

# MKULUMADZI LODGE

# QUICK FACTS



Open: March - January (Check our website for exact dates)



8 chalets

(3 king, 2 twins, 1 honeymoon & 2 family chalets).



Majete Wildlife Reserve, Malawi



All ages welcome



Wi-Fi in chalets



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Tucked away in the wild heart of Majete, Mkulumadzi offers a truly remote escape where sweeping views over the Shire River are best savoured from your private deck, sundowner in hand, as elephants meander by. Thrilling game drives led by our expert guides offer some of the best wildlife experiences in Majete. Between adventures, unwind by the pool, enjoy a drink at the cosy bar, gather around the starlit firepit, or spend a night under the stars on our elevated star deck.

# THE LODGE

# **Facilities**

- En-suite bathrooms and outdoor showers (except in family chalets where the showers are indoors).
- The family chalets consist of two en-suite bedrooms connected by a lounge area.
- Infinity pool overlooks the Shire River.
- Evening Breeze air conditioning units in the chalets. It cools the air within your mosquito net and not the entire room.
- There is limited cellphone reception for TNM & Airtel (local network in Malawi).
- The lodge runs off solar power with a backup generator for cloudy days. The plugs (three square pin) here may only be used for lamps and charging equipment for mobile phones or cameras. Hairdryers cannot be used.

# Activities

• Game drives & starbed sleepout.

# Meals & Drinks

- The rate is inclusive of all local drinks & meals.
- We also offer a connoisseurs' wine & spirits list at an extra cost.
- Nut Allergies: While fully capable of catering for most dietary requests, we regrettably are unable to cater for people with severe nut allergies as we cannot guarantee a completely nut free environment.

# Payment for extras

- All extras can be paid in cash (US\$, Euro & British Pounds).
- We do accept card payments with a 4.5% surcharge.
- US\$ bills we only accept the new notes with large heads.

It's not expected but always enthusiastically received if you are happy with the service. Please always give tips for the camp/lodge staff to the management to be shared out and please tip your guide individually. When asked 'how much' we say for camp/lodge staff from US\$5 per person per night and for guides the same again.

# **Special Occasions**

If you/your travel partner are celebrating a special occasion, like a birthday or anniversary, let us know—we'd love to make it extra special!



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

LILONGWE AIRPORT				
4.5 - 5 HOURS	PUMULANI LODGE			
5 - 5.5 HOURS	2.5 - 3 HOURS	KUTHENGO CAMP		
6.5 - 7.5 HOURS	6 - 7 HOURS	5 - 6 HOURS	MKULUMADZI LODGE	
5 - 6 HOURS	4 - 5 HOURS	3 - 4 HOURS	2 HOURS	BLANTYRE AIRPOT

From Lilongwe, it is a 1.5-hour flight in a small aircraft to the Majete Airstrip. The transfer to the lodge is a 20 minute drive with the possibility of some game viewing along the way.

Park entry is allowed between 7 AM and 6 PM. Arrivals outside these hours require advance arrangements and will incur a \$50 fee for a guide to meet guests at the gate.

# **Travel Insurance & Health**

- We strongly recommend visitors get full travel insurance.
- We recommend that visitors to Malawi take malaria prophylactics consult your doctor first.
- It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of an emergency.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

# Photography & Film

- Please be sensitive when photographing or filming local people, their villages, public buildings, and people in uniform. Ask the guide to get permission first.
- Drones are not allowed to be used in the park.

### What to bring

- You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles).
- Important items to bring along: Sunscreen, hat, good closed walking shoes, natural-coloured, safari-style clothing that can be layered nothing bright, a swimming costume, all charging cables and adaptors, binoculars, camera.
- Depending on which time of the year you visit, a warm jacket and some gloves if it's during the winter months.

# Climate

The Emerald Season (January-March) is a time of regrowth, with breeding birds, newborn wildlife, and mostly nighttime rainfall. April and May bring clear, warm days, occasional storms, lush green grass, and migrating birds departing. June to August is the dry winter season with cool nights, warm days, and easier game viewing as the grass dies back. From September to December, temperatures rise, rains begin, new growth emerges, and newborn animals appear, accompanied by brief insect bursts and humid conditions.

