

Land, Lake and Luxury Tour

5 nights/6 days

Arrival date: TBC, Departure date: TBC



This six day trip allows guests to experience Malawi's incredible landscapes and stunning lakeside scenery while staying in some of Malawi's most luxurious properties. Flying into Nyika National Park you will witness some breathtaking aerial views of the Plateau. Once on the ground guests will spend three days enjoying one of the most unique and spectacular safari experiences in southern Africa; all while staying in the comfort of Chelinda Lodge. From here guests will then be flown to Kaya Mawa Lodge on Likoma Island where they can relax in style at one of Malawi's premier lakeside destinations.

BRIEF ITINERARY

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lilongwe International Airport and transfer to Chelinda Lodge

Days 3, 4 & 5: Transfer to Kaya Mawa Lodge on Likoma Island

Days 6: Transfer to Lilongwe International Airport.

Day 1& 2: Chelinda Lodge



On arrival, you will be assisted through customs, immigration and baggage collection by a Wilderness Representative. You will then connect to a 1-2 hours light aircraft transfer to Nyika Airstrip. You will be met by lodge staff on arrival and transferred a short distance to Chelinda Lodge.

Area and Location: 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. 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.

Wildlife: Game that can be spotted on the Nyika Plateau include Burchell's zebra, roan antelope, mountain reedbuck, eland, bushbuck, warthog, bushpig, leopard, spotted hyena, side-striped jackal and serval. Birdlife is prolific, the park is home to over 425 species of bird. Specials include churring- and mountain cisticolas, malachite sunbirds, Fulleborn's black bou-bou, bar-tailed trogon, mountain nightjar and several species of greenbul which occur deep in the canopy of the forests.

Activities: Activities available range from day and night game drives to guided walks and mountain biking expeditions across the plateau. Birding and fly fishing are also available.

Accommodation: 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. Fine dining can be enjoyed in the spacious main lounge or on the grand outdoor deck that overlooks the grasslands.

Days 3, 4 & 5: Kaya Mawa Lodge



Today you will be transferred 1 hour by light aircraft to Likoma Island. On arrival at the airstrip, you will be met by lodge staff and transferred a short distance to the Lodge.

Area and Location: Likoma Island, situated in the far north of Lake Malawi, is the larger of two small islands very close to the Mozambique coastline. To visit the island is to step back in time. Just 17 sq km with one small dirt road and six vehicles, the local population survives largely by fishing, rice and cassava farming. The Island has hundreds of huge baobab trees and a number of glorious sandy beaches and rocky coves. Kaya Mawa is located at the head of a crescent shaped bay, surrounded by mango trees and ancient baobabs. Translating as "maybe tomorrow" in the local Tonga dialect, Kaya Mawa is situated in the stunning natural surroundings of beach, rock, and lake creating a lodge of distinctive character, imagination and special ambience.

Activities: The main activities are swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, walking and biking. Other water sports on the island include: diving (subject to prior arrangement), Waterskiing, tube riding and wake snaking and sailing safaris (the lodge has a small wooden skip for journeys around the island)

Accommodation: The lodge was built entirely by hand, in partnership with the local community. It consists of seven stone and teak framed thatched cottages set into a granite headland. All the cottages have private terraces with direct access to the water.

Day 6: Departure

After an early breakfast, you will be transferred back to Likoma Airstrip connect to a 1 hour flight back to Lilongwe Airport at 1100. You will then connect to Profliant at 1330 to Lusaka, Zambia. From there you will continue with your own onward arrangements.

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