

LIKOMA ISLAND
Malawi



ROOM BREAKDOWN

Accommodation at Kaya Mawa

Set along the southwestern shores of Likoma Island, Kaya Mawa's accommodation is as varied as it is soulful. Each room is individually designed using natural materials and local craftsmanship, shaped by the island's boulders, beaches, and baobabs rather than uniform plans.

From intimate hideaways for two to generous sanctuaries for families and friends, every space offers privacy, character, and a deep sense of place.

General Lodge Amenities:

Please do enquire with our lodge managers for access to our full Service Directory, which highlights all to see and do both in and around our lodge.

For now, please be reminded of our:

- Beachfront restaurant and bar
- Kaya Spa (on-site)
- Watersports including kayaking, snorkelling, paddleboarding and wakeboarding
- Access to community and cultural excursions
- Wi-Fi throughout the lodge, including all rooms
- Laundry service
- Curated private dining experiences
- Private plunge pools in selected rooms
- Scuba diving and PADI certification (available on request)
- Childcare services are available with advance notice
- Boutique shop
- Solar-powered lodge with sustainable design focus
- On-site power boats and dhows for lake excursions

Plus much more...



Standard Rooms

Quintessential Kaya Mawa style, these compact sanctuaries are tucked among ancient boulders and shady baobabs, just steps from the lake. Ideal for couples or solo travellers, Standard Rooms offer charm, comfort, and effortless access to island life.

Each room is individually positioned and finished, with lake views, handcrafted details, and private outdoor spaces that invite slow mornings and unhurried evenings.

Msekwa

A tranquil stone-and-thatch sanctuary nestled among the island's boulders, Msekwa offers a quiet sense of seclusion with gentle lake views. Its intimate scale makes it ideal for couples seeking privacy and a slower pace.

The room opens onto a private deck overlooking the water, while inside, handcrafted details and natural textures create a calming retreat after days spent swimming or exploring Likoma.

- Sleeps: 2
- Position: Nestled among boulders with lake-facing views
- Overview: A tranquil stone-and-thatch sanctuary offering privacy and an intimate connection to the lake
- Bathroom is not en-suite and is located up a short staircase away from the bedroom
- Outdoor space: Private lake-facing deck
- In-room amenities: Fan, mosquito net, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: Substantial
Not suitable for elderly guests or those with mobility impairments. Please consult Reservations before booking
- Path: Paved rock and natural stone



Khuyu

Set close to the shoreline, Khuyu is a characterful room with easy beach access and a relaxed, island feel. Artisanal finishes and soft natural light give the space warmth and charm.

Ideal for couples, Khuyu offers a comfortable base for days on the lake, with the beach and main areas within easy walking distance.

- Sleeps: 2
- Position: Close to the beach with partial lake views
- Overview: Characterful room with artisanal finishes and easy access to the shoreline.
- Bathroom: Ensuite bathroom with shower
- Outdoor space: Small private outdoor seating area
- In-room amenities: Fan, mosquito net, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: Minimal
- Path: Mostly sand with some paved rock



Mbungo

Mbungo combines the charm of a standard room with added flexibility, offering space for a baby cot if required. Positioned close to the beach, it is well-suited to couples travelling with an infant.

Natural materials, lake views, and a calm atmosphere make Mbungo a welcoming and practical island retreat.

- Sleeps: 2 (space for baby cot)
- Position: Beach-adjacent with lake outlook
- Overview: A warm, welcoming room ideal for couples travelling with an infant.
- Bathroom: Ensuite bathroom with shower
- Outdoor space: Private seating area
- In-room amenities: Fan, mosquito net, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: Limited
- Path: Mostly sand with some paved rock



Makungulu

A cosy hideaway near the water's edge, Makungulu offers simple comfort in a peaceful natural setting. The room's proximity to the beach allows guests to slip easily between lake swims and shaded relaxation.

Handcrafted finishes and a private outdoor space complete this intimate sanctuary for two.

- Sleeps: 2
- Position: Close to beach access with lake views
- Overview: A charming retreat offering comfort and simplicity in a natural setting.
- Bathroom: Ensuite bathroom with shower
- Outdoor space: Private seating area
- In-room amenities: Fan, mosquito net, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: Minimal
- Path: Mostly sand



Standard Family Rooms

Designed for families who value space and flexibility without compromising on style, our Standard Family Rooms offer two-room configurations that allow for togetherness and privacy in equal measure.

Thoughtfully laid out and conveniently located, these rooms are ideal for travelling with children, offering room to unwind after days spent swimming, snorkelling, and exploring the island.

Yofu

Yofu is a practical and welcoming family space designed to make island living easy. With two separate rooms, it allows parents and children to enjoy both shared time and quiet moments.

Located close to the lodge's main areas, Yofu is ideal for families wanting easy access to activities while still enjoying the comfort and charm of Kaya Mawa's signature style.

- Sleeps: 4
- Configuration: Two-room family unit
- Overview: Designed for families seeking space and flexibility close to the heart of the lodge.
- Bathroom: Shared bathroom with shower and bath
- Outdoor space: Shared outdoor seating area
- In-room amenities: Fans, mosquito nets, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: Substantial
Steps between toilet and shower/bath. Not suitable for guests with limited mobility..
- Steps: No steps to the bedroom. Staircase up to the bathroom



Ulisa

Ulisa offers a relaxed, family-friendly layout with two rooms and a comfortable shared flow between indoor and outdoor spaces. Its thoughtful design makes it well-suited to families with young children.

Set within easy reach of the beach and communal areas, Ulisa provides a convenient and comfortable base for family adventures on Likoma Island.

- Sleeps: 5 (can accommodate 5 with hanging bed)
- Configuration: Two-room family unit
- Overview: A relaxed and practical family space with easy access to beach and activities.
- Bathroom: Shared bathroom with shower
- Outdoor space: Shared outdoor seating area
- In-room amenities: Fans, mosquito nets, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: None



Single-Room Sanctuaries

For those seeking a little more space and seclusion, our Single-Room Sanctuaries offer elevated comfort with expansive decks, generous interiors, and, in some cases, private plunge pools.

Perfect for couples, solo travellers, or small families, these sanctuaries blend indoor-outdoor living with uninterrupted lake views and a sense of calm that lingers long after checkout.

Mbamba

Set higher up on the hill, Mbamba offers sweeping, uninterrupted views across the lake. Step outside from the spacious bedroom onto your private deck and plunge pool, where views stretch out toward Mozambique.

Guests can enjoy an outdoor foam bath or shower, both positioned to take in the same magnificent scenery. Designed for slowing down and switching off, Mbamba is a space to truly relax and settle into island time.

- Sleeps: 2–3 (with added bed option)
- Position: Elevated on the hillside with panoramic lake views
- Bathroom: Indoor and outdoor bathing options (foam bath and shower)
- Outdoor space: Private deck with plunge pool, sunbeds, and seating area
- In-room amenities: Fans, mosquito nets, safe, Wi-Fi



Nkhwazi

Meaning 'fish eagle' in Nyanja, Nkhwazi sits high above the lake, offering sweeping views across Likoma Island and beyond. The sanctuary is light-filled and designed for long, unhurried days.

A private deck, generous bathroom, and optional extra bed make Nkhwazi a flexible and peaceful retreat.

- Sleeps: 3
- Large double bed (can also add an extra single bed)
- Indoor/outdoor large bathroom with separate shower, bath and double vanity and toilet.
- Private pool with a panoramic vista that is all yours.
- Expansive private deck, with numerous seating options.
- Sunbeds and umbrella
- Private Dining
- Laundry
- Steps: Substantial
Short, steep steps to the entrance. Guests with mobility concerns should consult Reservations.
- In-room amenities: Fans, mosquito nets, safe, Wi-Fi



Premium Houses

Mainja

A beautifully appointed two-bedroom house set on a rocky outcrop on the northern side of Kaya Mawa's beach. Accessed via a long wooden walkway and concrete causeway, Mainja offers space, privacy, and a relaxed lakeside feel, ideal for families or friends travelling together.

Natural materials, stone walls, white linens, and carefully chosen artworks create a calm, elegant atmosphere that blends seamlessly into its surroundings.

- Sleeps: 4
- Configuration: Two-bedroom private house
- Position: Set on a rocky outcrop on the northern side of the beach
- Overview: A spacious, private house offering comfort, privacy, and uninterrupted lake views, ideal for families or friends travelling together
- Bathroom: Two en-suite bathrooms
- Outdoor space: Shaded outdoor deck with lake views
- In-room amenities: Fans, mosquito nets, safe, Wi-Fi
- Steps: Limited
- Path: Wooden walkway and concrete causeway



Madimba

Walk across the main Kaya Mawa beach and you'll find Madimba, a grand and private house designed for space, comfort, and effortless lakeside living.

This premium house features a large bedroom, twin showers, and a bath overlooking the pool. A relaxed sitting area includes a private bar and fridge, while the expansive deck invites long, sun-soaked afternoons with uninterrupted lake views.

Whether you're unwinding indoors or enjoying the outdoor space, Madimba offers a seamless blend of privacy and comfort.

- Sleeps: 2–3 (ideal for couples or small families)
- Position: Across the main beach with direct access
- Bathroom: Twin showers and bath with pool views
- Outdoor space: Large private deck with lake views
- Lounge: Sitting area with private bar and fridge



Green Safaris



- 1 – Reception
- 2 – Bar, Restaurant & Lounge
- 3 – PADI Dive centre
- 4 – Ulisa
- 5 – Yofu
- 6 – Madimba
- 7 – Mainja

- 8 – Makungulu
- 9 – Nkwhazi
- 10 – Mbamba
- 11 – Msekwa
- 12 – Mbungu
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