

# 7 NIGHT SOUTHERN MALAWI EXPLORER LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK AND MUMBO ISLAND



Explore southern Malawi in this short journey, which takes you to Liwonde National Park and then on to Mumbo Island – a stunning eco-retreat on Lake Malawi

# **Brief Itinerary:**

Day 1: Upon arrival in Malawi, enjoy an overnight stay in Lilongwe

Day 2: Travel to Mvuu Lodge in Liwonde National Park

Day 5: Travel to Mumbo Island Camp in Lake Malawi National Park

Day 8: Depart from Lilongwe International Airport or Chileka Airport in Blantyre

# **DAY ONE**

After your flight arrives at Lilongwe International Airport you will be met and transferred to Hugli's Lodge (or a similar accommodation) in the heart of Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe for one night on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

#### Area and Location:

Heuglin's Lodge in Lilongwe is situated in the leafy residential suburbs of the city, just minutes away from the city centre. Lilongwe has a variety of restaurants, shopping centres, local markets, a wildlife sanctuary and many other attractions and highlights.

#### Accommodation & Activities:

Heuglin's Lodge 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 home-style dining in a peaceful veranda that overlooks the gardens. Perfect to either start or end your Malawi adventure!



# DAYS TWO, THREE AND FOUR

After an overnight stay in Lilongwe you will embark on a four-hour drive to Mvuu Lodge in Liwonde National Park where you will stay for 3 nights on full board with activities included.

#### Area and Location:

Liwonde National Park expands across an area of 548 sq km and is Malawi's premier wildlife destination. Named after Chief Liwonde who had championed its protection, the park harbors very diverse landscapes including swamps, deciduous woodlands, open grasslands, mopane and miombo woodlands as well as Palm savannah and numerous baobabs.

The park has a healthy population of elephants, hippos and crocodiles. Waterbuck wade in lagoons and marshes, while the open savannah and hills of the interior attract antelopes such the elegant sable, impala and bushbuck. Rare sightings include black rhino, leopard, serval and lion. Nearly 400 bird species occur in the Park.

#### **Accommodation & Activities:**

Mvuu Lodge is a lovely, rustic, wilderness camp set in lush vegetation on the banks of a quiet lagoon. The lodge has 8 stunningly designed tents, each with a private viewing platform, luxurious furnishings and beautifully appointed bathrooms including a unique outdoor shower). Your last night At Mvuu will be on the Star Beds platform located north of the lodge. With a 180-degree view of the park's floodplains, river and riverine thickets, the Star Beds provide an excellent game viewing opportunity and 'back to nature' experience.



#### DAYS FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN

Today you will be transferred to Cape Maclean where a short boat ride will take you to Mumbo Island Camp.

Area and Location: Mumbo Island Camp is located on a pristine, deserted island 10 Kilometers off the Cape Maclear Peninsula. The waters surrounding the island are part of Lake Malawi National Park, the world's first freshwater park, which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is well known for its diverse populations of cichlids and other freshwater fish. The island itself has never been populated and is covered in miombo woodlands as well as ancient fig and baobab trees.

# **Accommodation & Activities:**

The camp is tucked away on the rocks and beaches of a serene bay and the crystal-clear waters surrounding Mumbo Island are protected. 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.

# **Activities include:**

Snorkeling, birding, hiking, scuba diving and canoeing.



# **DAY EIGHT**

Today you will be transferred to Lilongwe International Airport or Chileka Airport for your international flight back home.

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