



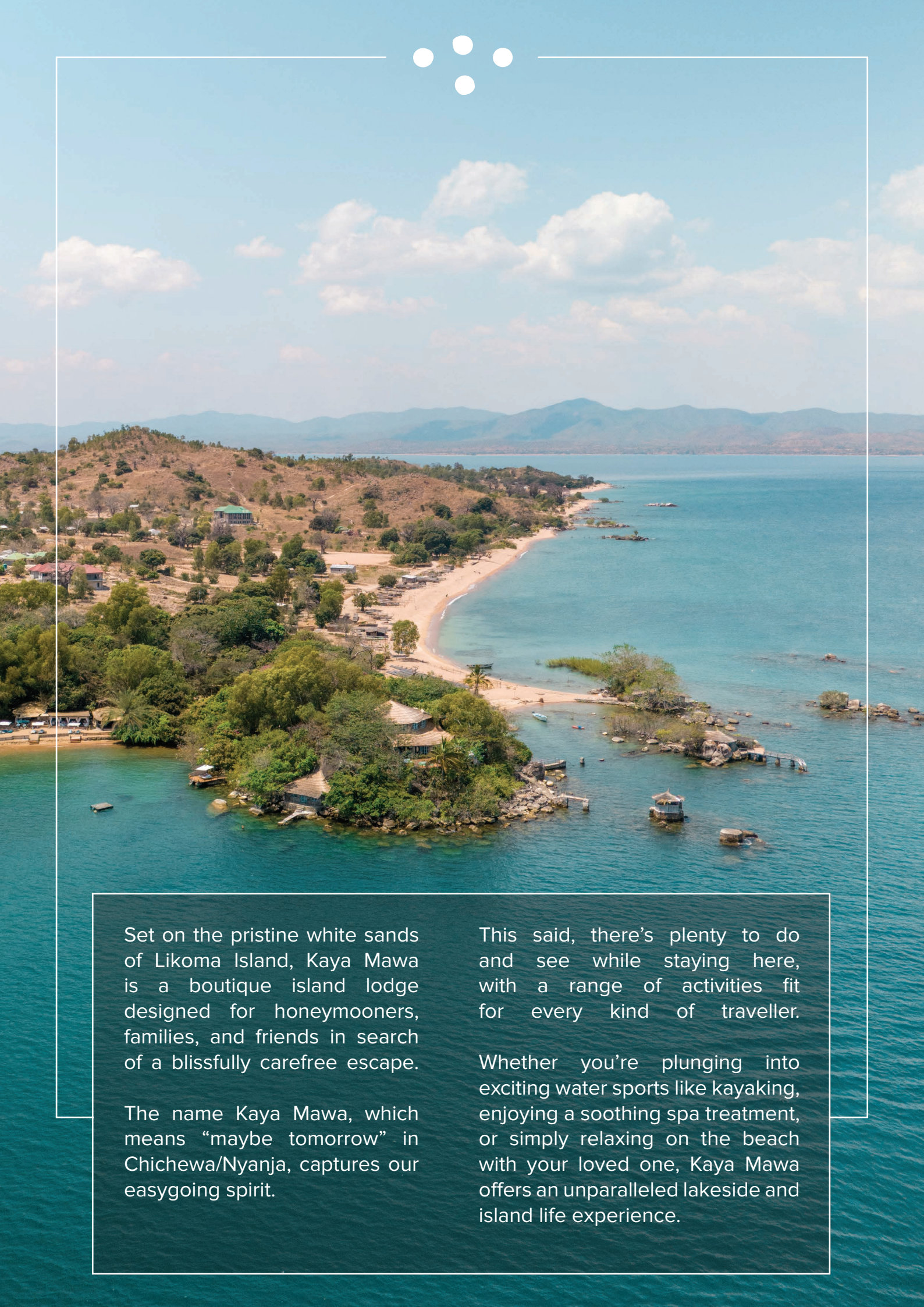
KAYA MAWA
Island Lodge

2026 Activities

Rates and information valid until 31 December 2026

Craft your perfect African Adventure

Likoma Island, Malawi



Set on the pristine white sands of Likoma Island, Kaya Mawa is a boutique island lodge designed for honeymooners, families, and friends in search of a blissfully carefree escape.

The name Kaya Mawa, which means “maybe tomorrow” in Chichewa/Nyanja, captures our easygoing spirit.

This said, there’s plenty to do and see while staying here, with a range of activities fit for every kind of traveller.

Whether you’re plunging into exciting water sports like kayaking, enjoying a soothing spa treatment, or simply relaxing on the beach with your loved one, Kaya Mawa offers an unparalleled lakeside and island life experience.

Likoma Island,
Malawi

INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES

Snorkelling

Discover the crystal-clear waters of Lake Malawi, ideal for snorkelers of all levels. Kaya Mawa provides snorkels, goggles, and fins.

Snorkelling trips to local islands (on request):

- Small speedboat: USD \$60
- Large speedboat: USD \$70
- Wooden boat: USD \$50

Sailing

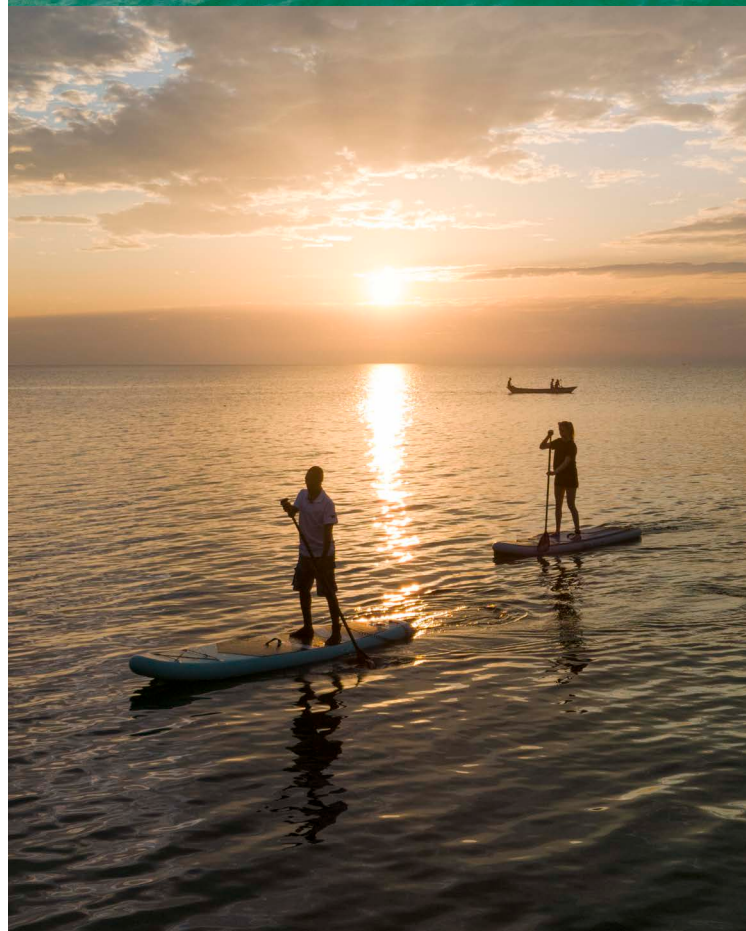
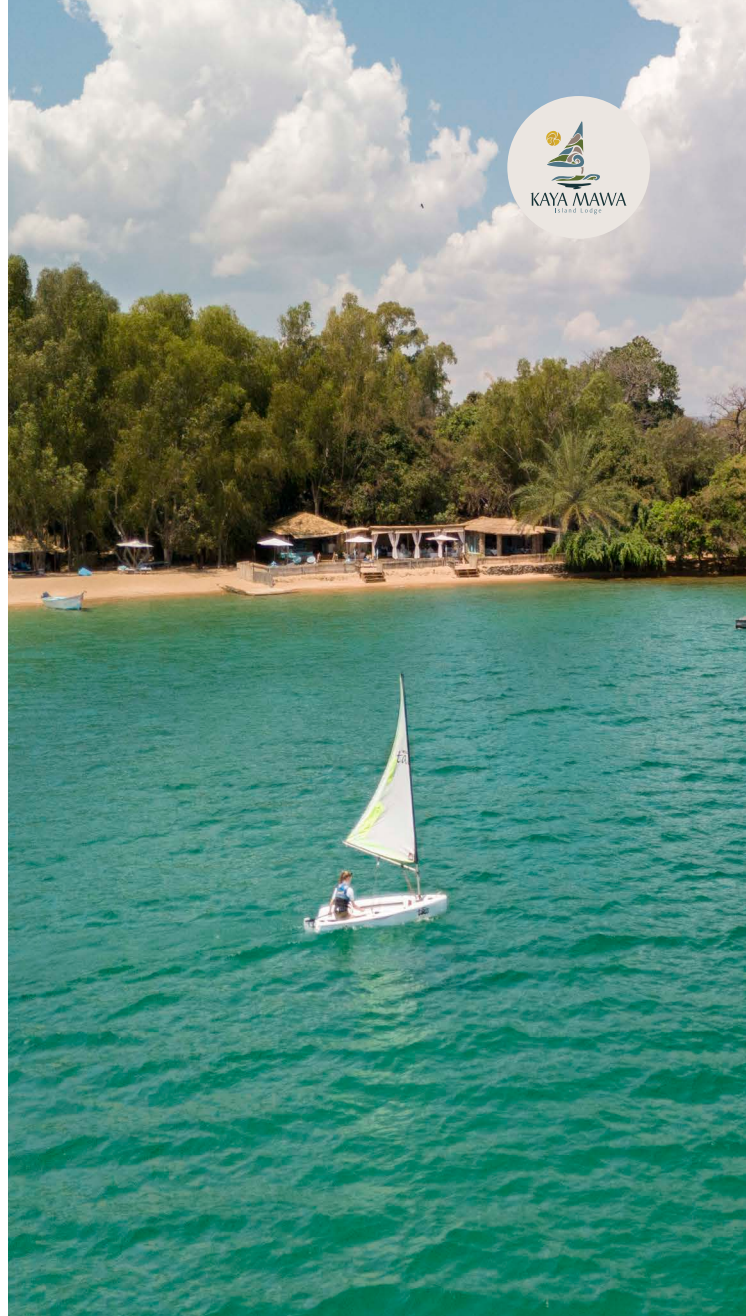
Experience a serene sailing safari on one of our Taz or Topaz sailboats. The lake's calm waters and steady breeze make for a smooth and enjoyable journey.

Kayaking

Explore the surrounding waters and hidden island spots by kayak. Paddle alongside vibrant fish, soak in the views of the Mozambican coastline, and enjoy the tranquillity of nature.

Paddle Boarding

Glide across the water on a stand-up paddleboard. With boards readily available on the beach, this activity is great for all skill levels.



Birding

Venture into the island's lush forests to observe its vibrant birdlife, or simply enjoy the company of visiting feathered friends while sipping your morning coffee. Likoma Island boasts over 100 bird species, including impressive colonies of white-breasted cormorants, black-shouldered and yellow-billed kites, and four types of kingfishers. The call of the African fish eagle is a particularly captivating sound you'll never tire of.

Chefs tour of our Community Garden

Request a guided tour of our on-site community garden from our lodge managers, where our chefs draw inspiration from seasonal, organic produce. During the tour, you'll discover the essentials of soil quality, composting, planting cover crops, mulching, and collecting baobab fibres from fallen trees. Our team will further explain farm management principles and environmentally friendly practices. This initiative not only fosters employment but also promotes alternative agriculture and chemical-free farming.

Secret Lookout Spot

Just a short walk from our main area, tucked discreetly within the island's lush vegetation, lies a hidden lookout spot you won't want to miss. Here, you can take in breathtaking views of the sun setting over the lodge and the expansive lake. It's also an ideal location for birdwatching or enjoying a sundowner. Feel free to ask our team for directions or to arrange your favourite drinks for a perfect evening.

Live sundowner music

Though small, Likoma Island boasts an abundance of talent. Relish the live music performed by a local band on the beach in front of our main area. With a perfectly crafted cocktail in hand and the sunset over Lake Malawi as your backdrop, you'll find it hard to resist dancing barefoot on the sand.



E-mountain bike island safari

Explore the island at your own pace and along your preferred route with our solar-powered electric mountain bikes. Will you venture off the beaten path or stay closer to the heart of the island? The choice is yours. Identify the source of a beautiful bird call, or chat with a welcoming local from Likoma. A guided tour with insider's knowledge can be arranged.



Likoma Island,
Malawi

NON-INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES

Padi Diving

We are a PADI-certified lodge offering a range of diving options and courses for all levels. Enquire for full details.

Spa Treatment

Relax at Kaya Spa, located on a rocky outcrop connected by a wooden boardwalk. Treatments start from USD \$60.

Activity	Price
Spa Treatment	Treatments start from USD \$60.



Waterskiing and Wakeboarding

Try your hand at one or both of these exhilarating water sports. No instructor charge applies.

Activity	Price
Waterskiing and Wakeboarding	\$70 per person for 30 minutes.
Island Drives	Cost: USD \$60 per person.

Island Drives

Tour Likoma Island by vehicle, including stops at St. Peter's Cathedral, the Katundu Workshop, and the vibrant local town.

Likoma Island, *Malawi*

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL

St. Peter's Cathedral is a striking landmark on Likoma Island, built between 1903 and 1911. As one of the oldest and most significant Christian structures in Malawi, it showcases the Gothic Revival architecture designed by British architect George Frederick Bodley—an unusual and impressive style for the region. Erected by the Anglican Church to further its mission, the cathedral features stunning stained-glass windows, intricate woodwork, and remarkable stonework, creating a grand and peaceful ambience. Beyond being a place of worship, St. Peter's Cathedral serves as a historical and cultural icon for both locals and visitors. It provides a window into Malawi's colonial past and the lasting impact of missionary work in the area. Visitors are warmly invited to experience this sacred space and, if lucky, enjoy the beautiful sounds of the church choir on Sundays. Please dress modestly.

Katundu Workshop

Katundu Workshop provides sustainable income for the local community, especially women, through artisanal training, and is proudly supported by our Green Safaris Conservation Foundation. The focus is on using locally sourced, upcycled materials to craft beautiful interior décor. In the rooms, houses, and main areas of Kaya Mawa, you'll find striking pieces handmade by the talented artisans at Katundu. This approach ensures that discarded materials from the lodge are transformed into unique creations rather than being recycled or, worse, discarded. Visit this vibrant space to browse items for your own home, or take part in a crafty workshop, led by these inspiring creatives. Ask our lodge managers to arrange a short drive (or cycle) to the workshop.



Handmade Clothing Experience

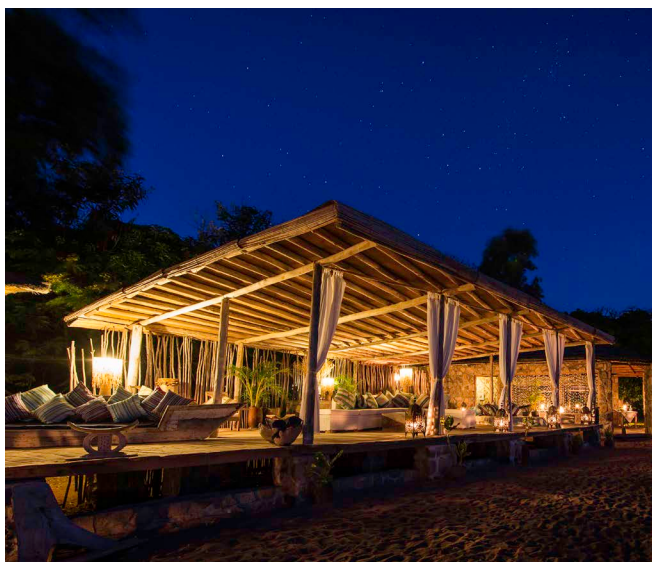
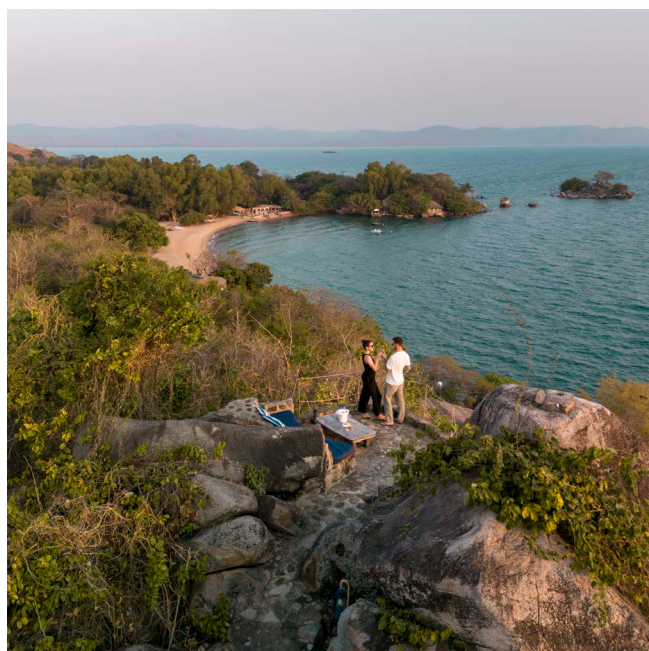
Take a trip to town where our guides will introduce you to skilled local clothing crafters. Here, you can have a completely unique garment created just for you by a talented artisan. Chitenge dresses, crafted from exquisite local fabrics, are a popular choice, but you can also request shirts, skirts, or other items to suit your style.



Around the Island Tours

Round the island tours include Jalo Town, Cathedral, snorkelling stops, and picnic lunch with drinks. Available by speedboat or dhow boat.

Activity	Price
Slow boat	\$130
Small speedboat	\$200
Large speedboat	\$270
Sunset Cruise	\$25 per person (not private)



Conservation Itinerary

Green Safaris, as part of our Green Safaris Conservation Foundation, supports various community initiatives on the island.

Please speak with our lodge managers to arrange visits to any of the following projects we so passionately support:

- IT Upskill
- Likoma Community Garden
- Likoma Reforestation
- Likoma Schools Uplift





Dive into our PADI-certified offerings

Our tranquil island haven is surrounded by Lake Malawi's great waters, creating a freshwater playground for guests seeking adventure. Dive into our various PADI-certified diving activities and courses:

Diving for certified divers:

Shore dive	\$40 per person
Boat dive	\$95 per person
Night dive	\$60 per person
Fun Dive	\$100 per person

PADI courses:

Bubble Makers:

Bubble Maker (Adults): USD \$110 per person

Bubble Maker (Kids): USD \$40 per person

For children between 8-10 years of age and takes about 2 hours to complete.

Experience scuba diving under the direct supervision of a PADI pro. Take your first breaths underwater in water shallower than 2 meters.

PADI Seal Team:

USD \$80 per person

For children from 8 years old and takes about 1 day to complete. The PADI Seal Team program teaches responsibility and respect for the aquatic realm. It's broken into two parts.

Discover scuba diving:

USD \$110 per person

Minimum age is 10 years old and take about 2-3 hours to complete.

If you're interested in scuba diving, but unsure if you want to enrol in a scuba certification class, Discover Scuba Diving is the perfect way to test the waters. In a very short time, you'll learn basic scuba skills and take your first breaths underwater.

Reactivate/refresher course:

For certified divers who have not dived in the past 6 months and need a refresher before resuming open water dives.

USD \$110 per person

Scuba diver:

USD \$290 per person

Minimum age is 10 years old and take about 2 days to complete. The PADI Scuba Diver course is a subset of the PADI Open Water Diver course. If you're short on time but really want to become a diver, the PADI Scuba Diver rating might be right for you.

Open water course:

USD \$490 per person

Minimum age is 10 years old and takes about 3-4 days to complete. This course will certify you as a licensed scuba diver and you will be able to dive anywhere in the world. This course involves specific knowledge, skills and training with your instructor.

Advanced open water course:

USD \$550 per person

Minimum age is 12 years old and take about 2-3 days to complete.

The Advanced Open Water Diver course is all about advancing your skills. After some skill practice with your instructor, you'll make five open water dives.

Rescue diver course:

USD \$550 per person

Minimum age is 12 years old and takes between 4 -7 days. This course will change the way you dive – in the best possible way. Learn to identify and fix minor issues before they become big problems, gain a lot of confidence and have serious fun along the way.

EFR course:

USD \$400 per person

No minimum age and takes 1 day to complete. Emergency First Response primary and secondary care training teaches you what to do in the critical moments between when a life-threatening emergency occurs and when emergency medical services arrive.

Dive master:

USD \$700 per person 18 years and older
Gain practical experience giving dive briefings, assisting with classes and leading underwater tours. Learn how to anticipate problems, help other divers and learn how to be a PADI professional.





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