched chalets with spacious and uniquely designed rooms, en suite with private balconies, complimentary internet, TV, tea and coffee facilities. You'll be greeted by friendly and attentive staff and management, delicious cuisine and a relaxing country side atmosphere. The majestic, main lodge centre offers a varied menu of healthy, excellent cuisine complemented by farm fresh vegetables and a small selection of our own yogurts and soft cheeses that are produced in our dairy. Wonderful walks, jogging and bird watching may be enjoyed on the estate. The working farm focuses on livestock, fresh produce, dairy and community development together with Kusamala Institute of Agriculture & Ecology and our Kindergarten School and local orphanage.

The conference Center and events building caters for conferences/workshops, private dinners, cocktail parties and traditional Malawian evenings. Owners Guy and Maureen Pickering, 26 years in Malawi can offer you general advice, support and a home base. Airport transfers, town tours and car hire are also available.

Kumbali staff offer a friendly and caring service. Kumbali ... love where you stay!



CROSSROADS HOTEL LILONGWE

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The Crossroads Hotel offers guests an illustrious and unforgettable stay. Adjacent to the Crossroads Shopping Complex, on the Mchinji roundabout, the hotel is located within minutes of the central business district, and only 25 minutes from Kamuzu International Airport. The hotel combines business services, contemporary dining and state of the art conference facilities, offering convenience and easy access to the city's finest amenities and 124KMS north - east of Lake Malawi.

Each of the 101 rooms and suites feature a carefully chosen selection of fine furniture, luxurious fabrics and attention to detail that will create an immediate sense of comfort. There is access to a fully equipped gym and spa, the only one in the city to have a Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna all in one facility. Crossroads Hotel's unique conference and banqueting venues cater for 10 to 1800 delegates for a conference and up to 800 for a seated banquet. Every event is distinguished by exemplary cuisine, expert support and personalized service. Elegance isn't just a phrase used to refer to class and style; it literally has meaning at The Copper Pot, where the menu is full to capacity with mouth-watering dishes. The Copper Pot is the ideal setting for time intended to be spent with family, friends or colleagues celebrating life, birthdays, business deals or enjoying a romantic night out. There is something extraordinary for every palate at The Copper Pot restaurant.



SUNBIRD LILONGWE LILONGWE

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Sunbird Lilongwe is one of the best known hotels in Malawi's capital city. It is situated just off the country's main north-south road which links it to Lilongwe International Airport, only around 16 miles/26 km away. The hotel's position makes it equally convenient for visits to the Old Town and the City Centre. Set in wooded gardens with a swimming pool and children's play area, the hotel is low-rise, allowing it to blend in well with its surroundings.

Accommodation is in 94 rooms, including eight chalets. All rooms have recently been refurbished into deluxe modern formats, are air-conditioned and have satellite television and international direct dial telephones. There is 24-hour room service and secure car parking. The informal Patio Restaurant serves up international cuisine. There are two bars, a bookshop, casino and mini-gym. Hotel guests have the use of an on-site business centre and conferences of up to 150 delegates can be accommodated. There is a full range of conference facilities. There is also free WIFI available.

Sunbird Lilongwe is popular both with business and leisure guests. Its central location and welcoming atmosphere have made it a favourite among international visitors. Guests have an opportunity to 'Escape the City' through tours that are arranged in partnership with Land and Lakes Safaris. A diverse portfolio of tours and excursions are available. These include a half, full day and overnight excursions to game parks and a nature sanctuary.



CENTRAL MALAWI ACCOMMODATION

KIBOKO TOWN HOTEL LILONGWE

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The Kiboko Town Hotel was opened in 2005 following the complete refurbishment and upgrading of the former Imperial Hotel. Situated in the heart of Old Town Lilongwe, the hotel is ideal for sightseeing and for the growing range of services available in this part of Malawi's capital city. It's just 16 miles/25 km from Lilongwe International Airport and a minute's walk to the town's famous craft market.

The thirteen comfortable, en suite rooms are decorated in an attractive African ethnic style. There is also a comfortable lounge, a restaurant, and a shady roof terrace. Safe parking is available in an enclosed area. Kiboko Restaurant is a Skyband Hotspot.

There are three categories of room and the tariff includes breakfast. Guests have a choice between Standard, Luxury and Executive rooms. The hotel's room rates are highly competitive in this capital city. Small conferences can also be accommodated.

The hotel is owned and managed by Kiboko Safaris (P. 43) making it easy for guests to join a tour within Malawi or elsewhere in the region.

The hotel is also ideal for guests wanting to explore Malawi's number one city.



South Malawi



Kayaking in Lake Malawi National Park



Lone elephant in Liwonde National Park

The most populated, developed and varied region of the country is its southern third. Much of South Malawi is dominated by the River Shire which snakes its way from the Lake while remaining within the Rift Valley. It crashes over falls and rapids and has leisurely stretches though broad plains. This is the region of Malawi's highest and lowest points - just 70 miles / 110 km apart but 10,000ft / 3000m difference in altitude. A mixture of highlands and plateaux, this is also the region with the most visited game park and most popular stretch of lakeshore.

For accommodation details for South Malawi, see the Directory which follows these pages.

THE SOUTHERN LAKESHORE has Malawi's greatest concentration of lodges and hotels, as well as being home to the Lake Malawi National Park.

- MONKEY BAY is a Lake port with a sheltered harbour. Round the headland is Cape Maclear and the world's first freshwater national park. (Accommodation: Norman Carr Cottage)

- LAKE MALAWI NATIONAL PARK a UNESCO World Heritage Site, includes a land area as well as the Lake waters and islands. Here is a veritable aquarium of tropical fish providing a colourful kaleidoscopic display. The countless thousands of freshwater fish, the mbuna, are more abundant and varied here than anywhere else in the world. Boats are available for hire and the fish will feed directly from the hand. Kayaking, sailing, snorkelling and scuba diving are just some of the activities on offer, as well as relaxing on a beach. (Accommodation: Pumulani, Robin Pope Safaris; Mumbo Island Camp; Domwe Island Camp; The Warm Heart Adventure Lodge)

- THE MANGOCHI LAKESHORE at the southernmost end of the Lake, has the greatest concentration of hotels and lodges. Along this stretch are a number of low rise hotels, some with adjacent camping sites. They vary from sophisticated properties with golf courses to more simple resorts. The splendid sandy beaches are uncrowded and a bewildering range of lake activities is available. (Accommodation: The Makokola Retreat; Sunbird Nkopola Lodge, Zaburi Beach by Serendib)

LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK although only 210 sq miles / 310 sq km, is the most popular of all Malawi's game parks. It is about 100 miles / 160 km from Blantyre and about half that distance from the Lakeshore. Game viewing is enhanced because the River Shire flows along its western border. This allows boat safaris as well as the usual ones by 4x4 and on foot. Wildlife includes quite large numbers of elephants and the river attracts countless hippos and crocodiles. Antelope include kudu, sable and bushbuck. Black rhino have been re-introduced and more restocking is underway, including of predators - starting with cheetah in 2017. African Parks took over the park management in 2015 - safeguarding its future and allowing it to develop even further. Birdlife is exceptionally varied. (Accommodation: Mvuu Lodge; Mvuu Camp)

ZOMBA former capital and seat of government of Malawi is just 40 miles / 65 km north-east of Blantyre. In a beautiful setting below the plateau of the same name, this was the first settlement of the colonial administration. As well as being home to the University of Malawi, Zomba has some interesting buildings such as the old Gymkhana Club, the barracks of what were the King's African Rifles (now the Malawi Rifles), the old parliament, and one of the country's State Houses. (Accommodation: Sunbird Ku Chawe, Zomba Forest Lodge, Hill Springs Lodge)

ZOMBA PLATEAU overlooks Zomba town and dominates the skyline for miles around. A great slab of a mountain rising to 6000 ft / 1800 m, it has vast tracts of cedar, pine and cypress but elsewhere the vegetation is wild and mixed. The plateau top is criss-crossed by streams and there are tumbling waterfalls and still lakes. There are drivable tracks right round the top from which are views that were described in colonial times as "the best in the British Empire". As well as forest walks, mountain biking, fishing and horse riding can be arranged. (Accommodation: Sunbird Ku Chawe, Zomba Forest Lodge, Hill Springs Lodge)

BLANTYRE & LIMBE are now a contiguous built-up area - the country's commercial capital and largest urban area. Blantyre has its origins with the Scottish missionaries and was named after David Livingstone's birthplace. Blantyre's centre is compact with most services and shops around a triangular core. Attractions include a major museum, a church with Livingstone connections, some interesting old colonial buildings and the shops and markets. There is an international airport just out of town. Many of the country's safari/tour companies have offices in Blantyre. (Accommodation: Protea Hotel Ryalls; Sunbird Mount Soche; Villa 33; Leslie Lodge; Serendib Blantyre, Game Haven; Fisherman's Rest)

THYOLO east of Blantyre has vast areas of Tea Estates. Tea has been grown here since 1908 and the primly trimmed bushes give the area the appearance of a neatly kept but vast garden. Looking up to Mulanje on one side and down into the Lower Shire Valley on the other, these estates have really stunning scenery. It is possible to stay at some of these plantations and see something of their daily work. The Thyolo Mountain Forest Reserve offers a haven for walkers and birdwatchers. (Accommodation: Huntingdon House; Chawani Bungalow; Game Haven)

MOUNT MULANJE east of Thyolo, is Central Africa's highest peak. This magnificent mountain is a large massif of basins and peaks, valleys and forests, streams and waterfalls, sheer faces and slopes of all gradients. It towers to almost 10 000 ft / 3000 m, dwarfing all that surrounds it. Everything from gentle walking to serious climbing is possible. Once on the mountain the vegetation changes with altitude and there are various small mammals and, of course, a variety of birds to be seen. (Accommodation: Kara O'Mula Country Lodge)

THE LOWER SHIRE VALLEY south-west of Blantyre, is deep, broad and flat. Much is cultivated, including sugar estates, and the scenery greatly contrasts with that in any other part of Malawi.

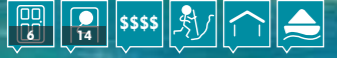
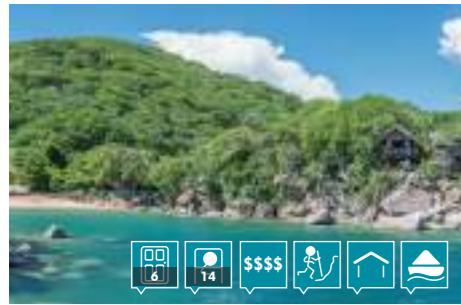
- MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE is an area of pristine African wilderness, from beautiful grassy glades and riverine areas to wet Miombo woodland and Marula savannah. African Parks has ecologically restored and rehabilitated this into one of the best in Malawi, now a 'Big 5' reserve. It boasts an impressive array of wildlife from elephants, black rhinoceros and sable antelope to leopards and lions. Open all year round, guests are able to enjoy the park in their own vehicles or join in a variety of activities such as game drives, bush walks and boat rides along with a day visitors centre, restaurant and education centre. (Accommodation: MkuMamadzi, Sunbird Thawale Lodge, Majete Community Campsite)

- LENGWE NATIONAL PARK has the attraction of easily driven and signposted tracks near the main gate and a number of hides from which to see game at waterholes. In the dry season game viewing is good and there is an especially interesting variety of antelope including the beautiful nyala and buffalo herds. (Accommodation: Nyala Lodge)

- MWABVI WILDLIFE RESERVE was being developed as a community based conservation project, providing accommodation and programmes for tourists, though this is currently stalled. Nearby, **Elephant Marsh**, once the home of thousands of elephants, is now best known for its birdlife.



SOUTH MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



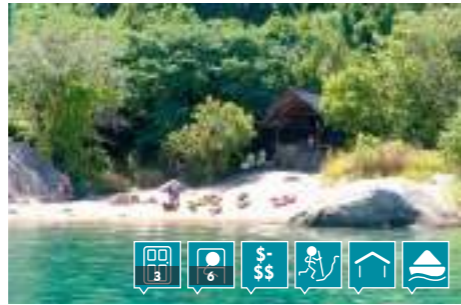
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Mumbo Island is located on a pristine, deserted island 10 kilometres off the Cape Maclear Peninsula. This exclusive camp offers barefoot luxury and tranquillity in what must be one of the most stunning locations in Africa.

The camp is tucked away on the rocks and beaches of a serene bay and the crystal-clear waters surrounding Mumbo Island are protected, making for excellent freshwater diving and snorkelling. Lake Malawi National Park was established primarily to protect some of Lake Malawi's very rich aquatic life, the park is particularly well known for its colourful cichlid fish population.

Accommodation features tastefully furnished tents and family units with shaded decks, hammocks, en-suite hot bucket showers and 'eco-loos'. The Camp's construction adheres to the strictest principles of eco-architecture and its operations make an almost zero ecological impact on the island.

A blend of exploration and leisure based activities are offered at Mumbo Island Camp. Kayaking, snorkelling, scuba diving, boat rides, scenic walks and birding are all available.



DOMWE ISLAND CAMP
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Domwe Island is the Lake Malawi National park's wildest island. Its ancient forest supports several species of mammals and numerous birds, while the surrounding waters are home to over five hundred species of cichlid tropical fish. Domwe Island has never been populated and is still in a pristine natural state.

The island is ideal for active guests and those that love observing nature. There are extensive and challenging nature trails that weave around massive granite boulders and giant trees; sea kayaking along the 11km shoreline will delight those who enjoy exploring; and the clean and clear blue waters around the island are perfect for snorkelling, swimming and Scuba diving.

The camp on Domwe Island lies at a small beach on the island's sunset side. The camp is basic yet exclusive, and is run on a self-catered basis with guests preparing their own meals in a fully-equipped camp kitchen.

The accommodation consists of three fully-furnished safari tents and two tent sites, complemented by a dining area with bar and a water-sport deck. The whole camp is minimalist and eco-friendly, and is tucked into the lush foliage to create a 'Robinson Crusoe' atmosphere of rustic charm.



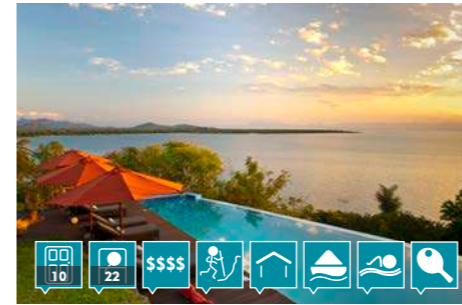
THE WARM HEART ADVENTURE LODGE
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The Warm Heart Adventure Lodge is based in Chembe village, Cape Maclear and is along side the Lake Malawi National Park. It is located at the southern end of the great expanse of Lake Malawi and boasts deep crystal clear waters and mountain backdrop. It is home to many hundreds of fish species, nearly all endemic.

The Warm Heart Adventure Lodge is a cosy mid-range lodge. The Lodge comprises of five beach front reed chalets and one beach front self-catering cottage and a 6 person dorm.

All the chalets and the cottage are beach front and offer spectacular views of the lake. We deliver a tray of a light granola breakfast, tea & coffee to your balcony in the morning so you can sit and watch the village come alive from the comfort of your balcony.

This is the perfect place to begin your Malawian adventure or to just get away.



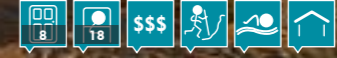
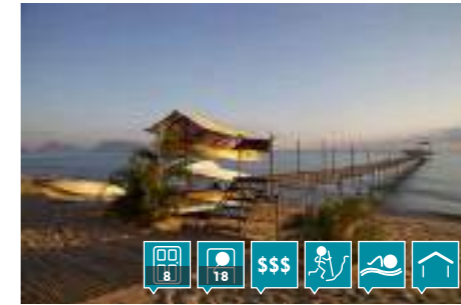
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Pumulani is situated on the west-side of Nankumba Peninsula at the southern end of Lake Malawi - romantically called the "Lake of Stars". Overlooking the lake and exclusively nestled within the Lake Malawi National Park, Pumulani has total seclusion and privacy.

The ten villas are scattered amongst the boulders and trees on the hillside and have cooling grass on the roofs. Each is individual in shape and style, with clean curved lines and all have a spacious bedroom, bathroom and sitting area. The front sliding doors open onto the deck - elevated above the ground giving optimal views and privacy. One of the villas has two bedrooms for family groups and another is designed for honeymooners.

The central dining and bar area is high above the lake with the most spectacular views. With both a private beach with a swimming pool, and another swimming pool on the upper terrace, this is a perfect place simply to relax. For the more active, a wide range of water-sport activities is offered from scuba diving to sunset sails on the dhow.

Pumulani, the leading star of the lake, is the perfect place to relax.



NORMAN CARR COTTAGE
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Awaken to the call of the African Fish Eagle for another glorious day at the charming Norman Carr Cottage situated alongside the sandy beaches on the southern shores of Lake Malawi - Once home to the legend Norman Carr, who was famed for his walking safaris in Zambia, this idyllic and romantic retreat was built by him in the early 1970's. This unique lodge nestles under a canopy of large indigenous trees and lush fauna and flora. The cottage, renowned for its cuisine, offers fully catered home cooked meals which are enjoyed in the open beach dining area overlooking the sparkling waters of Lake Malawi. Rooms have spacious en suite bathrooms, signature open air showers, king size beds and coffee/tea making facilities. Activities include water skiing, canoeing as well as a morning snorkelling trip and feeding of the fish eagles from the cottage's launch, the "Bonnie Alfie". Bonnie Alfie was built for Sir Alfred Beit in 1952 for use on lake Nyasa. An evening cruise with a chilled glass of wine to watch the magical sun set over the lake marks the end of another enchanted Warm Heart of Africa Day! In 2015 Norman Carr Cottage opened up a sister property across the Lake, on the more remote eastern shore. Situated right on the beach and tucked away under a canopy of large indigenous trees, the lodge consists of 3 spacious, airy and luxurious en-suite rooms with king size beds and outdoor 'sky view' showers. Our renowned cuisine offers full catered home cooked meals that are enjoyed in the panoramic restaurant on the rock, overlooking the Lake. Travel on Bonnie Alfie for an overnight stay and back the next day.

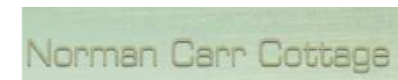


THE MAKOKOLA RETREAT
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Welcome to The Makokola Retreat. Brilliantly green gardens reveal spacious beach villas perched along the Southern lake shores. We provide gracious service in an unmatched experience in Malawi. This showpiece property captures the essence of African design, culture and tradition. Fill every moment with a sense of natural connection and wonderful retreat.

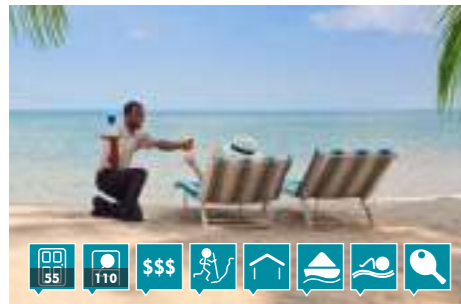
Dining at the Retreat is an eclectic experience. Guests can savour fine Mediterranean cuisine, celebrate the tastes of Malawi or feast on Italian specialties in our casual restaurant and bar The Makokola Retreat redefines the spa experience, providing total escapism that paradoxically encourages healing to arise from deep within the self. The Lake Spa nurturing and personal care ensure a renewing experience that honors ancient traditions, while commemorating African nature.

Superbly rewarding leisure time ... Spa escapes, golfing, active pursuits from water-skiing to sailing, walking to a local village to reading a book - whether your vacation dream is action packed or more relaxed, The Makokola Retreat includes temptations for any interest, all year-round. Resort aerodrome open to international traffic with on-the-spot customs and immigration. Advance notice to the Makokola Retreat required.





SOUTH MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



SUNBIRD NKOPOLA LODGE
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Along the southern lakeshore, at the base of a hill near the friendly and tiny fishing village of Nkopola, lies one of the best lakeside resorts in Malawi, Sunbird Nkopola Lodge. This premier resort 24 km north of Mangochi is set amidst tropical vegetation and Baobab trees in its own beach-lined bay and has some of the most spectacular sunrises and views in Africa.

The Mbira Restaurant, with a view of the beautiful Lake Malawi on one side and distinctive rocks on the other, serves up both local and international cuisine. Overlooking the palm lined beach, the Malindi Bar is a wonderful spot to watch the Fish Eagles swooping over the crystal clear lake. Sunbird Nkopola also has a children's play area to keep the little ones occupied with child minders available on request. Visits can be arranged to nearby attractions such as Liwonde National Park, Zomba Plateau, Bird's Island, Cape Maclear, Monkey Harbour or down Shire River Tour to view Hippos near the Bakili Muluzu Bridge and The Town Tour of where Nkopola Lodge is located.

With 55 rooms, comprising 20 standard rooms, 10 superior beach front rooms, 16 rondavels, 2 suites, and two suites recently added. Available to guests are; a comprehensive range of water sport facilities squash, beach volleyball, soccer, darts, swimming pool and free WiFi. The Sunbird Nkopola Leisure centre is a stone's throw away from the main hotel and is the perfect place for the adventurous traveller to pitch their tent. Conferencing is taken care of by the adjoining Sunbird Lakeshore International Conference Centre.

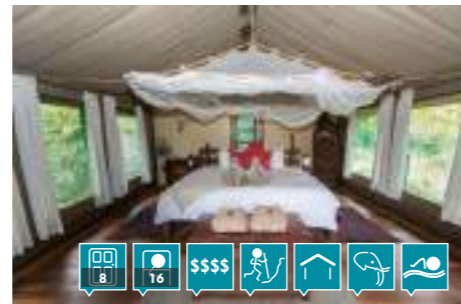


ZABURI BEACH BY SERENDIB
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Zaburi Beach is an exclusive barefoot luxury beach resort comprised of Elegant spacious chalets which are uniquely finished in a rustic African Chic interior complete with all modern amenities. Located in the lake village of Mangochi set on 45 acres of lush green natural Palms and 400 meters of secluded sandy beach front, Zaburi Beach by Serendib offers a serene environment in which to relax, refresh and rejuvenate whilst soaking in all the wild beauty that Lake Malawi has to offer.

Being an enchanting gem along the coast of Lake Malawi, the Zaburi Beach effortlessly adds an exotic flavor to all sorts of events and functions. Whether it is social get-togethers, wedding receptions or corporate meetings/conferences, one does not need to look further than the Zaburi Beach for a unique and refreshing experience.

Apart from offering a refreshing retreat at a private natural sand beach, the Zaburi Beach lets guests bask in its paradise-like surroundings, whilst enjoying a host of leisurely activities.



MVUU LODGE
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Mvuu Lodge offers a luxurious stay and an intimate getaway in a secluded wilderness setting in Liwonde National Park (one of Malawi's most prolific areas of wilderness). The Lodge overlooks a tranquil lagoon that is located just off the Shire River, in an area that is surrounded by lush vegetation and towering Borassus palms.

Mvuu means "hippo" in Chichewa and the name of the lodge was inspired by the large pods of hippos that inhabit the surrounding waters of the Shire.

Accommodation comprises eight tents, one of which is a romantic honeymoon suite. Each tent has en-suite bathroom facilities and a private deck that overlooks the water's edge. Lodge facilities include a dining room, lounge area and a swimming pool. Located just 2kms south of the lodge, Mvuu's new star beds overlook the floodplains and offer guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature and spend a memorable night under the stars.

Key activities at Mvuu Lodge include boat safaris, guided walks, birding, and traditional day and night game drives. Additional activities include the Shire River Trail, visits to Njobvu Cultural Village Lodge and Nanthomba School.



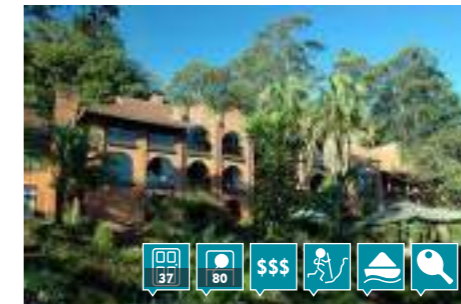
MVUU CAMP
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Mvuu Camp is located in the heart of Liwonde National Park, one of Malawi's premier wildlife destinations. The camp is an excellent option for guests who want to enjoy the ultimate bush experience in a comfortable and relaxed setting.

Mvuu Camp has a spectacular vantage on the banks of the Shire River in Liwonde National Park. Liwonde is a 580 sq km reserve that harbours over 400 species of birds, a dense population of hippos, crocodiles, large numbers of elephants and a variety of antelope species. There are also occasional sightings of serval, lion, leopard, cheetah and black rhino in the park.

The camp, comprising 14 units as well as a nearby campsite, is a mix of spacious stone and canvas chalets and specially designed family chalets. An impressive thatched dining and lounge area offers a magnificent river vista that is framed by two large baobab trees. Dinners are sometimes held under the stars in a specially constructed boma.

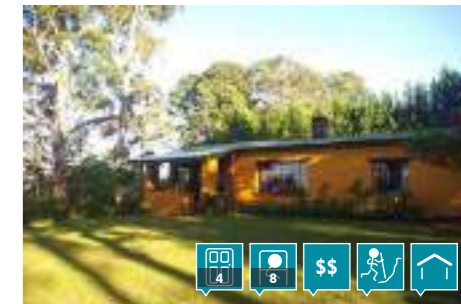
A custom-built education and conference centre with facilities for up to 40 delegates or smaller corporate and team building groups is also available. Mvuu Camp offers a variety of activities including boat safaris on the Shire River, day and night game drives, guided walks and non-stop birding. The Shire River Trail and trips to Njobvu Cultural Village Lodge and Nanthomba School are also popular.



SUNBIRD KU CHAWE
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Sunbird Ku Chawe enjoys one of the most amazing sites of any hotel in Africa. Set on the very edge of the great Zomba Plateau, a table-top mountain of 6000 ft/2000m rising above the old capital of Malawi, Zomba town, it has its own micro-climate and a huge biodiversity and is situated in a mosquito free environment.

Ku Chawe is imaginatively designed, built with handmade bricks incorporating fine arches throughout the public areas. Neat gardens spill down the mountain side. There are 37 large bedrooms, all en suite, all with magnificent fireplaces in three categories - ranging from superior, deluxe to executive deluxe (hill side), not forgetting the exquisite hillside suite. All have satellite television and all but the standard rooms have fireplaces for log fires on the cooler evenings. There's an impressive restaurant, a bar and a terrace with stunning views. All the usual services of a first-class hotel are available and the hotel has conference facilities for 100 delegates. Guests can fish for trout in the nearby dam, go horse riding or tour the forested wilderness which is part of the extraordinary beauty of the plateau. Alternatively, there are some of the best views in the whole of Africa to be wondered at. To stay at Ku Chawe is to enter into another world.



ZOMBA FOREST LODGE
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Zomba Forest Lodge is a cosy and intimate guest house nestled in 20 acres of mixed woodland. A perfect forest retreat where relaxation is guaranteed.

The house sits in 20 acres of stunning gardens and mixed woodland, varying from indigenous rainforest in the valley by the stream, to pine on the slopes and giant eucalyptus trees overhanging the garden. There are 3.5km on nature trails and a huge variety of birds, including the rare yellow-throated and White-winged apalis, Bertram's weaver and the double-coloured forest sunbird feeding from the flowers mere inches from the veranda, a real treat for the eyes.

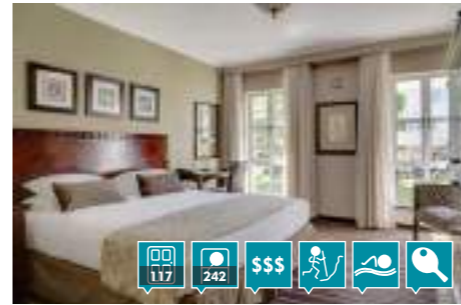
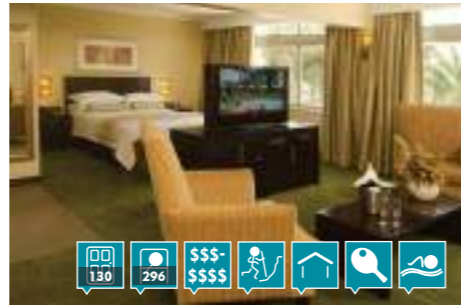
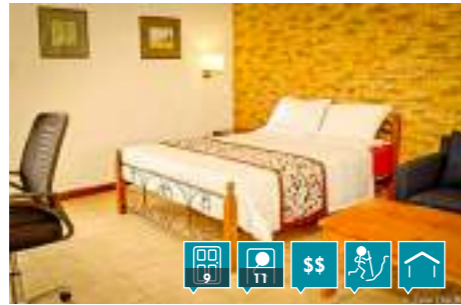
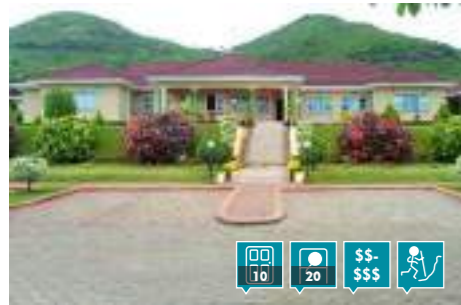
Completely off-grid and with no electricity, Zomba Forest Lodge is an ideal place to hide away, to take it slow, to sit back and relax... or you can step it up and go walking on one of the many trails around the lodge or on the Plateau.

However, Zomba Forest Lodge isn't all about relaxing and hiking, it is also about enjoying great food. At ZFL, guests will enjoy some of the best home-cooked food available in Malawi.





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Hill Springs Lodge's vision is to provide the highest quality hospitality service Malawi has to offer. They pride themselves on the quality of their accommodation, conference and food & beverage facilities.

Villa 33 is a charming property offering stylish accommodation for business and independent travellers who are in Blantyre for a short to medium term visit. The lodge is set in an expanse of beautiful tropical gardens, and is easily accessible from the centre of town.

Charm, timeless elegance and class all appropriately describe Mount Soche, which is strategically positioned in the city centre of Blantyre, Malawi's commercial capital. The hotel, a favourite for heads of state visiting Malawi, is set among lush tropical gardens overlooking the city in the north and the Historical Ndirande Mountain in the south. Blantyre's international airport is a comfortable 15 minutes away.

This hotel is situated in the central business district of Blantyre and ideal for business travellers and holidaymakers alike. Since Protea Hotel by Marriott Blantyre Ryalls is in the financial hub of Malawi and only 15 minutes from the airport, corporate guests don't need to travel far to get their business done. We have spacious, elegant and comfortable en suite rooms with air-conditioning, complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi and a satellite TV. It's a hotel that complements your travel style. Leisure facilities at the hotel include an outdoor swimming pool a fitness centre and a beauty spa. The nearby Blantyre Sports Club offers the use of additional sporting activities such as golf, tennis, squash and bowls. For those who would like to experience some local culture, the Blantyre City Museum is worth a visit. For nature lovers, the Zomba Plateau and Mount Mulanje (3rd highest peak in Africa) are both within an hours' drive from the hotel. The hotel offers the "21 Grill on Hannover" and "Ryalls Restaurant & Coffee Shop" 2 superb dining venues for all residents. The "21 Grill on Hannover" offers the finest à la carte dining in Malawi, while the Ryalls Restaurant & Coffee Shop serves varied buffet meals. Other services and facilities at the hotel include free secure open air parking, laundry service, 24-hour room service, babysitting services, foreign exchange, spa and a hotel shuttle service at a nominal charge. Conferencing and Banqueting facilities in 6 venues, with standard equipment, seat up to 200 delegates in various configurations, or sub-dividable into breakaway rooms. This offers an ideal venue for conferencing and banquets. A business centre is also available.

Leslie Lodge is a highly reputable, well-established luxury Bed & Breakfast Lodge located in the heart of Blantyre. It is 1.5kms from the Centre of Blantyre, and walking distance from the College of Medicine and Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

SERENDIB SUITES & CONFERENCE CENTRE
The Serendib Suite & Conference Centre is probably the largest suite hotel in Blantyre, and offers excellent facilities for conferences and meetings. Serendib Suites bears testament to the traditional African hospitality the brand exemplifies, and offers respite to both business and leisure travellers.

The lodge focuses on individual travel as well as smaller groups and will always do their best to cater your experience to ensure a pleasant stay. Luxury standards are emphasized among all of Hill Springs Lodge's services and divisions, and their well trained, motivated and enthusiastic employees will create a platform for an entertaining, exciting and enjoyable experience.

There are en-suite rooms, 1- bedroom apartments and 2- bedroom apartments to choose from, and so the lodge is able to cater for a variety of groups. All rooms are spacious, tastefully furnished, and have the reputation of having the comfiest beds in town.

Accommodation is in 130 en suite rooms which were recently tastefully refurbished. They all include the usual services of an international class hotel: 24-hour room service, laundry and dry cleaning, mini-bars and safes in the rooms. The hotel has the executive reception on 4th floor which provides VIP check in and check-out, free internet service and a private dining area for continental breakfast and snacks. On the ground floor is the upmarket Picasso's Restaurant which serves a big hearty breakfast as well as excellent local and international cuisine. The Pablo's Executive lounge with fine Malawian ambience is an ideal spot for a casual drink or private meeting.

It is more than your average bed & breakfast, as their aim is to create a HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME environment. You can start off the day with an excellent fresh continental breakfast with cooked breakfast available to order. You can relax & unwind upon returning to your en-suite fully furnished room with your very own private patio and garden, with a fully stocked minibar, WIFI internet access and DSTV satellite channels, as well 3-course dinner meals available. 10 of the 13 rooms even offer self-catering facilities making it the ideal choice for both business professionals especially on long stays.

Lotus is a prestigious hotel which combines glamour, sophistication and world-class service, thus offering contemporary elegance at its best. The hotel is located in a pleasant and serene part of the city and is renowned for its well-appointed and luxurious rooms and suites. The hotel boasts a state-of-the-art Convention Centre which is one of the country's most technologically-advanced, purpose-built facilities that can host a wide array of events.

HERITAGE - By Serendib
Heritage is one of the very few beautifully restored colonial hotels in the country, offering a stylish blend of modern comforts and classical antiquity, reviving memories to many who arrived in Nyasaland back in the 1970s. The hotel offers its guests some of the finest accommodation that the city has to offer, and serves as a getaway oasis for both local and international guests in search of pure comfort.

Available at the lodge are a total of 10 rooms, including larger executive suites, and a private annex containing self-catering facilities for families or long term residents. Two conference rooms and one boardroom are available to hire, with catering also available for any conference, small or large. Food & beverage facilities are also available at Hill Springs as it holds one restaurant and two bars.

There are private entrances to all rooms, with some having their own private garden. Rooms are equipped with satellite TV, fan, electronic safe, Queen size bed and complimentary coffee and tea making facilities. The fully-furnished apartments are ideal for longer-term stays and monthly self-catering rates are available on request. Guests can connect wirelessly to the internet throughout the premises, there is a large secure car-park, and a free laundry service is provided to guests which is an added bonus not commonly offered in Malawi.

Also on the ground floor are the famous Sportsman's Bar and a Wellness Centre with a Gymnasium, Sauna, Massage Parlour and Beauty Salon. Conference facilities cater for up to 350 delegates, with rooms of varying sizes. Sunbird Mount Soche makes an excellent base for the business visitor and a very convenient 'home' for the tourist wanting to explore.

Leslie Lodge is proudly rated as No.1 B&B Lodge in Blantyre on TripAdvisor and has recently had a facelift -giving the lodge a newly fresh modern look.

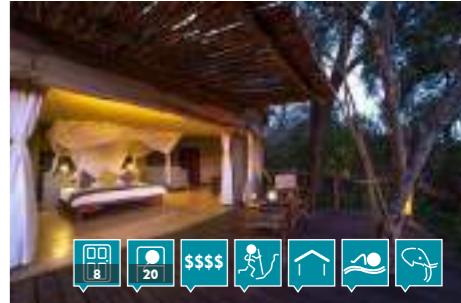
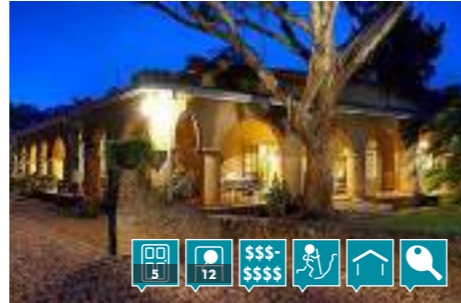
The professional staff aims to attend to your every need in a relaxed, warm environment and hope to help you start the day right at breakfast and unwind after a busy day in the evening.

The property is surrounded by luscious, tropical gardens that create a peaceful relaxing environment, and are even home to a pair of beautiful duikers.





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Fisherman's Rest is surrounded by magnificent views over the Great Rift Valley and Shire River.

This serene, beautiful 500 acre Chimwenya Game Park and lodge is set in the indigenous forests and grasslands of the Shire Highlands of Southern Malawi approximately 20km from Blantyre. Experience exceptional viewing of wildlife which include Giraffe, Zebra, Kudu, Eland, Roan, Sable, Nyala, Waterbuck, Wildebeest, Impala and for birdwatchers, prolific birdlife. Enjoy in this tranquil setting our 5 luxurious en-suite cottages, each complete with fireplace and verandah with exceptional views. There is also a choice of 20 spacious executive suites. Three self-catering guest houses accommodating 6 people each. Two conference halls (40 guests each) provide the ideal venue for team building and business discussions.

The internationally designed & constructed Peter Matkovich 9 hole golf course combines the amazing natural environment with a challenging course. Mbawa Country Club offers a Sports Bar for your after-game refreshment.

Enjoy international cuisine at the Ambrosia restaurant, relax at the picturesque swimming pool or fishing and braaing on the lawns of Lake Bvumbwe at Nswala Malo - Lounge Bar. For the kids Mwana Park, a children's playground with qualified staff.

Make Game Haven your first choice for conferences, functions, weddings, or simply relaxing with the family.

Originally the family home built by Maclean Kay in the mid -30s, Huntingdon House exudes a colonial charm and unique character that cannot be recreated. This magnificent house forms the heart of Satemwa Tea Estate and is surrounded by sprawling manicured gardens with secret patios and terraces waiting to be discovered. Owned and run by the Kay family since 1923, Satemwa Tea Estate is undoubtedly among the country's most respected and established tea and coffee producers. Now under third generation management, Chip, one of Maclean Kay's sons, still lives on the estate, he is a regular visitor to Huntingdon and is always happy to share some of his wonderful memories of the family home and the fascinating history of Satemwa Tea Estate.

The house has been tastefully refurbished to offer 5 unique suites, each individually decorated to reflect the quirks and character of this grand residence. Each area of the house has a story of its own from the original children's nursery to the resident priest's quarters and private Chapel.

Guests are able to discover the multitude of teas exported from the estate and learn all about the tea making process during a tea tasting session. Take a guided walk through the tea and coffee fields, explore the estate by mountain bike or watch the sunset from Thyolo Mountain, sipping one of their famous gin and teas. At Huntingdon you can do as little or as much as you like.

Sited on the slopes of Thyolo Mountain, approximately 3 km from Huntingdon House this historic tea planters bungalow offers a relaxed, family friendly retreat surrounded by lush subtropical rainforest on Satemwa Estate. With beautiful manicured gardens, a private swimming pool and panoramic views.

Chawani has been sensitively refurbished to retain the rustic character and charm which has made this property enormously popular with visitors to the Shire Highlands for decades. As one of two properties available to guests on the Estate, Chawani Bungalow offers the perfect retreat for a family or a group of friends. It is self catering but our friendly staff are there to assist you with basic cooking and cleaning. Available as an exclusive rental the 4 bedrooms provide comfortable accommodation for 10 guests. The estate provides great opportunities for walking and bird watching. The hike to the famous picnic spot is one not to be missed.

Tea tasting, coffee tours, guided walks, and mountain bike hire can be arranged through Huntingdon House. There is also the opportunity to engage with the local community by meeting some of the small holders Satemwa work with and visiting the nearby orphanage and schools.

Also, if you feel like a real treat, afternoon teas, lunch and dinner can be booked in advance at Huntingdon House.

Kara O'Mula Country Lodge is located at a pristine site at the foot of Mulanje Mountain, about 65 kilometres from Blantyre City. The main building is a 1905 renovated former colonial house of the District Commissioner, where wonderful summer sunsets can be captured from the long veranda. Facilities include 27 accommodation units, 20 of which are scattered around the lower mountain forest, and have breath-taking views of the great Mulanje Mountain, the surrounding tea estates, the Thyolo Highlands and mountains across the border in Mozambique. Our busy restaurant is in the "old" building, next to the main bar. The bar itself has large windows so guests can enjoy the view around.

There is also an open sky forest swimming pool with its own poolside bar and braai hut. An African style open grass-thatched lounge was erected in 2015, and offers visitors relaxation by the poolside while enjoying all round forest view. Close by, kids can occupy themselves in their own playground. Close by are a number of beautiful walking trails, crossing the nearby Namichira River with its picturesque mini waterfalls which take you to the edge of the Chitakale Tea Estates and the Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve. Along this edge views of the world below are stunning and unforgettable! Mulanje Golf Club is also a mere few kilometres down the slope on the road toward Mozambique border. For business, there are two conference halls sitting 50 and 30 respectively. Both are located in very quiet natural settings. Team building schemes are easy to organising for maximum fun while working.

Mkulumadzi is located in Majete Wildlife Reserve, currently the only Big 5 reserve in Malawi. The lodge offers guests a chic and contemporary retreat set amidst rugged and untouched bush land.

The lodge, accessible by footbridge suspended over the Mkulumadzi River, comprises of eight spacious chalets, each with private viewing decks offering dramatic and unimpeded views the Shire River. The main lodge is open-fronted space, maximizing the beautiful river views and taking advantage of some cool shade on the forested banks. Mkulumadzi also has its very own 'star bed' with 360 degree views of Majete Wildlife Reserve. Activities range from swimming in the pool and dining under the stars, to river cruises, game-drives and walking safaris.

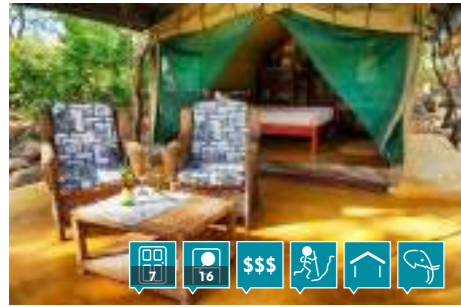
The wildlife includes rare black rhino, elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, Nyala, sable, eland, Lichtenstein's hartebeest and more. Numerous species of birds grace Majete, including Rock Prancole, Pels Fishing Owl and more. The Reserve is an impressive example of sustainable development and biodiversity, since 2003 the African Parks Network has worked tirelessly to reintroduce endangered species and protect and preserve Majete's flora and fauna.

Mkulumadzi is owned and managed by Robin Pope Safaris, which was founded in 1986 and known for their special interest and walking safaris. Standards of accommodation, hospitality, guiding and catering are second to none.





SOUTH MALAWI ACCOMMODATION



SUNBIRD THAWALE LODGE
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Sunbird Thawale Lodge is a peaceful haven from which to experience Majete Wildlife Reserve, the only Game reserve in Malawi where the "the big five" can be viewed. Completely unfenced, the Lodge is regularly visited by wildlife.

Situated in the lower Shire valley in the south west of Malawi, approximately 70 kms from Blantyre's Chileka International Airport, Sunbird Thawale Lodge offers four twin tented chalets, two double tented chalets and one family chalet all en-suite and each with its own private veranda overlooking the waterhole. The more luxurious chalet has a unique open air bathroom built among the rocks with a shower and a sunken bath and views of the floodlit waterhole. The chalets are spaced out to offer visitors privacy and an individual bush experience. A communal lapa (traditional lounge area) and kitchen is available where you can enjoy both local and international cuisine.

Majete also has a fully equipped boardroom available for meetings. Catering for up to 20 people, make your meeting, workshop or function an enjoyable event and combine it with some game viewing in the reserve.

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Owned and run by local communities surrounding Majete, for whom this is a welcome income generating enterprise.

Staying at the Majete community camp site is a wonderful way to view game and contribute to the local economy. The camp site is located in the wilderness of the reserve and can accommodate up to 20 guests.

Guests get to participate in a variety of game viewing activities while staying at the campsite. The campsite is equipped with a cash bar, dining space, barbecue area, with solar powered hot showers and toilet block.

Guests are welcome to spend time at the Mwembezi Restaurant by the day center. It has a beautiful new swimming pool for Campers and day visitors. There is also a restaurant viewing deck that overlooks a water hole that attracts a variety of game.

The Mwembezi Restaurant offers a nice simple menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please note that dinner should be arranged prior to arrival.

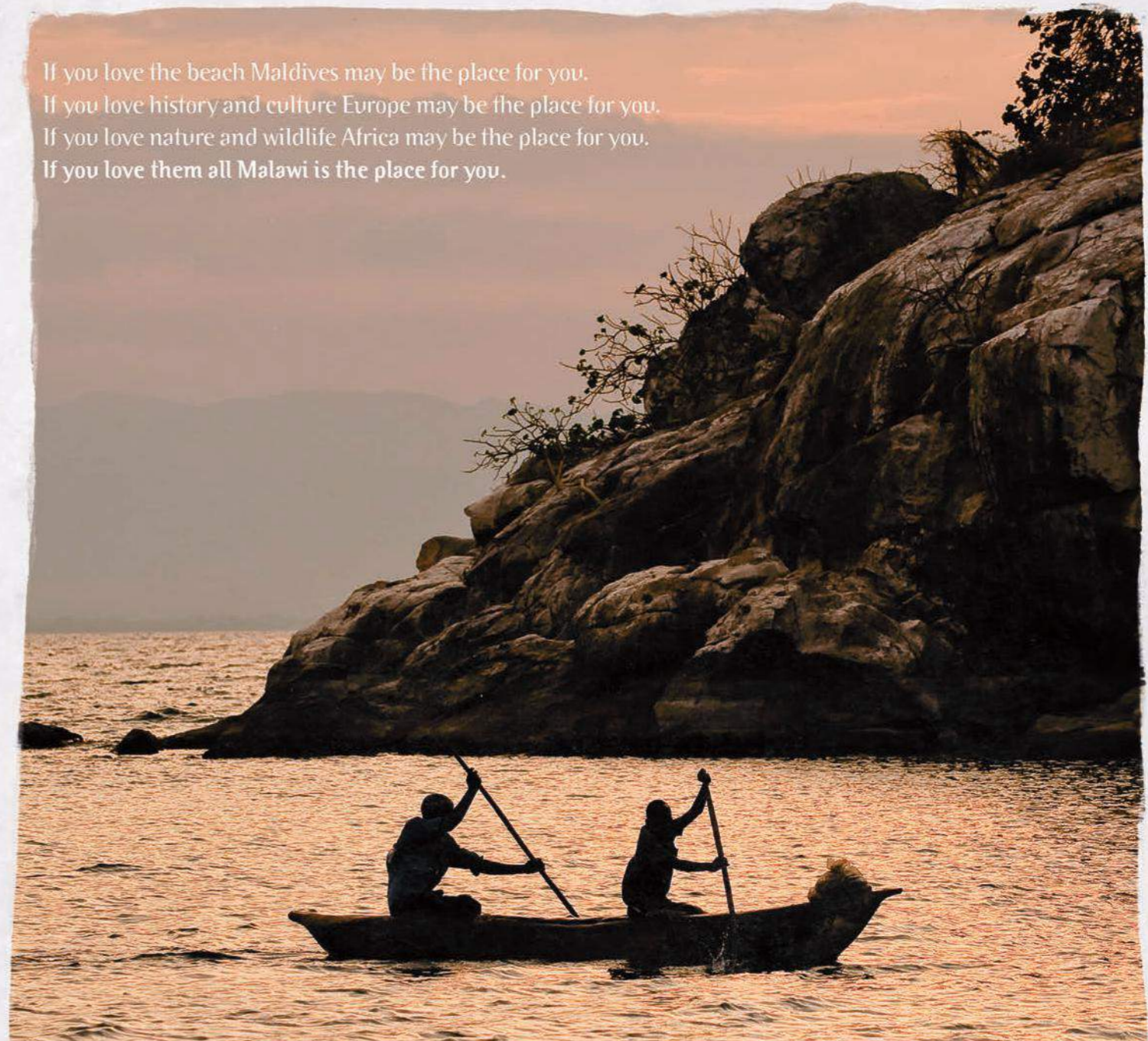
NYALA LODGE
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Nyala Lodge provides first-class accommodation in Lengwe, one of Malawi's most accessible national parks. Situated in the Lower Shire Valley, this 350 sq mile/900 sq km sanctuary is only about an hour's drive south from Blantyre along good roads with amazing views over the valley. Day visitors are also welcome.

The lodge has nine en suite rooms, two campsite chalets (not en suite) and a campsite. All the rooms and chalets have mosquito nets and fans; there are also hot water showers. All the rooms have air conditioning. There's a good restaurant and a well-stocked bar and a plunge pool for the warm days.

Waterholes near the lodge and walking and vehicle safaris enable guests to experience the great range of fauna and flora. The park is home to the beautiful Nyala antelope. Herds of buffalo roam through Lengwe and the birdlife is prolific.

Nyala Lodge has strong community links. Visits are arranged to a local village where guests experience a traditional cultural evening. Day trips are organised to Nyala park, Majete and Mwabvi as are amazing boat trips on the Shire River into the Elephant Marshes. The Tisunge! Lower Shire Heritage Centre is well worth a visit to learn about the local culture and nature.



If you love the beach Maldives may be the place for you.
If you love history and culture Europe may be the place for you.
If you love nature and wildlife Africa may be the place for you.
If you love them all Malawi is the place for you.



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Transport, Tours & Safaris

Malawi is a destination that lends itself to touring. Most visitors will be travelling round the country to a greater or lesser degree rather than simply visiting one game park or a single resort. Travelling within the country is not difficult. There is a quite good bus service, especially between the main towns; the roads are generally better maintained than many other African countries and self-drive is straightforward. Car hire, with or without a driver, is available throughout the country. To save time, some visitors fly between their destinations and there are daily flights between the two main towns as well as regular ones connecting key attractions.

The easiest way to get your itinerary organised is to use a tour operator/agent in your home country or one of the many and highly experienced operators in Malawi. These companies, listed below in this Directory, will book your accommodation, organise your tour, set up your safari and even take you across the border into one of Malawi's neighbouring countries. You can select from their scheduled tours, ask them to suggest a trip to meet your preferences, or plan your own itinerary and ask them to book it all up for you. Remember to make any bookings with these companies in Malawi in good time before you expect to visit. The most popular periods, when accommodation and safaris may be limited, are the northern hemisphere summer and the period around Christmas and the New Year. To contact any of the companies shown in this part of the Directory (and generally in communicating with Malawi) it is often best to use email. All the email addresses are in this Directory and re-printed on the inside back cover in the Contacts A-Z.

TRANSPORT, TOURS & SAFARIS



CENTRAL AFRICAN WILDERNESS SAFARIS
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Central African Wilderness Safaris (CAWS), formerly a member of the well-known Wilderness Safaris Group was established in Malawi in 1987 and its founders Chris and Pam Badger have been in the business since 1980.

The Company runs Mvu Camp and Lodge (P.36), Chintche Inn (P.19), Heuglin's Lodge (P.26) and Chelinda Camp and Lodge (P.34) and also handles reservations for Mumbo Island Camp (P.18). Operating from offices in Lilongwe and Blantyre, Central African Wilderness Safaris provides a complete range of travel services throughout Malawi and beyond. The Company caters to visitors seeking luxury up-market travel experiences as well as those who require more affordable holiday options. CAWS is renowned for offering the finest quality safaris in Malawi and offers a range of popular tours and also gives guests the option of customising their itineraries. Whatever the needs of visitors to Malawi, be it a simple airport transfer and stay in Lilongwe or a three-week safari through national parks in Malawi and Zambia, Central African Wilderness Safaris will take care of all the necessary arrangements and deliver a hassle-free journey, enhanced by exceptional standards of service and hospitality. Central African Wilderness Safaris has a strong reputation for high standards and reliability and is dedicated to offering personalised and authentic travel experiences that have a minimal impact on the planet and a lasting impact on people.



THE TRAVEL CENTRE
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The Travel Centre is an inbound Tour Operator in Malawi offering you the most exciting, personalised, best value for money tour packages and travel arrangements in Malawi.

Catering for individual travellers and groups, the Travel Centre can tailor-make an itinerary to suit your specific needs. Transfers, hotel and lodge reservations, guided tours, boat cruises, car hire, self drive tours and helpful travel advice are also available.

With range of activities on offer, you have the opportunity to kayak around the clear waters of lake Malawi, hike on breath-taking mountains or watch the wildlife in the natural beauty that Malawi has to offer.

Travel Centre staff are young, energetic and professional, offering exclusive information on all aspects of travel and holidays. They are passionate about travel and take pride in having the most diverse tours and services available.

Explore with the Travel Centre.



LAND & LAKE SAFARIS
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Land & Lake Safaris is a professional, personal, owner-run, medium sized tour operator, offering a comprehensive range of travel services throughout Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. As the oldest tour operator in Malawi (31 years), their knowledgeable, professional and dedicated team advises and delivers a broad range of services from adventure itineraries to leisurely sightseeing trips. The region has tremendous capacity for specialist pursuits such as birding, entomological, historical, archaeological, charity challenges, cycling safaris, hiking, mountain climbing, religious visitations and water based adventures.

To cater for these myriad of options, they have the staff, equipment and vehicles to ensure all their clients are well looked after by the industry leaders. Their fleet of hire and safari vehicles, range from comfortable saloon cars for the business traveller, soft off road SUV's for local lodge based explorations, twin cabs for the more adventurous, purpose built 4X4 safari vehicles to carry 8 people in comfort to fully fledged and equipped 4X4 expedition vehicles that can handle any terrain any time of the year. Land and Lake are the only company in Malawi that operate guaranteed monthly, fixed date, scheduled safaris. With only a minimum of 2 and max of 12 guests, these trips offer a comprehensive, well balanced and rounded insight into Malawi, Zambia suitable for all ages, every month. Located in old town Lilongwe, the Land and Lake Office and very popular café is the perfect launch point for your Malawi journey with the experts.



KIBOKO SAFARIS
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Kiboko Safaris offer high quality, modestly priced safaris in Malawi and Zambia, including Malawi's Liwonde and Nyika National Parks, and South Luangwa in Zambia. Lake Malawi and the Victoria Falls are also in the range of itineraries offered. Operating for over 18 years it is established as one of Malawi's biggest operators and a trendsetting tourism enterprise. Early 2018, Kiboko is introducing its new eco-friendly camp with walk-in and luxury lodge tents all overlooking a fascinating scenery of the Luangwa river alongside a busy wildlife crossing point.

There's a great variety of trips on offer or Kiboko can organise a tour to your own requirements. Prices of Kiboko's all-inclusive safaris cover transport, accommodation, all meals, game drives, and even the national park entrance fees. Chalet accommodation upgrades are available on many of the mobile safaris. Kiboko Safaris has his own bookings office situated in Kiboko Town Hotel for all your tailor made tours in Malawi and Zambia.

"Experience" safaris are a speciality, allowing participants to get an in-depth experience of Malawi and the extended region's attractions. No matter what your itinerary, Kiboko Safaris' friendly and experienced staff will ensure the holiday of a lifetime.



MALAWIAN STYLE
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Experience true Africa, great adventure and culture with Malawian Style. Small and unique, we will go the extra mile to provide personal service and unforgettable experiences full of surprises.

Offering services across Malawi and Zambia, our packages range from value for money scheduled departures to the most exclusive, luxury getaways. We have first-hand experience of the routes, accommodations and activities and are passionate about using that knowledge to offer added value.

To complement our knowledgeable local team we have the assets and infrastructure in place to ensure you get the best experience at the most competitive price.

In December 2014 we opened our Cape Maclear, lake side lodge, The Funky Cichlid. It has proven to be extremely popular and is one of the most reputable lodges in Cape Maclear, especially amongst the more budget conscious traveller. In 2015 we launched our dedicated Zambia safari website; South Luangwa Safaris. We are proud to work with many volunteer organisations based in Malawi, offering huge discounts to volunteers and contributing to their causes.



WARM HEART ADVENTURES
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The Warm Heart Adventures is a small Malawian owned and operated adventure tour company based out of Cape Maclear. The company specialises in tailor-made tours around Malawi. The tours are put together to suit the clients individual needs and budget.

As the Warm Heart of Africa. Malawian people's friendliness is legendary and the country offers an incredible diversity. Running the entire length of Malawi, The Great Rift Valley created Africa's third largest lake - Lake Malawi, with its gorgeous turquoise waters and thousands of colourful cichlids. The lake offers swimming, snorkelling, scuba diving, sailing, chilling on a beach or visiting deserted islands. If you head south you come across rolling tea fields and the dramatic peaks of Mulanje mountain, offering incredible hiking, forests and wildlife. If you head north you have Nyika Plateau, with its protea flowers. Then you have the Livingstonia mountain and the untouched Ruarwe & Usisya and the bustling Nkhata bay. Throughout the country are national parks being revived by dedicated conservationists, looking after Malawi's wildlife and adding Malawi to the list of safari destinations.

Warm Heart Adventures is run by Kay de Silva, a Malawian lady who has extensive travel experience and her intimate knowledge of Malawi makes her the best person to organise and lead these tailor-made adventures.





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Ultimate travel is a fully Malawian owned tour operator and travel service company. We are innovative, reliable and independent ground-handling company that specializes Malawi and Zambia (south Luangwa). No one has better all-round knowledge of the Malawian tourism product and how to pull it all together than us. We do not handle request with a "one size fits all" attitude but rather tailor make our services to meet what you need. Our independence means that we are happy to book any lodging facility throughout Malawi; alternatively we are always pleased to recommend what we believe to be the best itinerary to suites your criteria.

Set in a forest reserve in the heart of the capital city, the award winning Wildlife Centre - a project of the Lilongwe Wildlife Trust - is open to both volunteers and day visitors. It is Malawi's only wildlife sanctuary, caring for over 200 animals rescued mostly from the illegal pet and bushmeat trades, and is widely regarded in welfare circles as one of Africa's best run facilities.

Day visitors can take a 1 hour guided tour of the sanctuary, spotting the animals and learning about the charity's work, or walk the 4km of nature trails winding along the river through the reserve which is home to antelopes, crocodiles and over 150 species of bird. There's also a bar, restaurant, playground and gift shop. Large groups (8+) can pre-book a conservation session with the education team too.

Volunteers can join the programme from 2 to 12 weeks, with tailored experiences that focus purely on animal care or incorporate time spent on LWT's other projects around the country such as education, community outreach, conservation medicine and behavioural research. Whilst those looking to put their existing skills to use are very welcome, no experience is necessary as full training is provided.

Baobab Travel, based in Blantyre, offers guided or self drive tours throughout Malawi and into Luangwa National Park and can organise trips in Zimbabwe also. Baobab offers personally guided tours with a travel guide that has lived in Malawi for over 30 years and is absolutely passionate about the people, wildlife, birds and all the rest encompassed within the stunning landscapes of Malawi.

Baobab is owned by Alan Grimes. He is very enthusiastic about all aspects of Malawi and loves showing guests around the different parts of the country. Alan has a very good knowledge of the flora and fauna and is a very keen birder.

He can accompany you throughout your tour as a travel guide to ensure you are transported from place to place safely, in good time and often with unplanned stops at points of interest along the way.

Guided tours usually start with collection at Lilongwe Airport and then you will depart to either the stunning Lake Malawi or one of the Game reserves and most tours will do both. All sample tours listed on the website are completely changeable to suit your needs and budget. Baobab Travel looks forward to welcoming you to "The Warm Heart of Malawi".

The Responsible Safari Co. (RSC) is a Social Enterprise Tour Operator based in Blantyre specialising in Sustainable, Educational, Philanthropic & Experiential Group Travel to the country.

Operating since 2008, RSC provides specialised planning and logistical support for School Expeditions, University Field Trips, Charity & Adventure Challenges, Donor groups, Corporate, Conference and CSR Groups as well as Independent Travellers.

Specialising in tailored Educational Workshops & Challenge Events, RSC work in partnership with inspiring Community Initiatives offering immersive learning opportunities for students & businesses to gain an insight into key global challenges facing rural communities in Africa.

We are committed to creating sustainable growth through social enterprise, reducing the dependence on the aid industry and driving tourism generated income to rural communities.

Jambo Africa is a tour company in Blantyre now with two offices: one at 20 Glyn Jones Road in Blantyre city (next to SS Rent A Car and opposite First Merchant Bank) and a second in the Utawaleza Complex on Kidney Crescent. The company specialises in tailor-made tours throughout Malawi and also into Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zanzibar. With their knowledge of Malawi and their long experience, Jambo Africa can make the most of the time a visitor is in the country. Jambo Africa will organise every part of your stay in Malawi, booking your accommodation throughout the country and arranging your transfers between locations, car hire and even air charters. We can also provide airport transfers for groups of any size. Jambo Africa can make your trip to Malawi unforgettable. Whatever your requirement: a relaxing beach holiday at Lake Malawi, an active hiking trek up Mount Mulanje or a tour of Malawi's beautiful game parks, Jambo Africa will look after your every need. For the fresh water fishing enthusiast Jambo Africa can also arrange fishing expeditions to Mozambique, Zambia and within Malawi. You will enjoy your visit to Malawi and let Jambo Africa look after the logistics.

Event organisation is another of Jambo Africa's strengths. Nothing is too small or too big - right up to international conferences. We are now also the booking agents for The Conforzi Lake Cottage, Villa Nyasa and Sungei Cottage in Mangochi, The Thyolo House in Thyolo and The Zomba Plateau Chalet in Zomba. Jambo Africa Ltd is the owner of Nyala Lodge (P.41) in Lengwe National Park.

Fisherman's Rest is the perfect place to start exploring Malawi. We tailor individual and group holidays to suit individual requests and budgets.

Over the last 20 years Fisherman's Rest has worked in local communities, meeting needs and offering support to local schools, entrepreneurs and community organisations. Guests are welcomed into villages, schools, churches, prisons and clinics to partner with communities making soil stabilised blocks, conservation, reforestation, tree nurseries, fuel efficient stoves, reforestation, tree nurseries, repairing and monitoring water supplies, helping out with school feeding programmes and more.

It is exciting to see how communities are changing and developing through team work, hard work and a lot of laughter. In partnering with Fisherman's Rest and its communities guests can't help but leave a little of their hearts in Africa.

Malawi is a unique and beautiful country. So to complete the adventure Fisherman's Rest organises tours and travel to Malawi's many Wildlife parks, Mulanje Mountain, the historic Zomba Plateau, and relaxing in the luxury of Lake Malawi - to create the ultimate African experience.





TRANSPORT, TOURS & SAFARIS



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Budget Safari has been operating safaris within Malawi since 1995 with offices in Nkhata Bay and in Lilongwe. The company offers safaris that are tailor-made to your taste. You can choose from recommended tours like the popular 4-day South Luangwa Safari, across the border in neighbouring Zambia, and from other safaris from 4 to 21 days which cover the northern as well as the southern part of Malawi and parts of Zambia and Tanzania. The two or three week safaris cover all the highlights of Malawi or combine Malawi with Zambia and/or Tanzania.

Tailor-made tours of any duration are available. Budget Safari will make your hotel reservations, organize your dive course and car hire. A popular choice is car hire with chauffeur. The Company offers tours for any budget. Camping safaris where excellent chefs prepare your meals are on offer, as well as comfortable lodge tours.

Quality is Budget Safari's main concern. The Company has reliable vehicles, a well-trained staff and the accommodation that you'll experience will be to your fullest satisfaction.

Budget Safari specialize in tours that highlight culture, wildlife, birding, trekking or diving.

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Kayak Africa is an adventure-safari operator specialising in sea kayak and small boat safaris on Lake Malawi, and hike-bike-kayak safaris around Southern Malawi. Our reception overlooks Lake Malawi from the beach at Cape Maclear. Our tour operator division in Cape Town can help you get there.

Top of our product range are the Castaway tours to the barefoot luxury camps on deserted Mumbo and Domwe Islands (P. 34). These tours are ideal for honeymooners, couples, families, or groups of friends. For the sporty there's sea kayaking, SCUBA diving, snorkelling and beachcombing. Or opt for leisure and just chill in a hammock - you decide!

Malawi offers exceptional opportunities for active sport-tours through an authentic yet safe real African landscape. Picture mountain-biking along the limitless footpaths and tracks that criss-cross the bush; hiking the giant granite massif of Mulanje Mountain (highest peak in south-central Africa); then sea kayaking among the islands and peninsulas of the Lake Malawi National Park. Malawi is also perfect for self-drive exploratory tours. There is remarkable diversity within short travelling distances; main roads are very good and well sign-posted, a range of excellent vehicles is available for hire, and personal security is not a concern within this friendly and English-speaking country.

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Founded in 1978, SS Rent A Car is the largest and oldest car hire company Malawi has to offer. Family run, they boast the largest fleet countrywide.

Their fleet ranges from the small to executive, from the 4 wheel drive to utility, and trucks! They have both the 16 seat and 26 seat buses, oh and of course, motorbikes for the fun loving!!

A fully equipped garage ensures highest levels of service and maintenance of the fleet. The 24 hour back-up service is always on call to assist in ensuring minimal inconvenience is experienced.

The SS team is more than capable in dealing at a professional level with clients, having a broad knowledge in ALL areas of the industry, country, and even in cross-border travel.

Always able to cater for all needs, whether a business trip, tours, group holiday, conferences, or even weddings & funerals, you will be more than satisfied with the personalised service in store for you.

ILALA & MALAWI SHIPPING CO. LILONGWE
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The Malawi Shipping Company (MSC) is a privately owned company running passenger and cargo services on Lake Malawi, as well as ship repair activities at its Monkey Bay port. MV. Ilala is a 630 tonne (displacement) passenger vessel which sails the full length of the Lake. It has a total capacity of 360 passengers and 33 Crew members. It offers Cabin Class, Boat Deck Class, Second Class and Economy Class facilities as well as two bars and two eating places. The vessel currently stops at 12 ports, which are Monkey Bay, Makanjira, Senga Bay, Nkhota Kota, Likoma Island, Chizumulu Island, Nkhata Bay, Usisya, Ruarwe, Tcharo, Mlowe and Chilumba. The Ilala travels along the Lake weekly. MV. Chilembwe is currently used as a relief vessel whenever the Ilala is taken out of service for annual survey. The Chilembwe carries 120 passengers and 20 tonnes of cargo.

MSC further acts as a major maritime transporter of cargo on Lake Malawi. It currently operates three cargo vessels, namely, MV. Katundu which can carry 720 tonnes of cargo; MV Karonga which carries 270 tonnes of cargo; and Tug Viphya and Pontoon which carries up to 600 tonnes of cargo. Cargo carried is mainly break bulk such as bags of coal, clinker, sugar, fertilizer etc. A sister company to MSC is the Malawi Ports Company (MPC) which manages the ports both under the umbrella of Mota-Engil. MPC provides services such as cargo storage, cargo handling and so on.

MALAWI AIRLINES
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Malawi Airlines is Malawi's flag carrier. It is a competitive, market driven, customer focused, passenger and freight air transport service provider. It provides reliable and easily accessible regional air connectivity for business, tourism and other purposes. The Airline operates to and from the domestic airports of Lilongwe, capital of Malawi and Blantyre, the commercial city which is filled with beautiful terrains and just a few kilometers to the tea plantations of Thyolo and the famous Mulanje Mountain. The airline connects the two airports to major cities of Southern Africa. Its destinations include the City of Gold-Johannesburg which is the connection hub to all the wonders South Africa can offer, and also Nairobi, the recently introduced destination. Dar es Salaam, the business port in Tanzania boasts of finest beaches that connect to tourist destinations including Zanzibar; Harare, famous for its beautiful sunsets and outdoor cafés also providing connections to intriguing tourist destinations such as the Victoria Falls. Lusaka is one of the fastest developing cities in Southern Africa. Zambia shares the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River with Zimbabwe and also boasts of other tourist attractions such as the South Luangwa National park, home to the famous big five game. Malawi Airlines connects these cities in a fashion which allows convenient travel within the region. And with its partnership with Ethiopian Airlines, which has over 100 destinations, Malawi Airlines connects to the world providing an expedient and affordable air travel service.

BUSH & LAKE AVIATION
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Bush & Lake Aviation is an established charter company with strong ties to Robin Pope Safaris. We offer flights from our Lilongwe base to destinations in Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. Our small team consists of dedicated pilots, engineers and management with many years of experience in the aviation business. We offer safari flights, business flights and private transfers.

Our fleet consists of a 12 seater Cessna Grand Caravan, 5 seater Cessna 206 Turbo and Piper Cherokee Six 5 seater plus child seat aircraft, maintained to the highest standards by our engineers and service personnel.

Bush & Lake Aviation provides an excellent, friendly, reliable and personal service. At Lilongwe airport we offer a complimentary meet and greet service for all our clients. Our staff are flexible and committed to ensure our clients enjoy the best travel experience possible.



Travel Advisory

GETTING TO MALAWI

For intercontinental flights from Europe, Kenya Airways (also with KLM), South African Airways and Ethiopian Airlines offer good options to Malawi, with routes involving an aircraft change at their respective national hubs (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Addis Ababa). All three airlines now serve Blantyre as well as Lilongwe. Regional links between Malawi and Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe are provided by Malawi Airlines and some of the national airlines of those countries. Such links can sometimes be used in conjunction with another African or European airline flying from Europe. Malawi Airlines, through its association with Ethiopian Airlines can also offer connections around the world. Malawi-based air charter companies also link Malawi to its neighbours. There are road routes into Malawi from Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique. Assume that border posts will be closed from about 18.00hrs and reopen at 07.00hrs. Visitors requiring a visa may find this difficult to obtain at land border posts and are advised to obtain the documentation in advance. Requirements for vehicle documentation should be checked before travelling.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

For most people the dry (winter) season is most attractive (i.e. April/May to October/November). However, some of the best birdwatching can be had from November to April and the orchids of Nyika are best seen from December to March/April. In the hottest month (usually November) maximum temperatures will be around 30°C. In the coldest month (probably July) maximum temperatures will be in the low 20's. On the uplands (e.g. Zomba, Nyika and Viphya) it can be cold at night. The hottest area, all year, is the Lower Shire Valley.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

In 2015 Malawi introduced a new regime requiring visas for citizens of those countries that charge Malawians for visas. The majority of nationalities now need visas to enter Malawi. Most nationalities can obtain visas on arrival though the official recommendation is to obtain these in advance if possible. For up to date details, see the How to Get There page in the Travel Guide section of our website: www.malawitourism.com. A full valid passport is required for entry into Malawi.

DUTY FREE

International travellers over the age of 18 may import, duty free: 200 cigarettes or 225gm of tobacco; 1 litre of spirits; 1 litre of beer; 1 litre of wine; plus a "reasonable" quantity of consumable goods to meet the traveller's immediate needs in Malawi.

CURRENCY

Malawi's unit of currency is the Kwacha (abbreviated to MK internationally; K locally). Banks in the towns are open weekdays from 0800 to 1500. Mobile banks operate along the lakeshore and in more remote areas (check days/times locally). Travellers Cheques or foreign (hard) currency notes are best exchanged when in the main towns as there are no exchange facilities in many tourist spots. There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency imported but it must be declared and accounted for on departure. Only MK3000 of local currency may be exported. There are 24-hour ATMs in Lilongwe, Blantyre and Mzuzu. Only local currency is dispensed and that is limited to approximately the equivalent (depending on exchange rates) of GB£85, Euro€110, US\$140 in any period of twenty four hours.

HEALTH

Immunisation against polio, tetanus, typhoid and hepatitis A is recommended. Yellow fever immunisation may be required only by visitors entering from a yellow fever zone. There is a risk of malaria and prophylactics should be taken. Seek up to date advice from your doctor. There is a risk of contracting bilharzia if bathing in some parts of Lake Malawi but the risk is negligible near the main beach hotels. The infection is relatively easily treated once diagnosed. Malawi is a high risk area for AIDS.

SAFETY

Malawi is considered a safe country for tourists and Malawians are rightfully known for their friendliness. However, the usual precautions should be taken as would be advised for tourists anywhere.

FOOD & DRINK

Excellent fish dishes are widely available but especially near Lake Malawi. Most hotels and safari camps serve "western" dishes with, perhaps, game and occasionally local foods such as maize meal porridge. Soft drinks are available everywhere. Beers (Carlsberg is the most common), spirits such as Malawi gin and South African wines are reasonably priced and commonly available.

WATER

For drinking, bottled water should be used in preference to tap water.

TIME

Malawi time is GMT+2, as with most of southern Africa.

DRIVING

Car hire is possible from most centres and at the airports, but standards of vehicles vary and hiring may seem expensive. Most of the main roads are tarred but narrow. Potholes may be expected in any road and speeds should be kept low. However, the general quality of roads is good by African standards. Driving is on the left. Expect to find people and animals on any road. Driving at night is to be avoided. Breakdowns are traditionally indicated by placing bush or tree branches at the side of the road behind the vehicle, but red triangles are strictly needed. Petrol is widely available but tanks should be filled when the opportunity occurs as soon as the indicator falls below

half. An International Driving Licence is required for longer period of hire, but national driving licences are sufficient in most instances if a photograph is included. In recent times, regulations regarding speed limits and the use of safety belts have been more rigorously enforced. On-the-spot fines can be collected by uniformed police. Routine roadblocks may be encountered, especially near the borders, but should not entail a stop of more than a couple of minutes.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There is a good network of inexpensive public buses throughout Malawi.

DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL

Malawi Airlines provides regular links between the main cities of Blantyre and Lilongwe. Local air charter companies serve the main tourist destinations in the country.

LUGGAGE

If using light aircraft for domestic transport, there is likely to be a limit of 10-12 kg per person.

SAFARIS

There are five National Parks and four Wildlife Reserves, including one Freshwater National Park (at Cape Maclear). All types of safari are available, not only 4x4 driving but also walking and by boat. Most game viewing is in small groups.

ACTIVITIES

Organised activities for travellers to Malawi include: Climbing, hiking, cycling, birdwatching, angling, game viewing, horse riding, mountain biking, quad-biking, yoga, art safaris, pottery. On Lake Malawi: kayaking, scuba diving, sailboarding, parasailing, diving, snorkelling, water-skiing, sailing and cruises. Many of the larger hotels and main towns offer the usual range of sports from tennis to golf. There are now a few hotels/lodges with Spa facilities.

SHOPPING

Small supermarkets are found in towns and larger villages. Large supermarkets and European style shops are almost exclusively found in Blantyre and Lilongwe. Markets and roadside vendors are popular with travellers. Attractive souvenirs are the excellent wood carvings, widely available, and straw goods, together with work by local artists. The standard of craftwork varies but at its best is quite outstanding. In the markets, bargaining is expected. Traditional Chief's chairs are popular.

OPENING HOURS

Shops and offices open and close earlier in the day than is the custom in Europe or North America.

DRESS

Dress is generally informal. Swimwear and very skimpy clothing should be confined to the beach resorts. For safaris, "natural" colours should be worn in preference to light/bright colours. In the uplands, especially in the winter (April-September), it can be cool in the evening and sweaters may be needed. It can be very cold on morning or night safari drives.

ELECTRICITY

Supply is based on the 220/240 volts system, using "British type" square bayonet three-pin plugs.

TV & RADIO

There is a national TV station and a number of radio stations which broadcast in English. In addition, many hotels receive international satellite channels.

COMMUNICATIONS

The telephone system is fairly reliable. Sim cards for local mobile phone networks are widely available and relatively cheap and easy to use. Most hotels and offices are readily reached by e-mail. The postal system tends to be slow.

LAUNDRY

Laundry is usually available at hotels and lodges or in the bigger safari camps. Dry cleaning is less easy to obtain and standards may vary.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Any camera equipment is best brought into the country and care should be taken to avoid its exposure to extremes of heat. Most Malawians will not mind being photographed but it is common courtesy to ask permission first.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Jan 1, 15; March 3; May 1; June 25; July 6; 2nd Monday in October; Dec 25, 26. Also: Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the next Monday becomes a holiday.

RECOMMENDED READING

'Malawi' published by Bradt Travel Guides (7th Edition, 2016 by Philip Briggs). £15.99

LANGUAGE

While English is an official language, and is widely understood, a number of indigenous languages are also spoken. The most common is Chewa (or Chichewa - the language of the Chewa).

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