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# Welcome to Malawi! Takulandirani ku Malawi!

This Brochure and Directory is designed to help you discover all that is best about Africa's most attractive destination.

'Most attractive' may seem to be an extravagant claim for such a small country (by African standards) 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.

For decades now, Malawi has been known as the Warm Heart of Africa. Yet try as one might to think of a new title, it has to be admitted that these four words so fittingly sum up all that is the visitor's impression of the country there seems little point in seeking change. 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, Malawi is the place from which they return home with fond memories and a wish to return.

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Malawi's tourism has witnessed unprecedented development in recent years. New lodges have opened and many existing hotels and lodges have been enlarged and upgraded. Majete Wildlife Reserve continues to re-build its stock of game, with predators introduced this year as it attained 'Big 5' status. Another of Malawi's wildlife reserves, Nkhotakota, a rugged undiscovered wilderness, has international standard lodges and funding now for restocking. Horse riding safaris are to be reintroduced in the famous Nyika National Park.





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# Using the Brochure & Directory

The first sections of the brochure describe the country's main attractions of Lake, Landscape, Wildlife and Culture; along with information on some of the activities available and a note on touring Malawi. These are followed by descriptions of the three regions: North, Central and South. It is on these pages that the colour coding used throughout the brochure is first seen:

North Malawi

Central Malawi

South Malawi

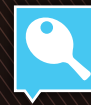
Following each regional description is a directory of accommodation for that region. The directories will take you through informative descriptions of all the best lodges, hotels and camps within the region. They also include symbols to show at a glance what each accommodation offers (see key below). 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 3 price bands, based on rates for B&B per person per night. \$ = <US\$40; \$\$=US\$40-120; \$\$\$ = US\$120+. At a number of properties, a B&B rate is not actually offered, but full board and activity-inclusive rates have been stripped down to a B&B equivalent for the purposes of this comparison.



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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 unspoilt 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.

Malawi is a hidden gem. 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 is one of Africa's smaller countries, with about 20 per cent of its area occupied by Lake Malawi – Africa's third biggest lake. Malawi's northern boundary comes within nine degrees of the equator, with Tanzania lying to the north, Zambia to the west and Mozambique to the east and south.

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 all Africa. The scenery, including its cloak of vegetation, presents an ever-changing vista.

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 tranquillity in surroundings of incredible natural beauty.

### Culture

The Malawian people are, without doubt, 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 population of a little more than 14 million, Malawi is one of the more densely peopled countries of this part of Africa. Most of the population is rural, living largely in fascinating traditional villages. 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. The Chongoni hills near Dedza have stone-age rock art and are another of Malawi's World Heritage Sites.

There is 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 the modern Malawi scene, whether it be in dress or dance or language. 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. The nineteenth century was the most significant in the country's history, with intertribal skirmishes, the slave trade, missionaries (including Dr David Livingstone, who made a number of journeys to this part of Africa) and British colonial rule all having an influence. Independence was finally granted in 1964, with Dr Hastings Banda becoming the first prime minister of the then-named Nyasaland. Banda made himself President for Life of Malawi but his autocratic rule was ended in 1993 when Malawians voted for a multi-party democracy.







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## Wildlife

Malawi's nine national parks and wildlife reserves cover a great variety of landscape and vegetation types, and include areas of genuine unspoilt wilderness. In the north are the unique Nyika Plateau and Vwaza Wildlife Reserve: one a highland, the other a lowland area. The central region has two vast game areas: Kasungu National Park in the west and Nkhotakota Reserve in the east. The latter has only recently been developed to accept tourists. In the south, the best known national park is Liwonde, along the River Shire, but there are also three game areas further south: Lengwe National Park and the wildlife reserves of Majete (recently restocked) and Mwabvi. Near the southern limits of Lake Malawi is the world's first freshwater national park at Cape Maclear. This is one of Malawi's UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



The big five (lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino) can be seen in Malawi as well as a splendid range of antelope and the smaller cats such as caracal and serval. Hippos are to be found in large numbers, so much so that they are almost symbolic of Malawi's wildlife. A safari in Malawi is about memorable experiences, not 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, on horseback or on foot, in peaceful privacy.

Malawi is truly 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 per cent 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, as with the Lake's fish, the range of species is breathtaking. The variety of fish, up to 1000 species, to be seen in Lake Malawi Park is unequalled anywhere else in the world.

## Lake

The jewel in the crown of the country's tourist attractions is Lake Malawi, "discovered" by the missionary-explorer Dr David Livingstone just over 150 years ago. Although totally landlocked, Malawi is not denied its "inland sea". This vast body of freshwater is not only a scenic wonderland but it provides water sport opportunities for those looking for something beyond sun, sand and swimming. Its approximate dimensions are 365 miles north to south and 52 miles broad, hence the sobriquet: "the calendar lake". The Lake, in the north, is quite extraordinarily deep: 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.



For much of the year Lake Malawi is placid, a gentle giant, but, especially when strong winds blow north or south, it can become an angry monster. Because of its rich fish harvest, the Lake plays an important part in the economy. Fishing villages are scattered along the shore and the traditional industry and practices are an attraction to visitors.

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. Despite the attraction the Lake has to settlement, there are long stretches of totally uninhabited golden sand lakeshore, lapped by crystal clear waters. Kayaking, sailing, snorkelling, scuba diving and water skiing are just some of the lake activities available to visitors.

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# Malawi:

## Activity & Adventure

For a small country, Malawi has a quite remarkable array of activities to offer its visitors. 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. Visitors should think in terms of a stay in the country of 10-14 days. Of course, 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.

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 3 to 4 days. At the end of this section is a useful table detailing what's 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.

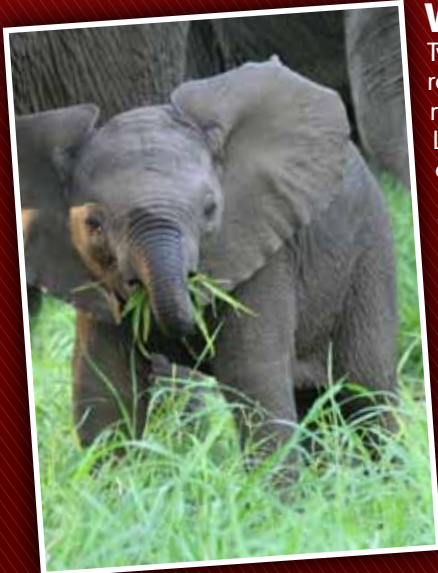
Kayaking and sailing can range from an hour or so on the water to a full kayaking expedition or to living aboard a luxury yacht as it sails the length of the lake.

For a traditional experience of the lake, take a trip on the famous mv Ilala, the local water-bus.

## Cultural Visits

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 now opportunities to spend time in real villages (including staying overnight) for a first-hand experience of the cultures, traditions and daily life. Malawi has a thriving music scene and there are many opportunities to see local artists, from small concerts to the internationally renowned Lake of Stars Festival.

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. 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.



## Wildlife Safaris

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 that David Livingstone would recognize. There's a real touch of the Garden of Eden about them. You discover the animals, they're not lined up for your viewing as though in a theme park.

There's a wide choice of safari. You can use the customary 4x4 vehicle (most are open) for your game drives or you can really get to know the country and its wildlife on a walking safari. Other options include boat safaris along the Shire river. This is a wonderful way to see the animals close-up as they seem unfrightened by people in a boat. You can float close to the hundreds of hippos and watch the elephants drink just a few metres away. There are plans to re-introduce the famous horseback safaris in 2013, an opportunity to ride alongside the antelope and zebra.

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



## Outdoor Activities

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

Malawi has become known as an ideal destination for those who take their cycling seriously or for those just enjoying that mode of transport. Mountain biking is possible from a number of centres and the lakeshore road is a popular highway for those preferring to stick to the flat.

Trekking and walking, especially in the forests and highlands, can be enjoyed with such a range of terrain that all tastes can be catered for. Rock climbing is possible on Mount Mulanje.

Horse riding remains popular and is increasingly available with excellent stables on the Zomba Plateau and the Lakeshore.

Specialist tours/activities include yoga holidays, tea factory tours and art safaris. Pottery classes are available at two centres.

Orchid lovers are also regular visitors to Malawi's unique displays.

## Touring Malawi

Most visitors to Malawi arrive in Lilongwe, the capital, conveniently centrally located. From here you can embark on a circuit to the north or a circuit to the south. Whether 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.

Heading north from Lilongwe, Ntchisi and the Viphya Plateau offer an immediate escape to tranquil highland forests. In between the two is the rugged wilderness of the Nkhatakota Wildlife Reserve. Further on, into North Malawi, is the country's third most important town, Mzuzu, which leads, via Rumphu, to the wonderland of the Nyika Plateau National Park and to the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Both are excellent 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 to Lilongwe include the delightful Sangilo peninsula, 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 Nkhatakota 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, all now being returned to former glories. Majete Reserve, for example, has, over recent years, been generously restocked with game. 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 is reached via the interesting Mua Mission, and then it's a short return to Lilongwe.

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.





# Activities Listings

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Sangilo Sanctuary (Northern Lakeshore)	X	Y	X		Y	Y		X	X					Y											Y			Y	Y	Y									
Mushroom Farm Eco-Lodge (Livingstonia)					Y	X		Y	Y		X			X																									
Chelinda Lodge & Camp (Nyika National Park)	Y		Y		Y	Y				Y				Y	Y																		Y						
Njaya Lodge (Nkhata Bay)					Y	Y						X		Y											Y	X	Y					Y							
Safari Cottage (Nkhata Bay)					X	Y								X											Y	Y	Y												
Chintheche Inn (Chintheche)					Y	Y				Y		X		Y					Y		Y			Y	Y	X	Y				Y	Y							
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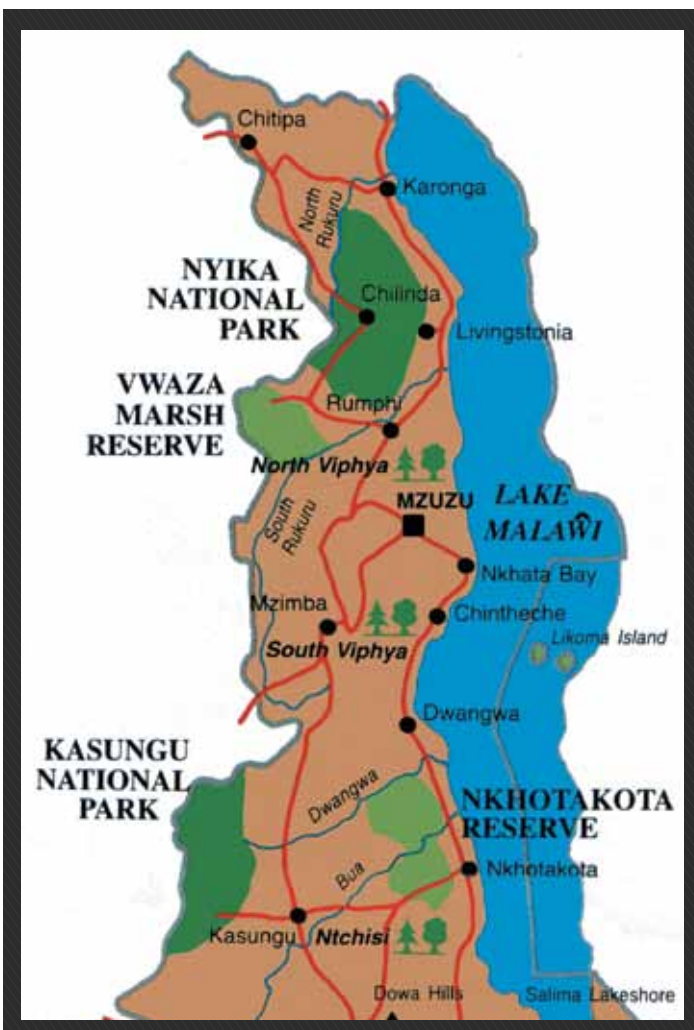
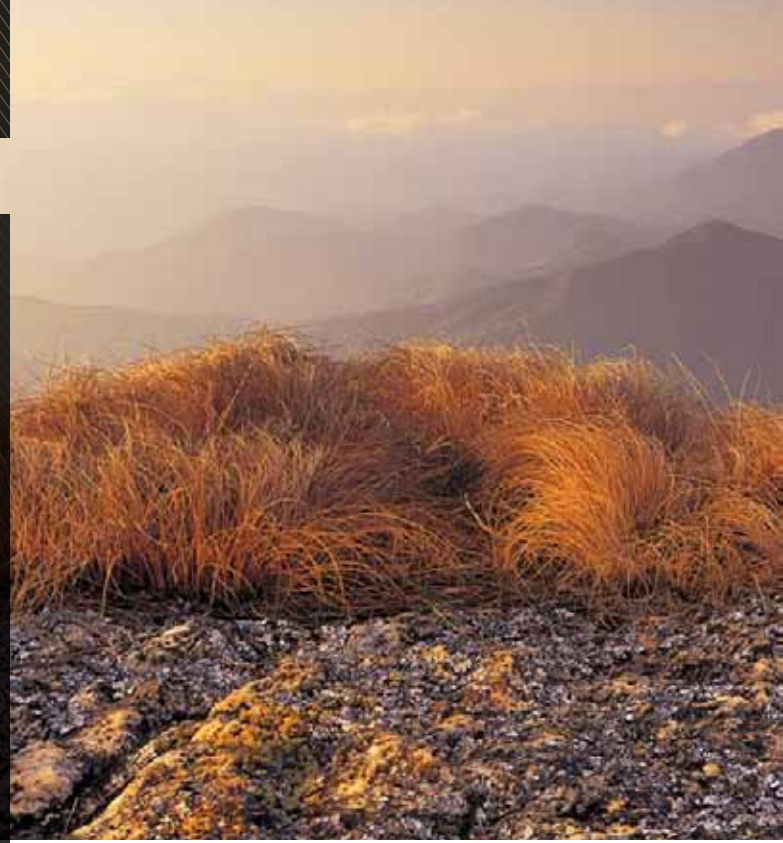
**Extras:** Luwawa Forest Lodge (Viphya Plateau): badminton, table tennis, archery and team building  
Tongole Wilderness Lodge (Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve) & Nkwichi Lodge (Manda Wilderness): Fly Camping  
Kaya Mawa (Likoma Island) & Mango Drift (Likoma Island): Kitesurfing



# 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. Its quite astonishing beauty is the lasting memory of all who explore this unique area. North Malawi has been described as a forgotten region. 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.

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 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. There are plans to re-introduce horseback safaris in 2013. The montane vegetation attracts large numbers of antelope from the diminutive duiker to eland and roan. 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 resthouse and museum. (Accommodation: The Mushroom Farm Eco-Lodge, Sangilo Sanctuary)





**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.

**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: Kaya Mawa; Ulisa Bay; Mango Drift)

**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 /1850 m although some peaks stretch a further 1000 ft /300 m 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.

**Chintheche** 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: Chintheche Inn; Makuzi Beach Lodge; The Beach House)

**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 cafes, restaurants and bars, Nkhata Bay, despite it's size, has a lot on offer. (Accommodation: Njaya Lodge; Safari Cottage)

**Karonga** is furthest north with a fascinating new 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. (Accommodation: Sangilo Sanctuary)





## Sangilo Sanctuary Lodge: Northern Lakeshore



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Nestled around a secluded cove on the Sangilo peninsula, the Sanctuary provides an idyllic African escape on the northern lake shore of Malawi. Good home made food, a friendly well stocked bar and stunning scenery can be enjoyed in perfect peace along with the enchanting and unique secret beach, enticing rock "caves" and crystal clear waters.

The Sanctuary is run on eco-friendly principles: electricity and hot water are solar powered, and "air-conditioning" is by careful planning of buildings and windows to make the most of lake breezes.

The tastefully furnished cliff-top chalets provide truly fantastic views along the peninsula, to Chilumba Island and to the mountains across Lake Malawi. Campers will find a comfortable site with shower and toilet block in secure surroundings. On the beach is a restaurant deck bar. Fresh fish are brought daily by local fishermen and frequently feature on the menu.

Fishing trips, cruises, water-skiing, sailing and canoe trips are on offer as well as usual activities. Livingstonia and the Karonga Museum are easy day-trips. The lodge is just a half-day's drive to Nyika NP and Vwaza Wildlife Reserve, a day's drive from Lilongwe and two hours from the Tanzania border.

Award winning Sangilo Sanctuary Lodge is renown as the "Jewel of Northern Malawi".

## The Mushroom Farm Eco-Lodge: Livingstonia



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The grandeur of the Great Rift Valley, in a truly dramatic and awe-inspiring display, is the first thing to strike you on arriving at this carefully designed eco-lodge. This unique and intimate lodge is nestled within native woodland and, with its chalets perched on top of the Livingstone escarpment; the views from the comfortable rooms are some of the best in Africa. All rooms have large private balconies or a terrace and have been designed so that sunrise over Lake Malawi can be enjoyed from bed.

The atmosphere is friendly and informal and the lodge is perfectly located within easy walking distance of the historic mission town of Livingstonia (Est.1894) or to Malawi's highest waterfalls, Manchewe Falls (125m). Walk in the footsteps of the pioneering early settlers, visit the museum and climb the church's bell tower for a unique perspective of this visionary town. At the end of the day, enjoy a cocktail at the bar or on your balcony, before trained cooks tempt you with a carefully prepared international menu.

Campers and overlanders are well catered for. Rock climbing and abseiling are also offered at the lodge and transport to the lodge can be arranged upon request.

## Chelinda Camp: Nyika National Park



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Chelinda Camp, situated within Nyika National Park, overlooks a crystal-clear dam with views of montane grasslands that stretch across the Nyika Plateau. Being situated at a mean height of over 2,000 metres, guarantees a permanently temperate climate, which is of particular contrast to the lakeshore areas of Malawi.

The camp has two types of accommodation. Four chalets each with two bedrooms, bathrooms, a lounge, dining area with fireplace, and small kitchen (which are ideal for private groups with their own guide).

Six twin-bedded en-suite rooms with either a bath or shower are also available; guests here take meals in the nearby main area, which has a large dining, bar and lounge area complete with comfortable furnishings and an inviting fireplace.

This unique area is one of the most iconic destinations in Africa. The Nyika is famous for incredible leopard sightings and other game that is often spotted includes Burchell's zebra, roan antelope, mountain reedbuck, eland, bushbuck, spotted hyaena and side-striped jackal. A variety of birdlife and orchid species are also seen in abundance on the plateau.

Activities available include day and night game drives, guided walks, mountain biking, birding and fly fishing.



## Chelinda Lodge: Nyika National Park



Nestled in the highlands of Nyika National Park, Chelinda Lodge is an exclusive 16 bedded classic camp that lies against a magnificent backdrop of towering pine trees. Situated high on the plateau the 8 luxuriously appointed pine chalets offer panoramic views of woodland patches, rolling plains and montane grasslands (often dotted with herds of eland, zebra, roan antelope and reedbuck).

Chelinda Lodge provides a combination of rustic elegance and a wilderness experience that is unique to the region. The Lodge consists of 8 cabin styled chalets constructed of stone and pine, each of which is fitted with an en-suite bathroom, fireplace and an upstairs seating area and viewing deck/

Nyika National Park is scenically Malawi's most spectacular wild area. It boasts an incredible mixture of scenery and landscapes – pristine brachystegia woodland, mature mountain forest patches, crystal clear running streams and miles and miles of open rolling grassland.

Leopard sightings are common on the plateau as well as sightings of Burchell's zebra, roan antelope, mountain reedbuck, eland, bushbuck, warthog, bushpig, spotted hyena, side-striped jackal and serval. Birdlife is prolific with over 425 species spotted on the plateau. Activities include day and night game drives, guided walks, mountain biking and fly fishing.

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## Njaya Lodge: Nkhata Bay



Njaya Lodge is the ideal destination for a beach holiday just outside the vibrant port town of Nkhata Bay, on the northern shores of Lake Malawi. It is also the perfect overnight stop before or after a visit to Likoma or Chisimulu islands. Built in 1993 by a British couple the lodge is set in tropical gardens overlooking Chikale Beach, the breezy bar and restaurant provide cold beers, South African wines, cocktails and delicious home cooked meals using organic produce from the local markets.

All the chalets overlook Chikale Beach, which is an enchanting sandy cove shaded by mango and wild fig trees. Guests have a choice of staying in one of the many types of accommodation available, from Budget Bamboo Bandas and the beach House for those on a budget, to ensuite Cottages and Chalets. All the units are furnished with comfortable double beds and single beds with mosquito nets. Camping space is also available.

Njaya's new four bedroom "Hill House" is perfect for a family or group of friends...offering panoramic views over the lake it is comfortable and airy with full WIFI available.

The Lodge has DSTV, Free Wifi and ADSL connections in the ensuite chalets, We accept payment with Credit Cards and have an extensive music and film Library available for guests. There's a range of activities, including Scuba Diving, horse riding, boat trips to remote beaches, kayak safaris, Forest walks and game safaris can be arranged from Njaya.



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## Safari Cottage: Nkhata Bay



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.

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## Chintheche Inn: Chintheche



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Chintheche Inn is situated on the northern shores of Lake Malawi on what is acknowledged to be one of Malawi's finest beaches. Against the backdrop of the Viphya mountains and patches of tropical rainforests, the white sandy beaches of Chintheche are broken only by small rocky outcrops and stretch for miles.

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 there is welcoming a reception and dining area with a bar. Meals can be taken indoors or outside in the gardens, by the swimming pool or on the beach.

Activities include a variety of mountain biking trails passing 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 make for relaxed birding and a wide variety of water-sports are available, including kayaking, snorkeling and boat rides. Scuba diving and horse riding are also available at nearby Kande Beach.

Chintheche Inn provides an idyllic retreat for families and couples. Access is on excellent roads and the drive is scenic across a variety of landscapes.

## Makuzi Beach Lodge: Chintheche



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Beach Lodge



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Makuzi Beach Lodge is located along 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 Beach has three stylish full bathroom en-suite executive chalets with sitting areas and eight standard en suite chalets, all nestled in manicured gardens overlooking the lake's warm, clear waters. The lodge is perfectly positioned to offer guests spectacular views of the lake while enjoying a quiet drink at the bar. The Restaurant has an excellent reputation for outstanding cuisine and guests are encouraged to enjoy the full African experience while dining under the stars.

There's a wide variety of activities: swimming, snorkeling, fishing, kayaking, boat trips, abseiling or just wallowing in the lake.

Makuzi Beach is involved in a number of community projects with which guests can be involved. One project run by the community is the village tour and includes a historical missionary site, the projects, museum and a taste of the local cuisine. Horse riding and scuba diving can be arranged off-site. Bird watching opportunities are some of the best along the lake. Great value for money in a secluded haven of tranquility.

## 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. A wide shaded terrace all around the house offers the very best of outdoor tropical life.

The well-equipped kitchen encourages the widest range of self-catering. Two house servants are available to help. Barbecue equipment allows alfresco dining on the beach or under the trees.

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, with light aircraft able to land at the nearby Chintheche airstrip. Mzuzu, the capital of North Malawi, is an hour's scenic drive away and has an airport.



## Kaya Mawa: Likoma Island



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Malawi known as the 'Warm Heart of Africa' and renowned for its friendly people is home to Likoma Island, the jewel in the sweet waters of the 'Lake of Stars'.

Situated on the southern tip of the Island on a crescent beach lies (meaning 'Maybe Tomorrow' in the local dialect), eleven rooms, each handcrafted and designed to fit into the surroundings whilst taking advantage of the breathtaking views across the Lake, has resulted in each room having its own feel and design. Decks and access to the lake or a private plunge pool, makes it very hard to leave.

Ndomo House the four bedroom villa, just minutes from the lodge is the ultimate beach luxury villa, with a private beach, jetty and boats it comes fully staffed with all the facilities of Kaya Mawa.

With a host of activities, including diving, kiteboarding and mountain bikes to choose from it may just be the fully stocked bar, with over sixty carefully selected wines, and award nominated food that will find yourself saying 'we really ought to be going .... maybe tomorrow.

Daily flights from Lilongwe to Likoma and new for 2013, direct flights from Luangwa Valley in Zambia are also available.

## 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. There are Deluxe & Standard Chalets, with large verandas overlooking the lake, solar powered backup lighting and airy mosquito nets. The campsite is beside the lake between the mango trees.

The well stocked bar and the restaurant have a wooden deck open on three sides to catch the breezes off the lake.

The lake water around Likoma is some of the clearest in the world and perfect for snorkelling – several species of brightly coloured fish are found only in the waters around the island. There are footpaths throughout the island with wonderful views over the lake. Lodge staff can escort guests to view Likoma's many attractions including the enormous Cathedral built on a rocky hillside over 100 years ago and filled with over 500 people and 3 choirs every Sunday.

Likoma has a new airport with flights from Lilongwe most days. Ulisa Bay Lodge works with Nkhotakota Lodges (P. 27) to give clients 3 days on Likoma plus an exciting trip aboard the historic, and recently refurbished, lake steamer MV Ilala.

## Mango Drift: Likoma Island



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Mango Drift is located on an expansive stretch of beach on the west side of Likoma Island. There are a total of 9 chalets. The lodge's two en-suite chalets are situated slightly back on the hillside facing Chizumulu Island with unspoilt view of Lake Malawi. The beach chalets all built by hand from local materials have twin or double beds and private shaded outside seating areas. If you are on a tight budget there is an en-suite dormitory and camping facilities are available.

Mango Drift's open beach and clear water provides the perfect location to sit back and relax play pool or have a drink at Mango's beach bar situated under a Mango tree. Learn to Scuba dive by taking your PADI open water course or do some snorkelling with Likoma Island Divers. If that's not enough try kitesurfing out at Malawi's first and only Kitesurfing School. If that's too much just lie back, relax, read a book and soak up Likoma.

There are daily flights from Lilongwe to Likoma and new for 2013 direct flight from Luangwa Valley in Zambia.



## Nkwichi Lodge: Manda Wilderness



**NKWICHI** Lodge

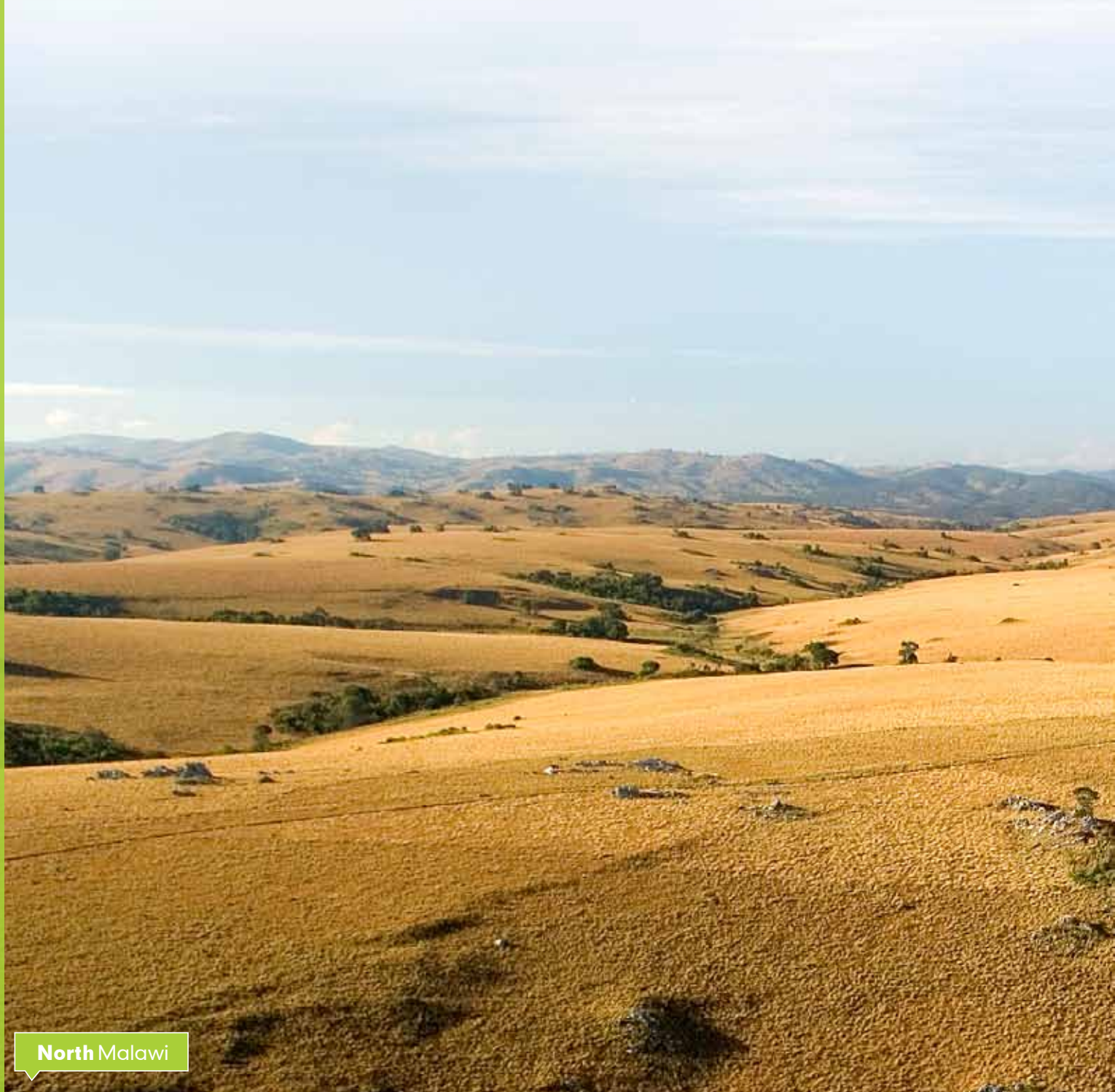


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Imagine a dazzling white beach where the sand is so fine it squeaks underfoot set on a lake with water so pure you can drink it. This is Nkwichi Lodge on the shores of Lake Niassa in northern Mozambique. Hidden among the trees are six spacious individually-designed chalets and two private houses 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 tropical fish, trek through the surrounding wilderness, paddle your own canoe or just relax in a hammock slung between the trees.

Solar-powered 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 enjoy the benefits of responsible tourism. Every night spent at the award-winning Nkwichi earns revenue for the project. Guests are invited to visit schools, a maternity clinic and a maize mill built with Nkwichi support.

Nkwichi Lodge recently won the prestigious 2011 "To Do!" prize for Responsible Tourism. See [www.mandawilderness.org](http://www.mandawilderness.org) or better still, come see for yourself.





## Luwawa Forest Lodge: Viphya Highlands



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Luwawa Forest Lodge is an international guesthouse and outdoor adventure centre in the unspoilt wilderness of the Viphya Plateau. At 1600m, the area is malaria-free. Just a 3 hour drive from Lilongwe and 8km off the M1 road, the lodge overlooks a large, well-stocked lake. The picturesque Luwawa Valley is stunningly beautiful and the overwhelming impression is one of peace and tranquillity. There is full catering and a bar. Much of the Lodge's electricity is from solar energy and the water supply from a mountain stream. Fresh vegetables prepared in the kitchen are from the lodge's permaculture garden. The lodge is dedicated to being in tune with its natural surroundings. The latest addition to the facilities is a Sauna & bush shower.

Luwawa has prolific birdlife and antelope can be seen close to the lodge. Further afield are monkeys, baboons, leopards and hyenas. Wilderness safaris offered include walking or biking trails to Lake Malawi. Numerous activities include squash, canoeing, abseiling, orienteering. Or simply relax in the beautiful garden. Luwawa is ideal for family and individual holidays.

The lodge is committed to responsible tourism through its many local community assistance projects in which guests can be directly involved. Winner of the Malawi Government's Tourism Award



Nyika National Park

North Malawi



# 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 kms of rugged terrain crossed by a number of rivers which 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. There is a wide range of mammals, including elephants and lions. While access and viewing has been difficult in the past there are exciting developments taking place in the Reserve, with two new lodges now open. This is destined to be a popular safari destination with the added attractions of prolific birdlife and angling on some of the rivers. (Accommodation: Bua River Lodge; Tongole Wilderness Lodge)

**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.





**Lilongwe** was made Malawi's capital in 1975 by the country's first President, Dr Banda (born just north of the town). The Old Town is distinct from the new Capital City, the two parts are separated by a wildlife sanctuary. While the former retains some of the appearance of a traditional African settlement, the City has much in common with other twentieth century urban developments around the world. Its gleaming modern buildings, in their spacious garden-like settings, contrast with the hustle and bustle of Old Town. It's in Old Town that some of the most recent developments have taken place, with new shops, malls and cafés adding to the amenities. 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 choices. Lilongwe is the usual stepping-off point for trips across the border to Zambia's Luangwa National Parks. (Accommodation: Crossroads Hotel; Korea Garden Lodge; Kiboko Town Hotel; Latitude 13°; Africa House Malawi; Barefoot Safari Lodge; 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 Lodge)

**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. (Accommodation: Dedza Pottery Lodge)

**The Chongoni Rock Art Area** is in the forested granite hills surrounding Dedza. Numerous natural shelters house ancient rock paintings which constitute the densest cluster of

rock art found in central Africa. They reflect the comparatively scarce tradition of farmer rock art as well as paintings by BaTwa hunter-gatherers who inhabited the area from the late Stone Age. The symbols in the rock art, which are strongly associated with women, still have cultural relevance amongst the Chewa, and the sites are actively associated with ceremonies. The area has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (Accommodation: Dedza Pottery Lodge)

**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 roads. Senga Bay has a range of hotels from the truly 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)

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

**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)



## Ngala Beach Lodge: Dwangwa



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Ngala Beach Lodge offers luxury accommodation, healthy home cooking and friendly personal service with awe-inspiring views of both the lake and Viphya Mountains. The lodge offers a view of both sunrise and sunset over the water.

The spacious, individually decorated rooms will ensure comfort and privacy. The accommodation comprises: 2 x Deluxe A-Frames with private veranda in private garden overlooking the beach. 1 x Deluxe A-Frame Family room with 2 bedrooms, lounge area and private veranda overlooking the beach. 6 x Executive rooms and 2 x Executive Family rooms with private verandas overlooking manicured gardens and our infinity pool to the lake beyond.

The main lodge consists of a bar, lounge, restaurant and deck area overlooking the lake towards the Viphya Mountains. The infinity pool is adjacent. Nearby is the residents TV lounge and conference facility.

Located on a peninsula on the beach, the Soggy Kwacha Beach Bar is an ideal place to laze away the afternoons in a hammock and watch the sunset or you can take a sunset cruise on our motor boat, "Temba Tumba"

## 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 hour's drive from Lilongwe and less than an hour from the Nkhotakota Lakeshore resorts, Bua River Lodge offers high-quality, tented accommodation at moderate prices. WE offer six accommodation units consisting of purpose made canvas safari tents, shaded by thatched roofs and forest trees, each with a view of the river.

Bua River Lodge has earned an excellent reputation for the comfort of the accommodation, the tranquillity of the location, the quality of our food and, above all, the high standard and friendliness of the service. The lodge itself, built right on the banks of the Bua River, has been described as unique in Malawi. Constructed on four levels, entirely of timber and thatch, it has open-air and covered dining areas, reading and relaxation areas and an upper viewing deck.

Accommodation comprises two luxury Island tents, one twin-bedded, one with a queen size bed, each with broad decks to the front overlooking pools in the river (see photo); two Riverside tents, one double one twin; and two Hillside tents, also a double and a twin. All accommodation has spacious, open-air, en-suite facilities.

The camp site is serviced with hot showers and flushing toilets, a shaded deck, barbecue, kitchen and laundry area. Comfortable, economy accommodation is available for backpackers.

## Tongole Wilderness Lodge: Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve



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The stunning Tongole Wilderness Lodge lies deep within the rugged and breathtakingly beautiful miombo woodland of the Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve. It is already being described as one of Africa's most beautiful lodges.

A mere 30 km west of Lake Malawi on the forest-clad banks of the Bua River and now only a 28 minute flight direct from Lilongwe airport, Tongole is for those who seek an exceptional wilderness experience in one of Africa's last truly unspoilt wildlife areas.

The Lodge blends perfectly with its lovely natural setting. It has just 4 luxurious, riverside suites, each with huge sunken bath, and spectacular raised wooden decks overlooking the river. The lodge also offers exceptional hospitality standards, fine cuisine and excellent guiding. The site also benefits from camping space and facilities for those who would prefer to sleep out under the stars.

Run with clear responsible principals, to respect and benefit local communities and to conserve the rich diversity of flora and fauna. The Reserve is classified as an Important Bird Area (IBA).

Tongole offers a wealth of nature along with never-before-seen landscapes. It is a true, undiscovered gem.



## Nkhotakota Lodges: Nkhotakota



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Nkhotakota Lodges, 12kms South of Nkhotakota Town, on the shores of Lake Malawi, combines Nkhotakota Safari Lodge and Nkhotakota Pottery Lodge. 400 meters apart the lodges have their own sandy beaches, fully serviced campsites, and are under the same management, as Dedza Pottery Lodge (P. 31) and Ulisa Bay Lodge on Likoma Island P. 21).

There are Standard, Superior and Deluxe rooms. NSL has some of the most luxurious chalets on the lakeshore, plus a lakeside bar and restaurant with satellite TV. NPL, with 200m of safe beach, is popular with families who spend time potting under expert guidance at the training workshop. NPL has a quiet shade on the beach for diners and no TVs or music systems. Both lodges have mains electricity with back-up generators and all rooms are ensuite with mini bars. Guests staying at either lodge have access to all the facilities at both lodges.

The lodges run walking safaris in Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve, noted for its elephant population, tours to historical sites related to David Livingstone, visits to a cultural village and trips to see local potters at work. NPL runs specialist 2 & 3 week Potting Holidays.

## 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 Lilongwe International Airport and the capital city. This exclusive hotel stands on the one kilometre long, broad private sands known as the Grand Beach.

It is one of the best known hotels in the whole of Malawi, set in immaculately kept gardens of bougainvillea and scented frangipani. The hotel's stunningly beautiful setting gives direct access to the beach.

The buildings retain much of their original 'colonial' charm with the addition of rondavels. There is a total of 29 en suite rooms plus three family units. Rooms are furnished and decorated in local materials and have television and tea and coffee making facilities. Fish from the lake, including the famous chambo, are available in the restaurant, set high above the gardens and overlooking the lake, or on the lakeside terrace.

There's a swimming pool, tennis court and a comprehensive range of watersports 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.

## Barefoot Safari Lodge: Lilongwe



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Barefoot Safari Lodge offers the ideal starting point for a safari. Just 6 miles/10 km out of Lilongwe, well-signposted to the left of the M12 towards the Zambian border and 1 mile/1.8 km from the main road, is a safe and peaceful site, although close to the city.

Set in acres of lush landscaped gardens are five walk-in tents and plenty of space for guests to pitch their own tents. There's also accommodation for overland safari vehicles. The tents are under thatched shelters; three with double beds and two with a single bed each. Linen and other necessities are provided. The ablutions have hot and cold water as well as electricity.

New additions to the camp are five luxury self-contained chalets. All are tastefully furnished in African décor, with tea and coffee making facilities and their own private patio and parking. The newly fully refurbished, fully equipped dining area, the Night Jar, and bar now offer home cooking and drinks -the perfect place to unwind after a strenuous day. It can also cater for conferences/workshops, private dinners and cocktail parties. There's a pool to relax after a safari or take a refreshing plunge on a hot day. The lodge and gardens is wonderful for walks, jogging, bird watching and nature appreciation. Other services offered include: airport transfers, business center, car hire and town tours, plus general advice and support while in Malawi.

Guests arriving in their own vehicles have the service of a workshop and a mechanic. The lodge also provides 24-hour security. For Bare foot's tours and safaris see page 43.



## Latitude 13°: Lilongwe



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Latitude 13° is an exclusive Boutique hotel, located in Lilongwe's ambassadorial area, just a few minutes drive away from the city centre and 25 minutes from the airport.

Once the home of a dignitary, Latitude 13° now boasts 9 luxury suites, 3 in the main house and 6 in the gardens. All have superior comforts including, complimentary Wi-Fi, King-size bed, 42" Flat screen LED TV, rain showers, lounge area and climate control. Each unique House Suite has up to fifty square metres of space, whilst the six identical Garden suites with private terraces, measure a surprising ninety square metres.

Dining in the Latitude Restaurant completes the indulgence of staying here. Bistro style food and outstanding wines are served for lunch and dinner in the main restaurant, a private dining room or on the terrace by the swimming pool. Drinks may be enjoyed before, in the friendly bar or lounge.

Facilities for the business guest include a private meeting room, access to PC/Fax/Scanning, concierge/travel service and the reassurance of 24 hour security. Optional Meet and Greet assistance on arrival at Lilongwe and chauffeured car hire for any duration can be arranged.

The impeccable personal service at Latitude 13° ensures every guest feels like a dignitary.

## 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 is an ideal base for a sightseeing tour of the capital city, for short stop-over before or after an inter-continental flight. Heuglin's Lodge also provides a relaxing interlude before or after a safari, as a waiting point for transfer guests and the lodge is also suitable for short-stay and business guests.

The guesthouse has eight spacious and tastefully furnished bedrooms; five are en-suite and three share bathroom facilities. Heuglin's Lodge is fully catered and provides high quality dining. There is 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, 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 and 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 15 years in the tourism and hospitality industry have made the AFRICA HOUSE MALAWI a true destination with a difference.



## Kumbali Country Lodge: Lilongwe



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Kumbali Country Lodge, is a boutique lodge situated on a 650ha estate neighbouring the State House, Area 44 and 25 minutes from Kumuzu International Airport. There are 16 thatched chalets with spacious and uniquely designed rooms, en suite with private balconies, internet, TV, tea and coffee facilities.

The stunning double storey restaurant offers an excellent cuisine complemented by farm fresh vegetables and dairy produce. Upstairs, The Silver Spoon Restaurant, fine dining with crystal and silver may be arranged for special occasions. Our conference centre caters for conferences/workshops, private dinners and cocktail parties.

Wonderful walks, jogging, bird watching may be enjoyed on the naturally forested estate. The working farm focuses on crops and dairy with an emphasis on community development together with Nature's Gift Permaculture Centre and our kindergarten school. Yoghurt and soft cheeses are also produced. The Kumbali Cultural Village displays traditional arts including dance, music and crafts. Experience staying in a traditional hut and taste Malawian cuisine.

Owners Guy and Maureen Pickering, 23 years in Malawi can offer you general advice, support and a home base. Airport transport, transport, town tours and car hire are available. Our staff offer a friendly and caring service. Kumbali.....love where you stay!

## Crossroads Hotel: Lilongwe



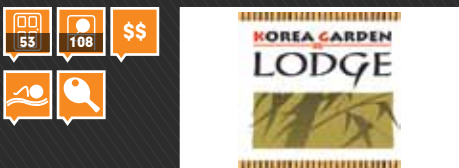
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Location is everything. Crossroads Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Lilongwe's CBD, this hotel is 25 minutes from Kamuzu International Airport, offering convenience and easy access to the city's finest amenities and 124KMs North – East of Lake Malawi. Linked to the Crossroads Shopping Complex, this hotel combines business services, contemporary dining and state of the art conference facilities, appealing to both leisure and business travellers.

Elegant and luxurious, the Crossroads Hotel offers guests a distinguished and memorable stay. Crossroads Hotel's reputation is enhanced by great staff, personalised service, including a luxurious spa, and beautifully appointed dining venues. The accommodation offers comfortable, elegant and spacious rooms emphasised by the warmth of fine living.

Professional, fully-serviced meeting rooms are available for the convenience of those travelling for business, while the banqueting and conferencing facilities meet all event needs from exhibitions and weddings to conferences and banquets.

## Korea Garden Lodge: Lilongwe



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Korea Garden Lodge is in a quiet area of Old Town Lilongwe, close to the golf club yet only a short walk to the centre of town. The journey from Lilongwe's International Airport takes about twenty-five minutes.

The Lodge's setting is in beautiful gardens of about three acres and the accommodation is all on the ground floor allowing very easy access. A swimming pool is located in the Lodge's grounds. The Lodge's fifty-three rooms offer a remarkable range of accommodation from standard to luxury suites with en suite bathrooms. There are also self catering apartments.

Korea Garden aims to offer great value for money with a wide variety of services for guests ranging from free Wi-Fi internet access to room service and laundry. The hotel has its own shuttle bus for airport transfers. The attractive room rates are generally inclusive of a full English breakfast.

The restaurant includes special Korean dishes in its menu and there are also a dozen or more restaurants nearby. There is secure parking.

The reception desk is open 24 hours a day. The Lodge can provide facilities for conferences up to sixty delegates.



## 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 fourteen 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 and wireless internet access is provided.

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.

## Dzalanyama Forest Lodge: Dzalanyama Forest Reserve



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Dzalanyama Forest Lodge is set in the heart of the Dzalanyama Forest Reserve. The forest, largely brachystegia, covers the steep-sided mountain range, which forms the border with Mozambique. The lodge is just over an hour's drive from Lilongwe.

The timber house was transported from its original site by Lake Malawi and reconstructed in the forest. It is a simple but very comfortable guesthouse, with a large viewing deck in the front of the house, a cozy lounge with wood burning fire place, dining area, three twin-bedded and one double room, each with hot water washbasin, a shared bathroom and a separate toilet.

The lodge is self-catering and the resident cook prepares all your meals. Visitors traveling with Land & Lake Safaris (P. 43) - the managers of Dzalanyama - are fully catered for.

Dzalanyama is justly famous for its quite extraordinary range of birdlife. If ever a location deserved the description of a birdwatcher's paradise, this is it. Other wildlife includes leopard, hyena, various species of antelope and baboon. This is a charming and peaceful place to get back to nature.





## Dedza Pottery Lodge: Dedza



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For 25 years, Dedza has been noted for its famous pottery; the largest hand crafted pottery in southern Africa. Dedza Pottery Lodge has six attractively furnished en suite rooms with minibars & kitchenettes. It is set in the pottery gardens next to the award winning restaurant and with stunning views of the Dedza landscape. Both the lodge and restaurant have wheelchair access. The pottery is experienced in making special orders and insured shipment to anywhere in the world can be arranged. The Lodge has its own guides; the most popular tour is to the nearby ancient cave paintings, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are also walks on Dedza Mountain (2,160m), a tour of Dedza Town, and a visit to a cultural village. By arrangement local masked dancers will perform at the lodge in the evening.

An hour's drive away is the famous Mua Mission Cultural Museum.

Dedza Pottery Lodge is run by Nyasa Lodges, which also run Nkhotakota Lodges (P 27) and Ulisa Bay Lodge on Likoma Island (P 21). The company offers tours to Likoma Island, specialist 2 & 3 week Potting Holidays at Nkhotakota Pottery, and bespoke tours to any part of Malawi.





# South Malawi

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 which is the starting point for the Ilala lake ferry. 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; Danforth Yachting; Cape Mac Lodge; Chembe Eagles Nest; Mumbo Island Camp; Domwe Island Camp)

**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)

**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. There are lions and leopards and black rhino have been re-introduced. Birdlife is exceptionally varied. (Accommodation: Mvu Lodge; Mvu 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 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 driveable 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)

**Blantyre and Limbe** are now a contiguous conurbation - 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. The centre of Blantyre 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; 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: Game Haven)

**Mount Mulanje**, east of Thyolo, is Central Africa's highest peak. This magnificent mountain is a large mass 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: through InfoMulanje)

**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 reserve 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 the introduction of leopards in 2011 and lions are due for late 2012. 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: Mkulumadzi, 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. (Accommodation: Nyala Lodge)

**Mwabvi Wildlife Reserve** is being developed as a community based conservation project, providing accommodation and programmes for tourists. Nearby, Elephant Marsh, once the home of thousands of elephants, is now best known for its birdlife.



## Mumbo Island Camp: Cape Maclear / Lake Malawi National Park



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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 snorkeling. 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: Cape Maclear / Lake Malawi National Park



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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.

## Chembe Eagles Nest: Cape Maclear / Lake Malawi National Park



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Neither travel guide, nor picture can prepare you for the splendour waiting as you enter the gates of Chembe Eagles Nest or step afoot their unspoilt beach. Greeted by friendly Malawian personnel you will at once feel welcome and comforted!

Tucked away in a lush setting of African hills, bush and idyllic garden, Chembe Eagles Nest is the only lodge in Cape Maclear with a private beach. The infrastructure allows for 6 double- and 5 twin en-suite chalets – all facing Lake Malawi, a fully serviced restaurant, bar and TV/Reading room. If you are more inclined to outdoor living, the adjoining campsite with spectacular views of the hills and lake will suit you best. Campers have their own wash-up area, BBQ/Braai facilities and beautifully pristine ablutions with ample privacy from the rest of the lodge.

So take a moment and imagine kicking back after a day of snorkelling and exploring aboard catamaran, Mama Afrika, watching the magnitude of colours as the sun sets and life quiets down - the cry of fish eagles as they soar over and the emergence of otters as they feast on nearby rocks, providing a true lakeside feeling.



## Cape Mac Lodge: Cape Maclear / Lake Malawi National Park



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Cape Mac Lodge is sited in the Lake Malawi National Park on the shore of Cape Maclear. This impressive new lodge brings a flavour of France to the lakeside. Set in its own private gardens, complete with plunge pool, the lodge offers a high standard of accommodation in its architect-designed thatched buildings. There is a total of twelve well-equipped rooms including two family rooms, for two adults and two children, and another which sleeps three guests; all are en suite and each has a patio. Rooms have safes and air conditioning. The stunning views are towards the lake's islands.

The attractive restaurant offers a touch of French cuisine with a choice of dishes and fresh fish from the lake often on the menu. A spacious bar is open to guests. In the rooms there are facilities for making tea and coffee.

In addition to lake activities (including Hobie-cat sailing), table tennis and volley ball are available and a jacuzzi is installed. The bar has satellite TV. This part of Lake Malawi has long been considered one of the most popular locations and Cape Mac Lodge now takes its place among the leading attractions.

## Danforth Yachting: Cape Maclear / Lake Malawi National Park



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Danforth Yachting is an owner run lakeside lodge and yacht charter operation at Cape Maclear on the shores of Lake Malawi. Bordering the Lake Malawi National Park, surrounded by islands, this is one of the most beautiful locations on the Lake.

Superb cuisine, a wide variety of water sports and activities, guest's comfort and attention to detail make the Danforth experience so special.

The lodge sleeps 18 guests in 8 rooms sharing. Rooms are all en-suite, lake facing, with a fresh nautical beach theme. Rooms are air-conditioned and have ceiling fans, plus all the comfort a guest could want. The lodge is set in manicured gardens right on the beach with a sparkling infinity swimming pool overlooking the islands. Full tuition is given for water sports. Danforth is a PADI scuba diving resort.

The yacht Mufasa is a 38 foot catamaran, available for yacht charters to the far corners of Lake Malawi. Mufasa is the only live-aboard yacht on Lake Malawi. Danforth offers a selection of well-planned itineraries, taking in the most scenic places along the remote shores of Lake Malawi.

## Pumulani, Robin Pope Safaris: Cape Maclear / Lake Malawi National Park



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Pumulani is situated on the westside 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 and swimming pool on the upper terrace this is a perfect place simply to relax. For the more active, a wide range of watersport 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: Monkey Bay



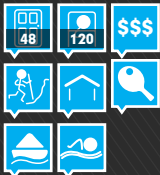
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Awaken to the call of the African Fish Eagle for another glorious day at the charming Norman Carr Cottage situated alongside the sandy beaches on the southern shores of Lake Malawi – Once home to the legend Norman Carr, who was famed for his walking 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". 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!

## The Makokola Retreat: Mangochi Lakeshore



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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 waterskiing 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.

## Sunbird Nkopola Lodge: Mangochi Lakeshore



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Sunbird Nkopola Lodge is on the southern shore of the beautiful Lake Malawi, north of Mangochi. This well-known and long established resort enjoys a long, palm lined, sandy beach and is an excellent choice as somewhere to unwind and to enjoy the lake and all its offerings.

Accommodation is in 55 air-conditioned en suite rooms equipped with satellite TV. There's a variety of room types including chalets, rondavels and family rooms. There's a small camping site, one kilometre from the lodge. A la Carte meals are taken in the Beachside Restaurant with the occasional buffet dinner on the beach. There are two bars, one alongside the pool and another on the beach.

There's a swimming pool and a remarkable range of leisure activities: squash, beach volleyball, soccer, darts and a variety of water sports. Visits can be arranged to nearby attractions such as Liwonde National Park, Zomba Plateau and bird islands in the lake. A small business centre and conference facilities are available.

Sunbird Nkopola Lodge's location, facilities and reputation make it popular with international visitors intent on experiencing the best of Malawi's premier attraction: Lake Malawi.



## Mvuu Lodge: Liwonde National Park



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Mvuu Lodge overlooks a tranquil lagoon just off the Shire River with the main lounge area set high above the water in an area of captivating variety and beauty.

Mvuu means "hippo" in Tonga and the name epitomises the large numbers of pods of these water-loving mammals that float in the river. In this lush and fertile area, an excellent diversity of animals can be seen.

Accommodation comprises eight tents, one of which is a romantic honeymoon suite. Each tent has en-suite bathroom facilities and its own deck built to overlook the water's edge. Lodge facilities include a dining room, lounge area and a swimming pool.

The new star beds are located 4kms north of the lodge and overlook the floodplains, providing excellent views and a memorable night under the stars.

Key activities at Mvuu lodge include boat safaris, guided walks, birding, and traditional game drives by day and night. Additional activities include the "rhino tracking experience", a visit to Njobvu Cultural Village Lodge and Nanthomba School.

## Mvuu Camp: Liwonde National Park



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Mvuu Camp has a spectacular vantage on the banks of the Shire River in Liwonde National Park. Liwonde covers 548 km<sup>2</sup> and is considered to be the most prolific wildlife area in Malawi. The park harbours over 400 species of bird, a dense population of hippo, crocodiles, large numbers of elephant and a variety of antelope species.

The camp, comprising 12 units as well as a nearby campsite, is a mix of spacious stone and canvas chalets and specially designed family tents.

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 functions 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 new "rhino tracking experience" and trips to Njobvu Cultural Village Lodge and Nanthomba School are also popular.

## Sunbird Ku Chawe: Zomba Plateau



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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 bio-diversity 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 another world.



## Protea Hotel Ryalls: Blantyre



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Situated in the Blantyre CBD and set in its own beautiful gardens, Protea Hotel Ryalls is only 20 minutes from Chileka Airport making it an ideal venue for the discerning business or leisure traveler. The hotel has 121 deluxe en-suite, air-conditioned bedrooms offering 100MB free wifi internet access daily, satellite TV, free 48 movie library, electronic room safes and door locks among other facilities.

The hotel also has two restaurants; the 21 Grill on Hannover is an exclusive grill house that serves a vast à la carte menu from Monday to Saturday whilst the Ryalls Restaurant is open daily serving buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Both restaurants have a separate bar attached to them.

Conferencing and banqueting facilities and services are available for up to 200 delegates in 6 venues with modern equipment. A business centre, HRG Rennie's Travel Agency, Wilderness Safaris Tour Operator and Eden Day Spa are on site to provide added value during the guest stay. Other services and facilities at the hotel include free secure open parking, laundry service, 24 hour room service, babysitting services, foreign exchange services, an antique furniture shop and a hotel shuttle service at a nominal charge.

## Fisherman's Rest: Blantyre/Shire Valley



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Fisherman's Rest is surrounded by magnificent views over the Great Rift Valley and Shire River. The accommodation available ranges from lodge and chalets, to bush camp hides and camping. All residences are set in our nature reserve, inhabited by antelope and 50 acres of rare indigenous woodland. The nature reserve and tea shop are open to residents and day visitors. Its tranquil atmosphere offers a wonderfully peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of life.

From Fisherman's Rest there are wild walks and exciting cycle routes as well as a beautiful swimming pool for a more relaxed afternoon. Our guests can experience Malawi from Fisherman's Rest either alongside a camp fire listening to local musicians under the African stars or at Tilitonse Community Centre to get involved in a variety of projects in the community.

Fisherman's Rest is exceptionally well located for visitors wishing to do business in Blantyre and yet spend some time exploring the parks for the Big Five and sights of the Lower Shire Valley. Fisherman's Rest is a unique venue for workshops, conferences and board meetings.

## Majete Wildlife Reserve - Community Campsite: Majete Wildlife Reserve



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The Community Campsite is run by the local community for whom this is a welcome income-generating enterprise.

A stay at the Majete Community Campsite is a wonderful way to view game and contribute to the local economy. The Community Campsite enables visitors to take part in a variety of game viewing activities while using the camping facilities situated just inside the Reserve. There are shady areas to park a vehicle and to pitch a tent or you can sleep on a deck in one of the shelter under the brilliant stars of an African night.

The camp is solar powered, there is drinking water and ablution blocks providing hot and cold running water. There's a thatched communal bar stocked with cold drinks and a dining area and braai facilities; food including breakfast is available at the Day Centre restaurant.

The re-stocking of Majete Wildlife Reserve and the Reserve's proximity to Blantyre (just an hour's drive away) has made this a very attractive option for those wishing to see a splendid variety of game.



## Mkulumadzi: Majete Wildlife Reserve



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. Activities range from swimming in the pool and dining under the stars, to river cruises, game-drives and walking safaris.

There is an abundance of wildlife including rare black rhino, elephant, buffalo, Nyala, sable, eland and Lichtenstein's hartebeest. 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.



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## Majete Wildlife Reserve - Thawale Lodge: Majete Wildlife Reserve



Thawale Lodge is African Park's very own tourism operation and places emphasis on responsible tourism with 100% of its revenue going back into conserving and protecting Majete Wildlife Reserve.

Situated within Majete around a beautiful flood lit water hole that attracts a variety of wildlife including elephants, impala, wart-hog, sable and buffalo.

Thawale Lodge is a peaceful haven from which to discover Majete. Completely unfenced and open to the wild, Thawale Lodge offers a total of six double and twin tented chalets, all en-suite and each with their own private veranda overlooking the water hole. A more luxurious chalet is available with its very own open air bathroom built among the rocks with a shower and sunken bath offering brilliant views of the water hole.

Fresh and modern meals are served in the beautiful thatched bamboo restaurant and bar with a birding veranda that attracts many exquisite birds.

Dinner can be combined with an 'under the stars boma night' with a braai (barbeque) and fire.



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## Game Haven Lodge: Blantyre/Thyolo



Game Haven Lodge is an enclosed game sanctuary comprising of 220 hectares of exquisite, undulating indigenous forest and grassland. Situated only 22kms from Malawi's commercial capital Blantyre.

Located in a colonial town, it provides all the requirements of a world-class holiday destination. All visitors can enjoy quiet and safe surroundings at Game Haven. We have 5 luxurious ensuite cottages complete with lounge and private veranda that access a beautiful 18 meter swimming pool with cascading waterfall. Currently under construction are 20 executive rooms.

The restaurant complex has a breathtaking view overlooking the golf course. The lodge boasts a restaurant that is renowned for its international standard of services and local cuisine. There is a private lounge, a Victorian style bar and a fully carpeted private conference hall that can accommodate up to 40 guests.

Recently constructed our 9-hole golf course, designed by Matkovich & Hayes, adds to the list of many activities available. Lake Bvumbwe, a recreational dam where you will be able to relax, swim, fish and see the birdlife and game.

At Game Haven you can see different species of birds and larger animals such as giraffe, sables, eland, roan, kudu, zebras, wildebeest, waterbucks, amongst others.



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## Info Mulanje: Mulanje



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InfoMulanje is a one-stop information and booking office for all things Mount Mulanje. This massif covers an area of 250 sq miles/650 sq km, largely comprising a plateau of rolling grassland averaging around 6500 ft/2000 m in altitude. This plateau is incised by thickly wooded ravines, while rising above it are 20 peaks that reach to over 8200 ft/2500 m. One of these, Sapitwa, at 9850 ft/3002 m is the highest point in Central Africa. No visit to Malawi should omit this fantastic natural feature.

InfoMulanje provide all visitor services on and around Mulanje. They make bookings for all accommodation around Mount Mulanje and arrange Department of Forestry and CCAP hut bookings on the mountain. They also organise guides and porters and give trail advice for for walks and treks up the mountain.

InfoMulanje assist with day trips to other interesting sights around the base of Mount Mulanje, and even make bookings at local restaurants. They can organize tours to one of the nearby tea estates, giving more insight into the tea making process, including a factory visit!

InfoMulanje is located in Mulanje Chitakale and is an initiative of the Mount Mulanje Conservation Trust.

## Nyala Lodge: Lengwe National Park



**Nyala Lodge**  
Lengwe National Park - Malawi



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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. Five 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.



# Fisherman's Rest

Accommodation, tours & projects

## Fulfil a Dream, Visit Malawi

We offer personalised tours. Safaris, hiking, cycling and walking through villages into the Shire Valley and excursions to Malawian beauty spots. Spend some time with us and connect with communities.

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At the end of the day, relax at Fisherman's Rest around a fire with friends, under the African stars.

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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 possible. 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. Travel by air is often a very attractive option when one sets the cost against the time saved.

Getting your itinerary organised may mean using a tour operator/agent in your home country or using 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 border into one of Malawi's neighbouring countries. Most offer such a wide range of itineraries that your visit is effectively tailor-made. Many visitors to Malawi simply plan their own journey and then ask one of the companies described in the following pages to put it together for them.

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.

### Wilderness Safaris Malawi: Lilongwe & Blantyre



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Wilderness Safaris Malawi is part of the well-known Wilderness Safaris Group with operations across southern Africa. The company is focused on a goal of creating sustainable conservation economies. Their lodges in wilderness areas all pay concession fees to the government. Wilderness Safaris addresses the 4C's in all areas of our operation (the belief that Commerce, Conservation, Culture and Community are all equally important to our business). Children in the Wilderness is one of the programmes we run as part of our effort to address the 4C's in Malawi.

In Malawi, Wilderness Safaris has built up a unique portfolio of services to handle all travel requirements. The Company runs Mvuu Lodge & Camp (P. 34-35), Chinthche Inn (P. 20), Heuglin's Lodge (P. 26) and Chelinda Lodge and Camp (P. 18) and reservations for Mumbo Island Camp (P. 32). From offices in Lilongwe and Blantyre, Wilderness provide the complete range of travel services throughout Malawi and beyond.

Whatever the needs of visitors to Malawi, a simple airport transfer and accommodation in Lilongwe, or two to three weeks touring throughout Malawi and to Zambia's south Luangwa National Park, Wilderness will take care of all the arrangements and provide a trouble-free, first-class service.

Wilderness, Malawi, are noted for their high standards and reliability. They will take the hassle out of your visit and provide a memorable experience.

### Jambo Africa: Blantyre & Lilongwe



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Jambo Africa is a tour company conveniently based at 20 Glyn Jones Road in Blantyre city (next to SS Rent A Car and opposite First Merchant Bank). 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 official booking agent for the Conforzi Cottage in Mangochi and shortly also for the Beach House.

Jambo Africa Ltd is the owner of Nyala Lodge in Lengwe National Park.



## Land & Lake Safaris: Lilongwe



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Land & Lake Safaris [est. 1986] with a main office in Old Town, Lilongwe, organise scheduled and private tours and safaris throughout Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. In addition to guided safaris, Land & Lake offers self drive or fully kitted safari drive services in the region.

Whether it be hiking on Mt Mulanje, sailing or diving in Lake Malawi, game viewing in one of Malawi's parks or the world famous South Luangwa, visiting the Victoria Falls, a cycling or an art safari, you'll find that Land & Lake do it.

They also design tours to satisfy your dreams, budget and timeframe. With nearly a quarter of a century of operating in Malawi, Land & Lake are the regions "Specialist Tour Operator" offering a personal and professional service.

They realized that your guide is paramount to the enjoyment of your holiday and as such, employ, on a permanent basis the best guides in the country. The busy Land and Lake office provides hotel and lodge bookings, car hire, transfers and they co-ordinate a number of volunteer and charity groups and services. Land & Lake's Zambia interests are centered around Thornicroft Lodge in Luangwa Valley and they have built up a deserved reputation as the best operator to undertake explorations to even the remotest areas in Zambia.

## Kiboko Safaris: Lilongwe



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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 14 years it is established as one of Malawi's biggest operators and a trendsetting tourism enterprise. In Zambia, Kiboko has its own idyllic permanent tented, eco-friendly safari camp overlooking the Luangwa river and alongside a fascinating 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 camping safaris. In 2007 Kiboko introduced luxury safari packages, popular affordable fly-in safaris to South Luangwa, Likoma Island and Mozambique.

"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.

## Barefoot Safaris: Lilongwe



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Welcome to Barefoot Safaris! We are a travel company founded on passion: a passion for people, a passion for wildlife and a passion for the magnificent landscapes of Africa. Dynamic and professional service, combined with our passion for Africa and its diversity culminates in the interesting content of our itineraries and distinguishes Barefoot Safaris. Our product are backed up by first-hand knowledge of destinations, accommodation and service providers.

We are a one-stop solution for all your needs and the destination of choice for both East Africa and Southern Africa. Even in the twenty-first century, exploration is still possible. Barefoot Safaris have redefined it as adventure travel with a mission: to share their knowledge and love of Africa by re-exploring its unmapped regions. Our guests have the opportunity to feel, touch and smell the real Africa. We are based in Malawi's capital, Lilongwe and have an office in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Barefoot Safaris is also registered in Zambia and South Africa. We cater for the discerning traveler as well as for the hard-core adventurer.



## Malawian Style: Lilongwe



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Malawian Style is a new venture launched in July 2010. Specialising in comfortable but affordable small group tours (max 8 people) in Malawi, Malawian Style combine quality game reserves (Liwonde and Luangwa), the stunning Lake Malawi and the magical Zomba and Mulanje Mountains.

Every client is valued individually and benefits from the company's specialism in small group tours accommodated in unique privately owned cottages and quality game reserves. The company offers tours that are great fun and great value for money to young professionals with the aim of making great friends along the way.

Malawian Style has a target market of 18-35 year olds, as some of their mountain climbing and sports do require certain fitness levels. However, families and others who are up for the challenge can be willingly accommodated and tours adapted.

Malawian Style are positioned somewhere between backpacking and luxury, and therefore offer comfortable transportation, comfortable accommodation and good wholesome food. Drinks are reasonably priced and run on an honesty system.

Malawian Style is small and unique and aims to offer a more personal holiday in the warm heart of Africa.

## The Responsible Safari Company: Blantyre



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The Responsible Safari Co. is a specialist Tour Operator and Destination Management company based in Malawi, offering highly personalised travel services throughout Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania & Zimbabwe.

**RSC Travel** provides personalised travel itineraries for Independent Travellers, professional ground handling services for Corporate and Development Groups and itinerary planning and logistical support for School and Educational Groups.

**Explore Malawi** offers direct online accommodation, transport and tour bookings throughout Malawi. Please visit us on [www.explore-malawi.com](http://www.explore-malawi.com)

**The RSC Commitment:** RSC is committed to ensuring the benefits of tourism reach local communities. 1.5% of each booking and 5% of RSC income is donated to community projects within Malawi.

## The Travel Centre: Blantyre



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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.



## Fisherman's Rest Tours and Projects: Blantyre



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Fisherman's Rest is the perfect place to start a holiday in Malawi. We tailor make individual and group holidays with experience and care.

Over the last twenty years Fisherman's Rest has worked in Malawi, introducing visitors and guests to villages, schools, churches, prisons, hospitals and clinics. Visitors are introduced to the African culture, its people and the Chichewa language through involvement with the community, events and projects. A unique opportunity is offered to add depth, meaning and understanding to holidays in Malawi.

At Fisherman's Rest we complete the African experience by offering camping in the bush, safaris in wildlife parks and relaxing in the luxury of Lake Malawi to create the perfect getaway.

Fisherman's Rest welcomes people to Malawi; barbeque with friends, listen to local musicians under the African stars, in an unforgettable holiday of a lifetime.

## Budget Safaris: Nkhata Bay



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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 Safaris 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.

## Kayak Africa: Cape Maclear / Cape Town



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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.



## SS Rent A Car: Blantyre / Lilongwe



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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.

## Sputnik Car Hire: Lilongwe



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Sputnik Car Hire is an internationally focussed car hire company with its Malawi operations based in Lilongwe at Sunbird Capital Hotel and with a branch Located in Kassam House, Off Paul Kagame Road, Lilongwe.

Sputnik is one of Malawi's premier car hire companies, noted for its reliability and genuine commitment to customer service.

Sputnik has a range of well-maintained vehicles for hire, either self-drive or chauffeur driven. Although based in Lilongwe, vehicles can be provided throughout the country. Vehicles range from small saloons to large pick-up trucks and include a wide choice of 4x4s. For small groups there are minibuses of different sizes and there will hardly be any circumstance for which a specialist vehicle cannot be arranged for customers.

Self-drive is an attractive option in Malawi, particularly as the road standards are improving significantly. However, for those preferring a chauffeur driven vehicle the additional charge for a driver is a modest one.

## Bush & Lake Aviation: Lilongwe



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Bush & Lake Aviation (BLA) is a charter company offering flights from its Lilongwe base to destinations in Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique.

Their small team consists of dedicated pilots, engineers and management with many years of experience in the aviation business. Safari flights, business flights and private transfers are all offered.

BLA's fleet consists of a 5 seater Cessna 206 Turbo and Piper Cherokee Six 5 seater plus child seat aircraft, maintained to the highest standards by its own engineers and service personnel.

BLA provides an excellent, friendly, reliable and personal service. Complimentary meet and greet services are offered to all clients at Lilongwe & Blantyre airports. The BLA team are flexible and committed to ensure 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). Regional links between Malawi and its near neighbours (including Kenya and South Africa) are provided by Air Malawi and the various national airlines of those countries. Such connections can sometimes be used in conjunction with a European airline flying from Europe to these countries. Malawi-based air charter companies also link Malawi to its immediate 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 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

A full valid passport is required for entry into Malawi. For tourist visits, visas are NOT required by citizens of most Commonwealth countries, the USA, Japan, most of the European Union and certain other countries.

## 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). The kwacha divides into 100 tambala. Practically speaking, only the kwacha is used. Banks in the towns are open weekdays from 0800 to 1300. Mobile banks operate along the lakeshore and in more remote areas (check days/times locally). Travellers Cheques or foreign (hard) currency notes are widely accepted. Avoid black market currency traders. 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, Euro110; US\$140 in any period of twentyfour hours.

## Time

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

## 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.

## 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 although national driving licences will probably be accepted 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 Swift Air provides regular links between the main cities of Blantyre, Lilongwe and Mzuzu. 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. Horse riding safaris are expected to be re-introduced in 2013.

## 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. One hotel has a Spa.

## 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

## Closures

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. In addition, many city centre hotels receive international satellite channels. There are English language radio broadcasts but little of interest to the foreign traveller.

## 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. International courier DHL operates in Malawi.

## 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 14; 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. Muslim festivals may also be celebrated in places.

## Recommended Reading

'Malawi' published by Bradt Travel Guides (5th Edition, 2010) by Philip Briggs. £15.99

'Zambia & Malawi' published by Lonely Planet (1st Edition, 2010). £17.99

## Language Guide

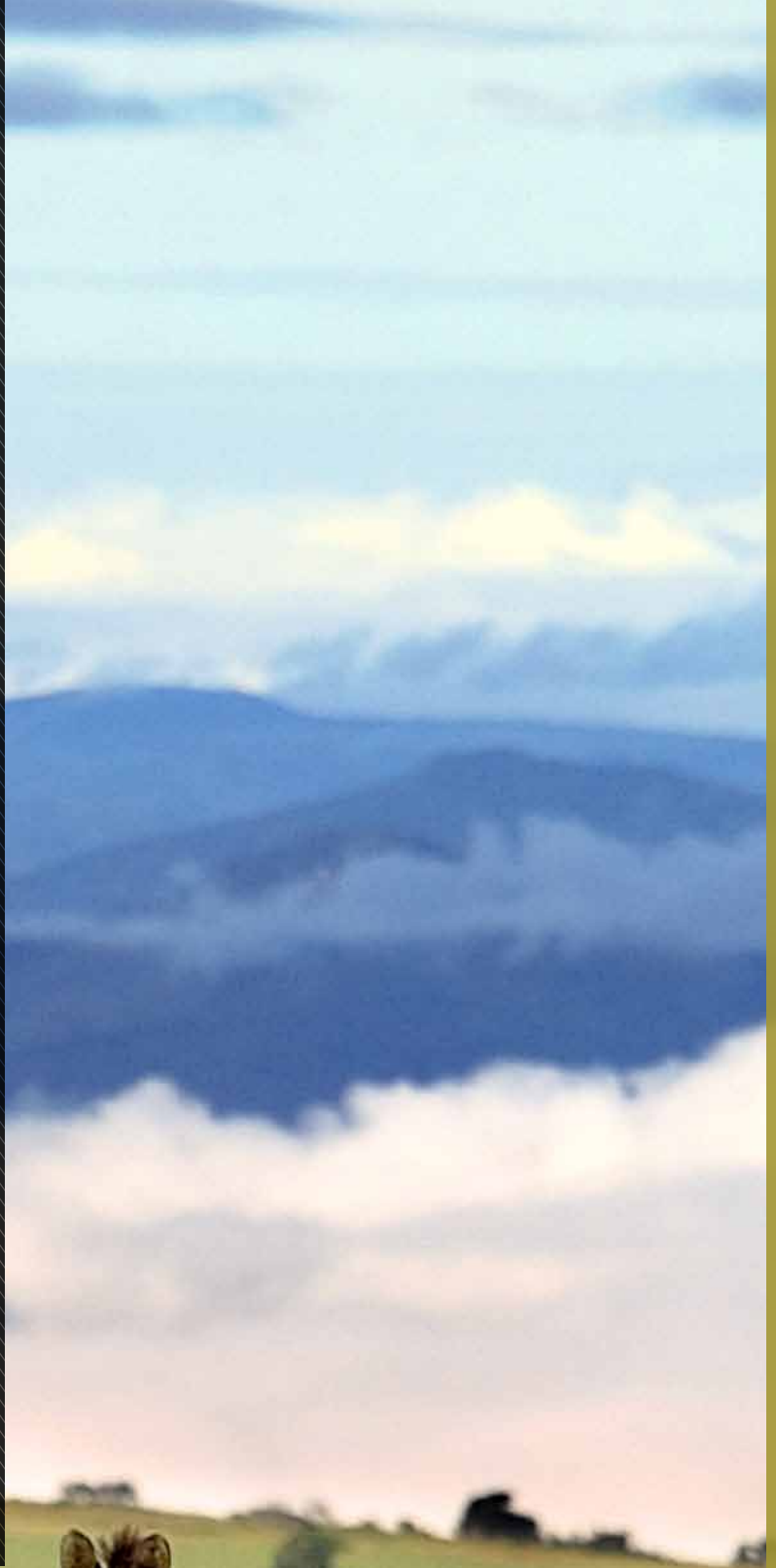
While English is an official language, and is widely understood, a number of indigenous languages are also spoken. The most common is Chewa (or Chichewa - the language of the Chewa).

A Chichewa language course, by Celia Swann, complete with audio disc, can be purchased from the Malawi Travel Marketing Consortium UK Office



# Chichewa Phrases:

<b>Hello</b>	Moni
<b>Goodbye</b>	Tsalani Bwino
<b>How are you?</b>	Muli bwanji?
<b>What is your name?</b>	Dzina lanu ndani?
<b>My name is...</b>	Dzina langa ndi...
<b>I come from...</b>	Ndikuchokera ku...
<b>How old are you?</b> <small>(To child)</small>	Uli ndi zaka zingati?
<b>Excuse me</b>	Zikomo
<b>How much?</b>	Mumagulitsa bwanji?
<b>How much is this?</b>	Bwanji ichi?
<b>Thank you</b>	Zikomo





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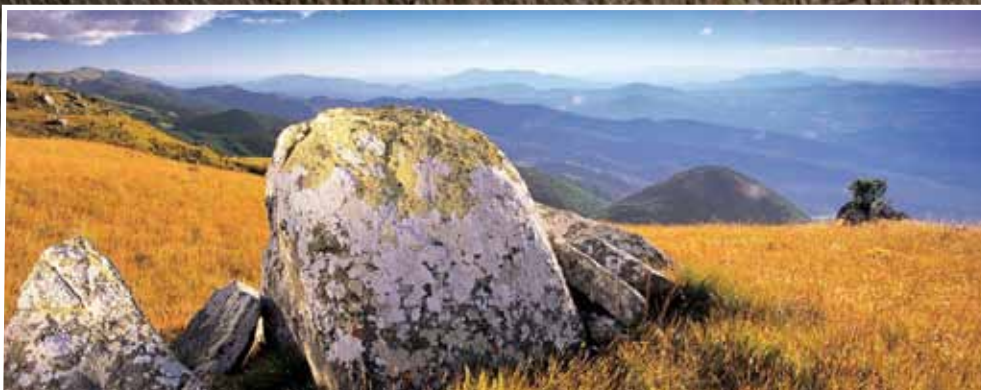


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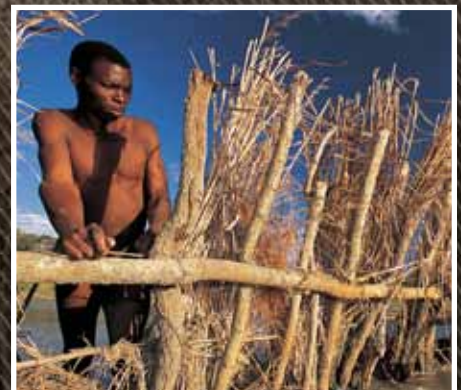
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## Sunbird Mzuzu: Mzuzu (North)



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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. 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.

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.

## Sunbird Capital: Lilongwe (Central)



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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, there's an air of peacefulness about the hotel.

The hotel has 170 rooms on three floors including 7 luxury suites and 4 presidential suites. All rooms are en suite, air conditioned with 24-hour room service. Equipment includes satellite TV and tea and coffee making facilities, international dial telephones, minibars and safes in the very comfortably furnished rooms. Wi-Fi and Hotspots facilities are also available. The hotel has the executive reception on 3rd floor which provides VIP check in and check out, free internet service and a private dining area for continental breakfast and snacks.

Some rooms overlook the bougainvillea planted central courtyard, others the swimming pool or the quiet wooded gardens. The hotel lobby has shops, airline offices, car hire agents and business centre and there is a health club. There is a cocktail bar, a restaurant and a terrace coffee shop serving breakfast and light meals. The hotel is very well equipped as a conference centre, having five rooms with a total capacity of four hundred and a marquee with additional capacity of 1500. As well as the large swimming pool and a children's pool, there is a gymnasium, hair dressing saloon, massage parlour and squash courts. Tours and excursions can be arranged. For the business or leisure visitor, Sunbird Capital has all that is expected of an international hotel.

## Sunbird Lilongwe: Lilongwe (Central)



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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 the Old Town and the City. 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 the bedrooms 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 an 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.

Sunbird Lilongwe is popular both with business and leisure guests. Its central location and welcoming atmosphere have made it a favourite among international visitors. Local tours and excursions can be arranged.



## Sunbird Mount Soche: Blantyre (South)



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The four star Mount Soche has regularly been chosen to host Heads of State visiting Malawi. It occupies a central position in Malawi's commercial capital yet its wooded grounds include an attractive tropical garden and swimming pool with wonderful views towards the Nyambadwe and Soche Mountains.

Accommodation is in 130 en suite rooms including 9 luxury suites. The bedrooms are comfortably furnished and well equipped, including air-conditioning. There are all 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 Picasso Restaurant, Pablo Executive lounge, Casino, the Sportsman's Bar, with live music, and a poolside bar. On the top floor, affording wonderful views, is the famous Michiru restaurant with its intimate cocktail bar. Conference facilities can cater for up to 350 delegates, with rooms of varying sizes.

The Mount Soche makes an excellent base for the business visitor and a very convenient 'home' for the tourist wanting to explore southern Malawi. Two National Parks/Reserves, Lengwe and the newly reopened Majete are a short drive away and tours of the historic town of Blantyre and of Zomba Plateau are arranged.

## Huntingdon House: Thyolo (South)



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Originally the family home built by Maclean Kay in 1928, 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 by guests.

As one of Malawi's first land claims registered in 1874, Satemwa Tea Estate is undoubtedly among the country's most respected and established tea and coffee producers, managed and operated by third generation members of the Cathcart Kay family. Chip, one of Maclean Kay's sons, and his wife Dawn, live on the estate and Huntingdon's guests are invited to step back in time and share some of Chips wonderful memories of his family home, discover the multitude of teas exported from the estate, and hear 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 encouraged to share the colorful history of one of Malawi's oldest homes while being spoiled by our team of professional staff.



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A safari with ULENDU can include adventures to world renowned destinations such as Victoria Falls, walking safaris in the region's finest national parks or unwinding on secluded islands in Mozambique. Drawing on our intimate knowledge of the region's reserves, lodges and long standing relationships with the most respected airline, hotel, lodge and safari operators, ULENDU guests are assured of enjoying the finest African experience secure in the knowledge that they have a professional team coordinating and supporting guests throughout their stay in Malawi, Zambia or Mozambique

## Baobab Travel: Blantyre



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Baobab Travel run a number of tour packages all designed to start from your arrival at Lilongwe airport. All packages are around 13 days long and incorporate some of the best bits of Malawi including Makuzi Beach - giving you time to relax on the shores of Lake Malawi, Cape Maclear and Zomba Plateau.

Tours are designed to give you a wide range of experiences which include Lake Malawi, beautiful landscapes as well as the opportunity to get up and close to some of Malawi's wildlife. Guided by experts and Malawi locals, tourists benefit from first hand knowledge of Malawi. All trips include a return transfer to Lilongwe International Airport.

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## Ulendo Airlink: Lilongwe



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