

MALAWI

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Malawi is Africa at its purest, offering unique and extraordinary travels. From its undulating mountains to the shores of its stunning lake, the country has traditionally been overlooked as a mainstream destination—which means you will find hidden gems and authentic and genuine people.

In August the temperatures are pleasant. Your accommodations are some of the best in the country and the food will be fresh and delicious.

ACCOMODATIONS

Huntingdon House, Satemwa Tea Estate



Mkulumadzi Lodge, Majete Wildlife Reserve



Mumbo Island Camp, Lake Malawi National Park



Ku Chawe Inn, Zomba Plateau



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HIGHLIGHTS

Valleys of Majete Wildlife Reserve
Malawi Lake - UNESCO world heritage site
1923 Satemwa Tea & Coffee
Mount Mulanje
Liwonde National Park

Included

9 nights room at 4/ 5 star hotels
Daily breakfast, lunch and dinners
Private transportation
All tips for included meals and hotels.
Local taxes, service charges.

Not Included

Airfare
Drinks with included meals
Personal expenditures
Travel insurance (can be provided)

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Houston, USA -

We will leave USA for Malawi

Days 1 & 2 Blantyre & Thyolo

Arrive in Blantyre, Malawi on your international flight. Your guide will pick you and your friends up in a private vehicle from Chileka International Airport. You'll head two hours south to the 1923 Satemwa Tea & Coffee Estate in the Shire Highlands. Along the road, you will have views of traditional villages, the Thyolo Escarpment, and 9,880' Mount Mulanje.

Your home for two nights is Satemwa Estate's original manor house, Huntingdon. Constructed in 1936 and surrounded by 2,000 acres of tea and coffee, the home exudes British Colonial elegance and has five spacious and unique suites.

In addition to serene relaxation, activities will include walking tours of the estate, a tour of their factory, birding, and tea and coffee tasting (at the source). Satemwa is a slice of paradise.



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Days 3, 4, 5, & 6 Majete Wildlife Reserve

After a delicious breakfast at Satemwa, you will descend further into the Lower Shire River Valley before heading west to the hills and valleys of Majete Wildlife Reserve. Your drive should be about two hours.

Majete is truly off-the-beaten-track; a forested wilderness destination offering a sense of total serenity, far away from the tourist crowds. The reserve contains an abundance of wildlife with the chance to view many species including black rhino, leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, eland, kudu, sable, suni, klipspringer, Lichtenstein's hartebeest and zebra. Wildlife has flourished so much that excess wildlife has been moved to populate other parks within Malawi.

Your lodge, Mkulumadzi is one of the most exclusive in the country. The lodge's eight cottages enjoy an idyllic location at the confluence of two rivers shaded by giant leadwood trees. Your stay includes drives, boating, and bush walks.



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Days 7, 8, 9, & 10 Mumbo Island Camp

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at Mkulumadzi, you will head north for 3.5 hours—to Lake Malawi National Park and a lakeside village at Cape Maclear. At the lake, we will board a private boat to Mumbo Island, a pristine isle with a single eco-camp. A ‘Robinson Crusoe’ atmosphere exists here.

On Mumbo Island the theme is barefoot luxury. The waters around the island are clean and calm, with immense granite boulders. It is a place for complete relaxation, kayaking, and snorkeling.

The camp accommodates fourteen guests, is built of timber, thatch and canvas, and is perched on high rocks overlooking the water, blending with the lush foliage.



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Day 11: Zomba Plateau

After breakfast at Mumbo Island Camp in Lake Malawi National Park, you will head south through the foothills of Mount Malosa before reaching the Zomba Plateau. Zomba was the capital of British Central Africa and Nyasaland. It has a distinctive atmosphere with leafy avenues and fading colonial buildings along the wooded mountain slopes.

Your last night in Malawi will be spent atop the southern rim of the plateau, in the 37-room Ku Chawe Inn. A unique African destination, nestled at the edge of the forest— you'll have terraced gardens at your feet with panoramic views as far as the eye can see. While gazing at the distant horizon from top of the plateau, Queen Elizabeth said, "It offers the best view in the whole of the British Empire."



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Day 12: Blantyre

After breakfast at the Ku Chawe Inn, you will head an hour south to Blantyre's Chileka International Airport for our flights back home.



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SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



Fares for these flights are:
Economy class fare is \$1,613
Business class fare is \$4,553

per person including taxes, surcharges and fees as of February, 17, 2020. Fares are based on availability. Once issued tickets are non-refundable.