

# 10 NIGHT MALAWI WILDLIFE AND LAKE

Mkulumadzi 3 nights, Kuthengo Camp 3 nights & Pumulani 4 nights



**Includes:** All transfers by road and air starting in Blantyre and ending in Lilongwe, all accommodation on an all-inclusive basis, all local drinks (except at Mvuu), all activities (except motorized water sports), laundry

Excludes: Gratuities, visa fees where applicable + international flights

Malawi is a landlocked country running down the end of the Great Rift Valley. Dominated by Lake Malawi, the third largest lake in Africa, the surrounding country is exceptionally beautiful with dramatic scenery that includes rocky outcrops, high mountains, plateaus and views across what is considered to be Africa's most beautiful lake.

Malawi is known as the 'Warm Heart of Africa' and as a people the Malawians live up to this name. They are extremely friendly and welcoming. There are many market scenes, roadside stalls, cottage industries that you can comfortably visit.

### DAY ONE

On arrival at Blantyre International Airport you will be met by your guide and transferred by road to Mkulumadzi for three nights. The drive to Mkulumadzi is approximately 2.5 hours through local villages, farmland as well as bush.

The camp is located on the confluence of the Shire and Mkulumadzi River within Majete Wildlife Reserve, 70km South West of Blantyre in Southern Malawi. Majete is Malawi's only Big 5 Reserve and also one of the largest protected areas and covers an area of over 70,000ha. The reserve is located within the Miombo woodland ecoregion and much of the higher lying areas in the west of the park are dominated by Miombo/Brachystegia woodland. Mixed Combretum woodlands and mosaics of riparian forest can be found in the East of Majete.

Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy a lunch looking out over the Shire River or if in the afternoon for tea and the afternoon and night game drive.



### DAYS TWO AND THREE

The luxurious lodge is in a stunning location and activities include game-drives, boating safaris, bush walks, hiking Majete Hill, black rhino tracking, cultural tours, birding trips on the Shire River and game-viewing from a hide.

You are free to be as energetic or as idle as you please although at least one activity per day is encouraged to best enjoy Majete.



# DAY FOUR

After breakfast and farewells you will be transferred to Kuthengo Camp by road - approximately a 4 hour journey – for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis. Liwonde National Park is considered to be one of the top birding locations in Southern Africa.



The park offers some of the most scenic game viewing, beautiful riverine surroundings and varied bird watching you could wish to find. A great deal of the terrain is Shire River floodplains, much loved by the healthy population of elephants in this park. They are best viewed during your boat safari on the Shire River, one of the many highlights of a stay at Kuthengo Camp.

Located on a large open plain stretching towards the Shire River - Kuthengo Camp is nestled among Fever trees and Baobabs. The camp has four spacious and modern safari tents which are ensuite - each with a bathtub and an outdoor shower. The eco-friendly evening breeze air conditioning (environment friendly cooling system for the bed within the mosquito net) adds to the comforts of this intimate camp.

Activities at Kuthengo Camp include 4 x 4 safaris, walking safaris and boating safaris.

# DAYS FIVE AND SIX

We explore the Shire River and lagoons - an excellent opportunity for sightings of elephants, hippo, crocodile and bird life. Birding is rewarding - specialities include Lillian's lovebird, brown breasted barbet, osprey, palmnut vulture, Pel's fishing owl and Livingstone's flycatcher.



# DAY SEVEN

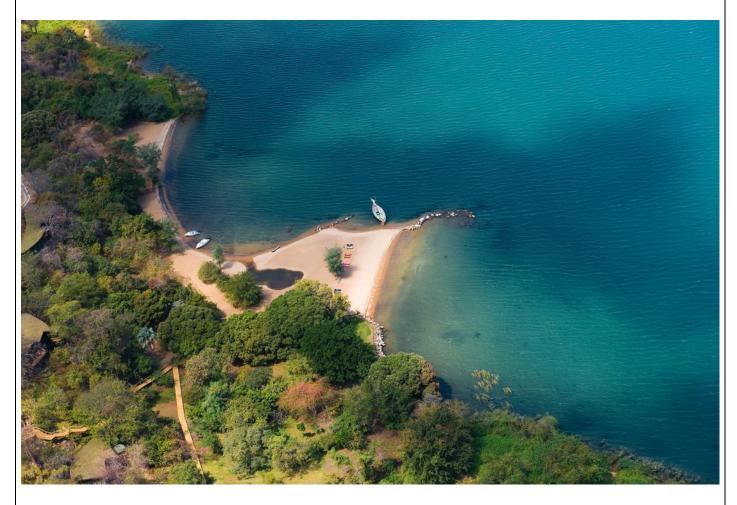
Today you will transfer to Pumulani after breakfast by either driving all the way, or if necessary (if the roads are wet) then boating to Liwonde to pick up the vehicle. The direct drive is around 2.5 hours (around 100km) first skirting the shores of Lake Malombe where most of the year we are able to visit the fish drying racks which dot the villages along the lakes edge.

Further north there is the option of stopping at the old colonial naval port of Mangochi to visit the rundown yet eccentric little museum. Then you will reach the Nankumba Peninsula of Lake Malawi. This is recognised as one of the most beautiful shores of the Lake and borders Lake Malawi National Park.

This Park was established in order to protect the cichlid fish unique to the area and in 1984 the park was designated a World Heritage Site.

Pumulani is exclusively situated on the west side of the Nankumba Peninsula, surrounded by national park. The ten villas are scattered around the hillside and are individual in shape and style but all have a spacious bedroom, bathroom and extensive sitting area. The front sliding doors open onto the deck – elevated above the ground giving optimal views.

The remote beach setting is ideal for those who simply want to soak up the sun and swim in the clear blue waters of the lake. For those who prefer to take a swim in a swimming pool there is an infinity swimming pool near the central dining area with grand views over the lake. For those seeking activity you can choose from many watersports activities like snorkeling, fishing, sailing, kayaking, waterskiing, wake boarding and fun tube rides (all motorized activities are excluded from the price).



#### DAYS EIGHT, NIEN AND TEN

Lake Malawi is the world's most ecologically diverse lake. It's crystal clear waters are home to more than a thousand species of fish, including hundreds of species of colourful cichlids. The lodge offers special diving courses at the best diving spots near one of the islands.

For those who are interested in the real Malawian village life you can enjoy guided walks through one of the local villages. Malawians are renowned for being amongst the friendliest people in Africa and during your stay you will have the opportunity to meet them. You can be as active as you like or you can also simply relax in the beautiful and tranquil scenery.

#### DAY ELEVEN

On the final day of your stay with Pumulani you bid farewell to the lodge. You will be transferred back to Monkey Bay where you will take a light aircraft to Lilongwe in time for your international flight home.

You can extend this journey by visiting the north of Malawi or include some time relaxing and birdwatching in the tea estates of southern Malawi – please ask!



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