

With all the usual comforts of a Robin Pope Safari camp, Kuthengo maintains a rustic charm, complemented by stunning views which are best appreciated from your private deck with a cold sundowner in hand, admiring the herds of waterbuck that frequent the camp area, milling about in the evening glow. You may be quite isolated from outside world, but we have everything you need; from a pool, to indoor dining, a cosy bar and even a lapa for evening campfires.

The Camp

Accommodation

Modern safari tents, four units (two twin, one king, one family tent).

Facilities

En-suite bathrooms with (double) basin(s), bath and outdoor showers. Plunge pool in main lodge area.

Note: There is no WIFI. There is telephone reception for TNM (local network in Malawi)

Activities

Game drives, boating safaris, walking safaris and hiking.

Meals & Drinks

The rate is inclusive of all local drinks & meals. We also offer a connoisseurs wine & spirits list at an extra cost.

Nut Allergies: While our kitchen is fully capable of catering for most dietary requests, we regrettably are unable to cater for people with severe nut allergies as we cannot guarantee a completely nut free environment.

Electricity & Water

The camp runs off solar power with a backup generator for cloudy days.

Tap water is filtered, but not safe for drinking; bottled water is also provided at the camp free of charge.

'Evening breeze' air conditioning

Evening Breeze air conditioning units have been installed in all rooms. It is designed to cool the air within your mosquito net and not the entire room.

Children's Policy

Children of all ages are welcome.

Payment for extras

All extras can be paid in cash (local currency, US\$, Euro or British Pounds) only.

US dollar bills – we only accept the new notes with large heads as any with small heads are not accepted in Malawi.

Tipping

Is not expected but always enthusiastically received if you are happy with the service. Please always give tips for the staff to the management to be shared out and kindly tip your guide individually.

Open

Open all year round.

Travel information

International flights

South African Airways, Ethiopian Airways and Kenya Airways fly into Blantyre and Lilongwe, Malawi. South African Airways, KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines), Kenya Airways and Emirates fly into Lusaka, Zambia.

Getting to the camp

It is a 3 – 4 hour road transfer from Lilongwe to Kuthengo Camp or a 1 hour light aircraft flight then further hour's scenic drive through the park.

From Blantyre it is a 2.5 hour drive to the camp.

Connecting to our sister lodge in Majete Wildlife Reserve, Mkulumadzi, it is a 4 hour 30 minute road transfer and to Pumulani, Lake Malawi our other sister lodge it is 2.5 hours by road.

Guests coming from South Luangwa in Zambia take a 1 hour charter flight to Lilongwe where they will clear immigration and continue on a 3 – 4 hour road transfer or 1 hour flight as above.

Please note that entrance to the park is restricted to the hours 6am – 6pm.

Meet and greet

In Lusaka, Lilongwe, Blantyre and Mfuwe you will be met by a RPS representative who will assist you with immigration formalities. If you have any problem, please call Robin Pope Safaris on +265 (0) 999 970 002/3 /993504600 (Malawi)/ +260957090441 (Zambia) for further assistance.

Visas

Visitors from most other countries will be issued with a visa on arrival BUT do confirm with us.

Airport Tax

An international departure tax of USD 35 per person has to be paid at Lilongwe / Blantyre airports – but included in all international flights, so may apply only to charter flights.

A domestic departure tax of approximately 2000 Malawi Kwacha (approximately USD 7) per person has to be paid at Lilongwe / Blantyre airports.

Health

All visitors should be medically insured. We recommend that visitors to Malawi take malaria prophylactics. Tetanus, polio, typhoid and the hepatitis vaccinations are recommended. Yellow fever immunisation is required only by visitors entering Malawi from a yellow fever zone.

It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of an emergency.

Please do ask for up to date health advice in your home country.

Insurance

We highly recommend full Trip Cancellation Insurance – as we do need to charge cancellation fees as stipulated. Robin Pope Safaris bears no responsibility for any delays, cancellation of flights or change of itinerary and retains the right to alter or cancel an activity with just reason.

Cancellation Policy

Confirmation to 91 days 20% of accommodation only, then full invoice (excluding park fees) 90 – 61 days 25%, 60 – 31 days 50%, 30 – 0 days 100%. Cancellation fees will be applied and so we highly recommend that you ensure full "Trip Cancellation Insurance" is bought at time of confirmation.

Additional information

Photography

Please be sensitive when photographing local people and their villages. Ask the guide or the villagers first. Be careful when photographing public buildings and persons in uniform - again, ask first.

What to bring

You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles).

Proflight Zambia baggage allowance (for most routes) – limit of 15 kg for hold luggage and 5 kg for hand luggage. Please visit <http://proflight-zambia.com/content/beforeyoufly/baggageallowances/> for details.

Bush & Lake Aviation baggage allowance - 12kg for hold luggage and 3kg for hand luggage (so this is 15kg max per person ONLY if total weight falls within weight and balance graph of aircraft for the specific flight; body weights are taken into consideration).

Important items to bring: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, torch, binoculars and film/photo camera.

Climate

Depending on which time of year you visit, you may need waterproofs, a warm jacket or sunscreen. The dry months are from April till October and the wet months November till March. Temperatures range throughout the year from between 11-40 C.