

Discoverer Exploration Malawi with Wilderness Safaris

The Great Malawian Journey

14 Nights/15 Days



This safari is one of the best ways to explore Malawi's finest wildlife viewing areas and wilderness biomes, whilst being able to interact with the friendliest people in all of Africa, the Malawians. The style of accommodation varies throughout the safari, from small, intimate guesthouses in forest reserves, to more typical "meru" tents, to stone and thatch chalets in National Parks. At each location, resident guides are used, ensuring the very best in local knowledge and expertise

~Itinerary~

Day 1: Luwawa Forest Lodge, Viphya Mountain Range

Early morning we drive northwards from the capital city, Lilongwe, through the Kasungu area. After Kasungu Town the landscape changes from Brachystegia (Miombo) woodland to rolling open hills as we steadily climb in altitude. Arrive in time for lunch at Luwawa Forest Lodge.

Day 2 & 3: Lake Kazuni Safari Camp.

Vwaza Marsh Game Reserve

After an early breakfast, we continue northwards to one of Malawi's best-kept secrets, the Vwaza Marsh Game Reserve. Activities include game drives (day) as well as walks.

Day 4,5 & 6: Chelinda Lodge, Nyika National Park

We head north-east on one of the most dramatic drives in central Africa. Leaving the dry and low-lying Vwaza marsh behind we move steadily up in altitude to where the Brachystegia gives way to heath, and at around lunchtime, to true rolling grasslands. We have reached the famed Nyika Plateau and check in to the warm and cozy Chelinda Lodge.

Day 7 & 8: Chinteche Inn, Lake Malawi

We now move back down the Nyika Plateau to Lake Malawi. We arrive at Chinteche Inn, situated on a private, pristine white sandy beach.

Day 9 & 10: Kayak Africa, Domwe or Mumbo Island

We depart Chinteche for one of the most spectacular day transits, driving around 350km southwards along the eastern lakeshore and surrounding countryside. We drive through the Nkotakota Game Reserve and visit Mua Mission, one of Malawi's finest handcraft skills development schools. At the tip of the Cape Maclear Peninsula guests paddle themselves in state-of-the-art sea-going klepper kayaks, supported by a motorized wooden fishing boat.

Day 11: Ku Chawe Inn, Zomba Mountain Range

We leave Kayak Africa and drive southwards to the Zomba mountain massif. Zomba, the former colonial capital of Malawi, retains some of its former architecture. This juxtaposed with one of the best local markets in Malawi make for a fascinating visit. As we wind our way up the mountain, we enter plantations and rainforest remnants nearing, Ku Chawe Inn.

Days 12, 13 & 14: Mvuu Lodge, Liwonde National Park

Leaving, we travel northwards to arrive at Mvuu Wilderness Lodge for afternoon activities of wildlife viewing at Liwonde National Park. Mvuu boasts "game boats" which enable game to be viewed in the heat of the day, when animals emerge out of the bush to drink at the river's edge.

Day 15 Safari ends - Lilongwe

Early morning road transfer to Lilongwe where our safari ends.

International
Airfare Available

2009
Sunday departures

Costs Per Person (based on sharing): **\$ 4,100**
Single supplement \$ 450

Departure Dates 2009:

09Mar, 23Mar, 13Apr, 27Apr, 04May, 11May, 25May,
08Jun, 29Jun, 13Jul, 27Jul, 17Aug, 31Aug, 14Sep,
05Oct, 19Oct, 09Nov & 23Nov.

Included Features:

All transport and lite aircraft flights
Accommodations as listed
All meals, park fees and activities

Luggage restriction: 12Kg per person soft bag only