



LIKOMA ISLAND

Lake Malawi, Malawi



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Kaya Mawa is located on the **South-West of the Island**



"Kaya is honestly the best place we have ever been on earth. We are still on a high from our trip. From kayaking out into the lake at sunset to the 5 food and service served on the beach every night, we couldn't fault a thing."*

- Claire, Trip Advisor Review

Set on the white sandy shores of Likoma Island, Kaya Mawa is a boutique retreat that welcomes honeymooners, families, and friends for a beautifully unhurried escape.

Meaning "maybe tomorrow" in Chichewa, Kaya Mawa lives its name—where relaxed lakeside living flows through every detail, from its thoughtfully designed houses and rooms to days filled with simple, soulful pleasures. Think dinners under the stars, spa rituals by the water, and snorkeling in crystal-clear turquoise shallows.

Built by local hands and proudly one of Malawi's first lodges powered entirely by renewable energy, Kaya Mawa is deeply rooted in sustainability, community empowerment, and ethical trade.



AT A GLANCE

LOCATION Rated by Conde Nast Magazine as one of the planet's Top 10 most romantic destinations, Kaya Mawa is located on the south-western top of Likoma Island of Lake Malawi.

GPS 12°05'29.1"S 34°43'01.7"E

ACCESS Nearest International Airport: Lilongwe (LLW)
Likoma Island is reached by charter flight from Lilongwe (±50 minutes), followed by a 15-minute road transfer to the lodge.

Scheduled lake transfers are available to and from Likoma Island. Please contact our Sales and Reservations team for the most suitable options.

CURRENCY Zambia: No visa required for most countries worldwide.
Malawi: USD 50 visa on arrival (cash only, new USD 50 note required). Malawi Kwacha (MKW). Cash and credit card facilities available. There is an ATM on the island. No torn or worn notes. USD cash is accepted. Notes must be printed in 2017 or later. Management can assist you with exchanging USD notes into Kwacha.

SEASONS **Autumn (March through May)** Highs range from 25°C with cooler temperatures at night. Some chance of rain.
Winter (June through August) Comfortably cool weather with highs reaching 22°C. Least precipitation with no rain
Spring (September through November) Highs up to 35°C. Least precipitation with no rain .
Summer (December through February) Highs can reach up to 32°C. This is the rainy season.

RAINS December to April.

MALARIA We provide mosquito nets and spray and encourage guests to bring their own insect repellent. However, malaria is still prevalent across Malawi, so please do consult your doctor for recommended prophylaxis.

YELLOW FEVER No longer needed to transit through SA.



WHAT SETS US APART?

Kaya Mawa's barefoot luxury, set on a private island in the heart of a freshwater lake, is reason enough to place it firmly on your travel bucket list.

Each villa and room is uniquely designed to blend into its natural surroundings, all opening onto uninterrupted beachfront views.

Days can be as active or as restful as you choose—whether filled with adventure or simply spent unwinding with a good book.

And as night falls on the "Lake of Stars," stargazing from your villa reveals a sky so vast and vivid, it feels like stepping into another world.



LODGE FACILITIES

ROOMS & MAIN AREA

4 x Standard rooms – Khuyu, Mbungo, Msekwa, Makungulu and Uliya.

1 x Family House – Yofu.

2 x Premium Rooms – Nkhwazi and Mbamba.

2 x Premium Houses – Madimba House and Mainja House.

Main restaurant and bar area with deck on the beach.

MAX GUESTS 32.

CHILDREN All ages allowed.

POOL No Communal Pool. Rooms with private pools are Madimba, Mainja, Nkhwazi, Mbamba.

DISABLED ACCESS Kindly contact the Reservations Team as in certain cases we would be able to assist.

WI-FI Starlink wifi available in all the rooms and main areas.

CREDIT CARDS Accept all major credit cards.

CREDIT CARD CHARGE Credit Card charges range from 3% to 4% depending on the card.

PRIVATE DINNER Yes, various locations available.

FENCED No

SECURITY 24-Hour Security

VEHICLES Transfer Vehicle
Electric Bikes
Speedboats Electric dhow (eDhow) for lake excursions



ROOM FACILITIES

BEDS

Khuyu: King bed which can be converted to twins

Mbungo: King bed which can be converted to twins

Msekwa: King only

Nkhwazi: King only

Mbamba: King only

Makungulu: King only

Ulisa: Bedroom 1 – King only. Bedroom 2 – 2 singles or king and a swing bed. 1 bathroom.

Yofu: Bedroom 1 – King only. Bedroom 2 – 2 singles or king. 1 bathroom.

Mainja: Bedroom 1 – King only. Bedroom 2 – 2 singles or king. Both rooms en suite.

Madimba: King only

EXTRA BEDS

Only available in Mbamba, Nkhwazi, Madimba and Mainja. (Subject to Availability)

FAN

In all rooms. Evening Breeze cooling system in premium rooms.

SECURITY

24-Hour Security

AC/HEATER

No.

MOSQUITO NET

Yes, in all rooms.

BATH & SHOWER

Depending on the room chosen there is either an indoor bath or shower, some also have outdoor showers.

SMALL BAR FRIDGE

Yes, in all rooms.

SAFE

Yes, in all rooms.

HAIRDRYER

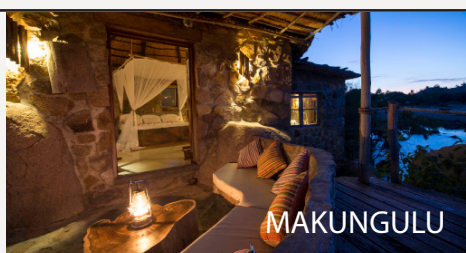
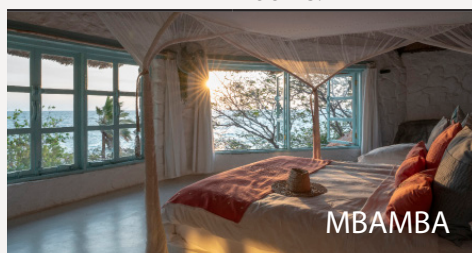
On request due to power restrictions.

LAUNDRY

Complimentary.

POWER

Kaya Mawa is an eco-friendly lodge which is mostly supplied by solar. 220v with built in multi plugs are available in all rooms.



ACTIVITIES

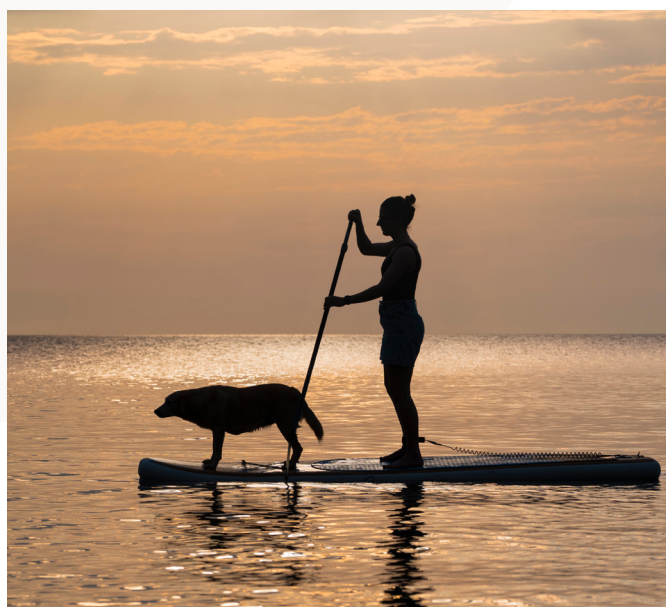
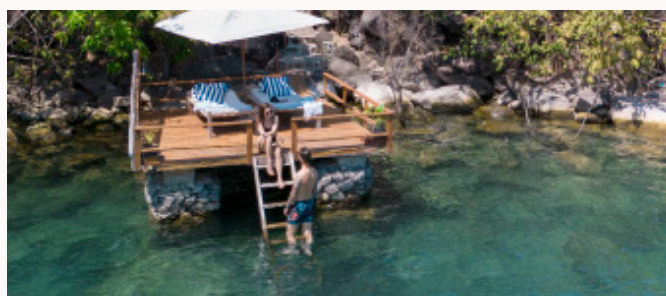
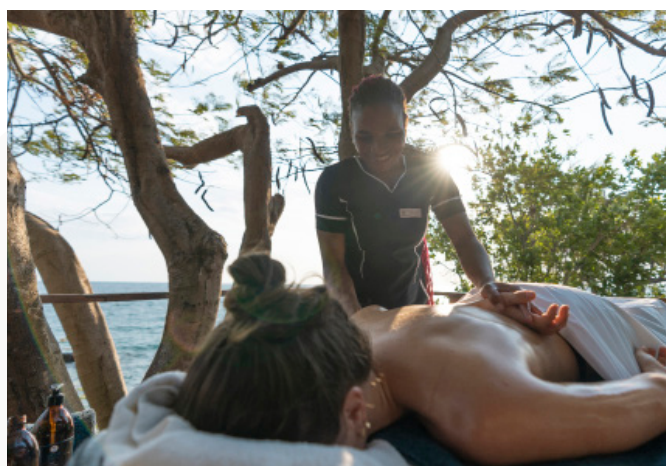
INCLUSIVE

- **Snorkeling** – Snorkeling masks and fins available at the dive centre.
- **Kayaks and Paddle boarding** – Dotted on the beach. Feel free to pull one onto the lake or the staff will give you a helping hand and go for a paddle. Life jackets advised.
- Visiting **Katundu Workshop & St. Peter's Cathedral** via guided tour or eBike
- **Topper Topaz and Topper Taz** – for the experienced and novices. Please ask the management if you would like one set for a sail.
- **Walking around the island** – Island maps are available in the office. Feel free to ask the Management Team.
- **eDhow Experience** – explore Lake Malawi aboard our silent electric dhow, offering a low-impact, immersive way to discover the island's shoreline and hidden coves.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Water-ski, Wakeboarding and/or Ringo donut 30-minute session.
- PADI Discover Scuba (Resort) / refresher course.
- Bubblemaker diving experience (aged 8-10).
- PADI Open water course (3-4 days).
- PADI Advanced course (2-3 days – only once qualified as open water).
- PADI Rescue course (2-3 days – only once qualified as advanced, first aid training to be completed as part of the course).
- PADI Divemaster course (12- 15 days – professional qualification – once qualified as Rescue).

*Resort/refresher course includes 2 hours of instruction followed by a dive. Can be done by Qualified and Unqualified Divers aged 10 and up. Feel free to enquire about any other PADI specialty courses.



AROUND THE ISLAND

Likoma is an extremely friendly island so please feel free to wander off and explore on foot. They say you are never lost on Likoma; someone will always point you the way home or take you themselves. For some other fun ways to see and enjoy this beautiful island we have listed a few trips we can organize for you.

MOTOR BOAT TRIPS

Motorboat trips around the island are a very relaxing way to see the highlights of this island, such as St Peter's Cathedral and the Katundu textiles workshop. Make a day of it on the boat and take a picnic lunch and cool box of cold drinks.

- Malawian Slow Boat. Max 6 people
- Small Speed Boat. Max 3 people
- Large Speed Boat. Max 8 people
- Sunset Boat Trip (Starting around 5pm till sundown) includes 1 local drink and snack.

CAR RIDES

- Trip to town and the Cathedral by car. Max 8 people
- Trip to town, Cathedral and Katundu workshop. Max 8 people

E-BIKING

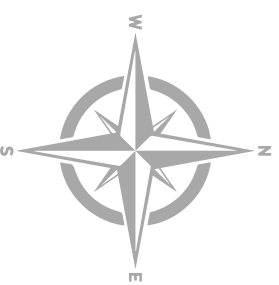
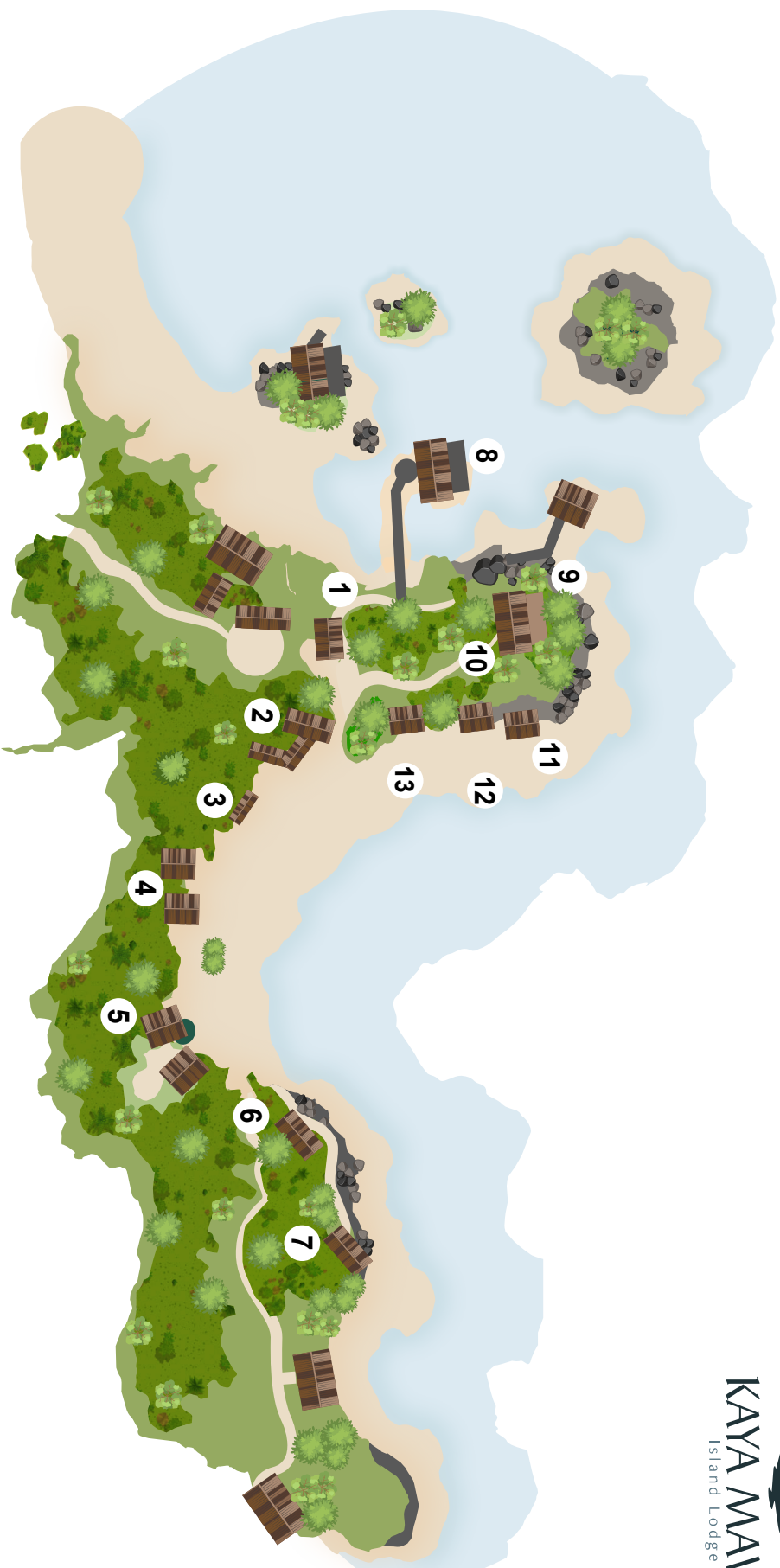
Looking for a bit of exercise but find Likoma's hills a tad too daunting? Try our e-Bikes. The bicycle tour can take you all over the island, to the cathedral, the market, Katundu's workshop... you name it! This is a fun and eco-friendly way to explore our beautiful island.

Please enquire for prices.

Green Safaris



KAYA MAWA
Island Lodge



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| 1 – Reception | 8 – Makungulu |
| 2 – Bar, Restaurant & Lounge | 9 – Nkwhazi |
| 3 – PADI Dive centre | 10 – Mbamba |
| 4 – Ulisa | 11 – Msekwa |
| 5 – Yofu | 12 – Mbungu |
| 6 – Madimba | 13 – Khuyu |
| 7 – Mainja | |



Green Safaris was born out of a deep connection with Africa's untouched wild spaces and the wildlife and communities that call them home.

This passion drives our commitment to conservation, empowerment and sustainability in every aspect of Green Safaris. We see our properties in Zambia and Malawi as a means to that end, allowing us to offer an authentic experience for you and those you meet along the way. Each property supports at least one conservation or environment initiative and one community project.

DOING GOOD

LIKOMA CLEAN UP PROJECT

Green Safaris has initiated a project dedicated to reducing the amounts of (plastic) waste on the island. It seeks to reduce the use of plastic, provides a waste collection infrastructure, and invests in the education and awareness of the schoolchildren on the island on the relevance to keep Likoma clean.

LIKOMA REFORESTATION PROJECT

Green Safaris sponsors a re-forestation project on Likoma Island in Lake Malawi. Due to the continuous population growth on the island, more and more of its natural trees have been used to supply the demand for firewood. The project has secured land, seeds, and management to grow both large quantities of indigenous trees, as well as a dedicated section of fast-growing trees which could be used as firewood. The project is creating both new jobs and securing the islands natural trees.

LIKOMA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Despite being surrounded by fresh water, only simple farming practices have existed on Likoma Island. There is little diversity of vegetables and external conditions provide immense challenges. Soil fertility is low, rains are limited to three months, and Likoma Islanders have difficulty accessing affordable land and finding startup capital to create a livelihood from farming. Green Safaris supports five women in Likoma to establish a community run garden 'Tiyanjane Garden' (meaning togetherness), supplying Kaya Mawa lodge and the surrounding villages with fresh produce through a greener supply chain.

GOING GREEN

Kaya Mawa is being designed to operate 100% on solar power with a new solar farm recently installed on the island. In addition, Green Safaris is investing in Electric quad bikes and will be introducing an eLandy just like its sister properties in Zambia.

TAKING IT A LITTLE FURTHER

At Kaya Mawa, our connection to Likoma Island goes far beyond the shoreline. Through a range of community and environmental initiatives, we are committed to supporting the people, preserving the landscape, and nurturing a more sustainable future.

Our work spans partnerships and projects including Medic to Medic, Adziwa Orphanage, the Hope Community Garden, and Sponsor an Island Child—alongside ongoing efforts in Likoma Nursery Schools, Schools Upliftment, Clean Up Likoma, and reforestation across the island. Each initiative is rooted in long-term impact, from education and healthcare to food security and environmental restoration.

Guests are warmly invited to become part of this story, with opportunities to visit selected projects during their stay—offering a deeper, more meaningful connection to the island and its community.

ENQUIRIES & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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