

Conservation Malawi

- **Itinerary:** Mkulumadzi 3 nights, Kuthengo 3 nights & Tongole 4 nights
- **Includes:** All transfers by road starting in Blantyre and ending in Lilongwe, accommodation on a full board basis, local drinks, available safari activities and laundry.
- **Excludes:** Gratuities, visa fees where applicable + international flights.
- **Valid:** March - December

Explore the conservation stories of Malawi - successful collaborations in 3 of the country's impressive reserves and parks. African Parks has taken on Majete Wildlife Reserve, Liwonde National Park and Nkhotakota and aims to reduce conflict, protect habitat and create premiere wildlife sanctuaries.

Decades of lawlessness and poaching had eradicated the majority of Malawi's wildlife so much so that by the early 1990s, species such as black rhino and cheetah had disappeared and all hope was lost for these species to ever be seen in the wild again.

The tireless efforts of African Parks in conjunction with the National Parks Authority as well as organizations such as Robin Pope Safaris has transformed wastelands such as Majete Wildlife Reserve and the heavily poached Liwonde National Park into wildlife sanctuaries where black rhino, cheetah, lion and many more roam free again.

In 2016 and 2017, African Parks made history in what was the largest and most significant elephant translocation ever seen, up to 500 elephants were moved from Majete National Park and Liwonde National Park across to Nkhotakota. This has brought much hope to the African elephants whose existence has been heavily threatened by poaching, habitat loss and human-wildlife conflict.

Conservation Malawi explores African Parks journey to rehabilitate Malawi's wildlife and starts of in Majete Wildlife Reserve which was the very first park to enter their portfolio and 15 years on it is the country's only official Big 5 game park and together with Liwonde National Park, was able to restock Nkhotakota National Park with not only 500 elephants but also several other herbivores which is a huge achievement considering Majete Wildlife Reserve had just a handful of small antelope prior to African Parks taking over.

Malawi is a landlocked country, running down the end of the Great Rift Valley. Dominated by Lake Malawi, the third largest lake in Africa, the surrounding country is exceptionally beautiful with dramatic scenery that includes rocky outcrops, high mountains, plateaus and views across what is considered to be Africa's most beautiful lake. Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa" and as people, the Malawians live up to this name. They are extremely friendly and welcoming. There are many market scenes, roadside stalls, cottage industries that a visitor can comfortably visit. With both the scenery and the culture, Malawi is a great country to drive in.

Day 1 On arrival at Blantyre International Airport a guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you. The drive to Mkulumadzi is approximately 2.5 hours through colourful local scenes of villages,

agriculture, as well as bush. The camp is located on the confluence of the Shire and Mkulumadzi River; within Majete Wildlife Reserve, 70km South West of Blantyre - Southern Malawi.



Majete is Malawi's only Big 5 Reserve and also one of the largest protected areas, and covers an area of over 70,000ha. The reserve is located within the Miombo woodland ecoregion and much of the higher lying areas in the west of the park are dominated by Miombo/Brachystegia woodland. Mixed Combretum woodlands and mosaics of riparian forest can be found in the East of Majete.
MKULUMADZI



Day 2-3 The luxurious lodge is in a stunning location and activities include game-drives, boating safaris, bush walks, hiking Majete Hill, black rhino tracking, cultural tours, birding trips on the Shire River and game-viewing from a hide.



Guests are free to be as energetic or as idle as they please although at least one activity per day is encouraged to best enjoy Majete. **MKULUMADZI**

Day 4 After breakfast and farewells, you will be transferred to Kuthengo Camp by road transfer, approximately a 3-4 hour journey. Liwonde National Park is considered to be one of the top birding locations in Southern Africa. The park offers some of the most scenic game viewing, beautiful riverine surroundings and varied bird watching you could wish to find.

A great deal of the terrain is Shire River floodplains, much loved by the healthy population of Elephants in this park. They are best viewed during your boat safari on the Shire River, one of the many highlights of a stay at Kuthengo Camp. **KUTHENGO CAMP**



Day 5-6 Kuthengo Camp offers comfortable tented accommodation in spacious safari tents, with own en suite facilities for a maximum of 10 guests. Each tent has its own private viewing platform and is discreetly hidden between the thick undergrowth bordering the lagoon. The camp has al fresco dining overlooking the river and lagoon. Your stay is on a full board basis, including the game activities which centre on game drives by day and by night in open vehicles, walks and boat safaris at Kuthengo Camp.

Explore the Shire River and lagoons - an excellent opportunity for sightings of elephants, hippo, crocodile and bird life. Birding is rewarding - specialities include Lillian's lovebird, brown breasted barbet, osprey, palmtree vulture, Pel's fishing owl and Livingstone's flycatcher. Also available is a viewing hide on a tributary of the Shire River and also some interesting visits to the local school and surrounding rural communities. **KUTHENGO CAMP**

Day 7 Today you will enjoy a scenic drive transfer, approximately 5 hours, to Nkhotakota Reserve; making the most of the landscape and culture along the way. The reserve truly is an undiscovered gem that is firmly off the beaten track and has only recently been inhabited by humans.



Tongole is an eco-tourism venture deep within the Miombo woodland of the Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve. It is located on the banks of the lovely Bua River, west of Lake Malawi. Tongole is ideal for relaxation and adventure. Options of activities include bush walks and treks, canoe trips, scenic sundowner drives and fly fishing. **TONGOLE WILDERNESS LODGE**

Day 8-10 Three full days to explore the Nkhotakota Reserve. **TONGOLE WILDERNESS LODGE**



Day 11 Today you will be transferred back to Lilongwe in time for your onward connection. **END OF SAFARI**