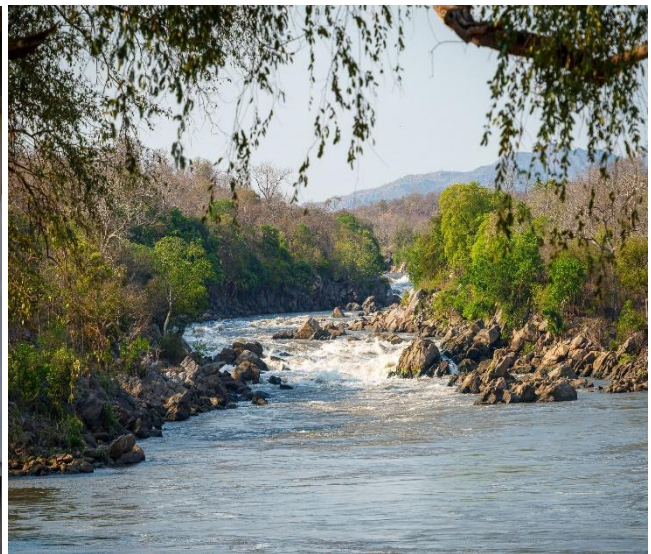


Best of Malawi - set departure

- **Itinerary** Mkulumadzi Lodge 3 nights, Huntingdon House 2 nights, Kuthengo Camp 4 nights & Pumulani Lodge 3 nights
- **Includes** Transfers starting Blantyre and ending Lilongwe, accommodation on a full board basis, all local drinks, all activities (except motorized water sports), day trip hike to Mt. Mulanje, laundry.
- **Excludes** Premium drinks, motorized watersports, gratuities, visa fees where applicable + international flights.
- **Valid** June set departure

A small group departure led by **Keyala Kiki Phiri** one of our most seasoned and passionate safari guides, set to explore **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 Africa's most beautiful lake. Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa" and as a 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. This itinerary gives you great insights into the highlights of the southern region of Malawi.

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 colorful local scenes of villages, agriculture as well as bush. The lodge is located on the confluence of the Shire and Mkulumadzi River; within Majete Wildlife Reserve, 70km Southwest of Blantyre - Southern Malawi. Majete is a Big 5 Reserve and 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. You may have an opportunity for an activity today, depending on your arrival time. **MKULUMADZI**



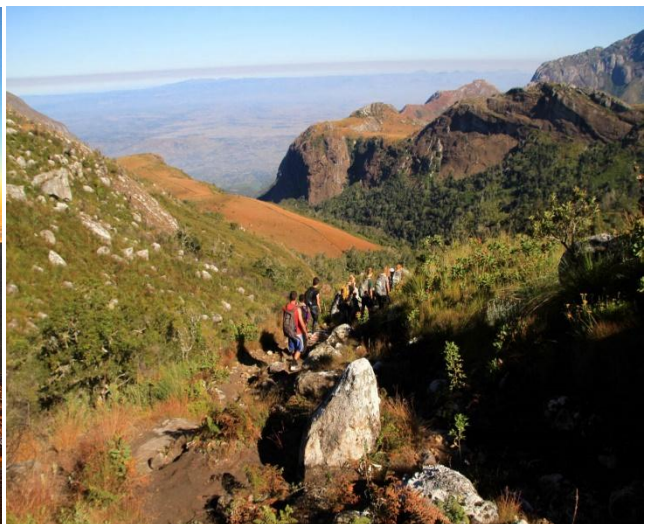
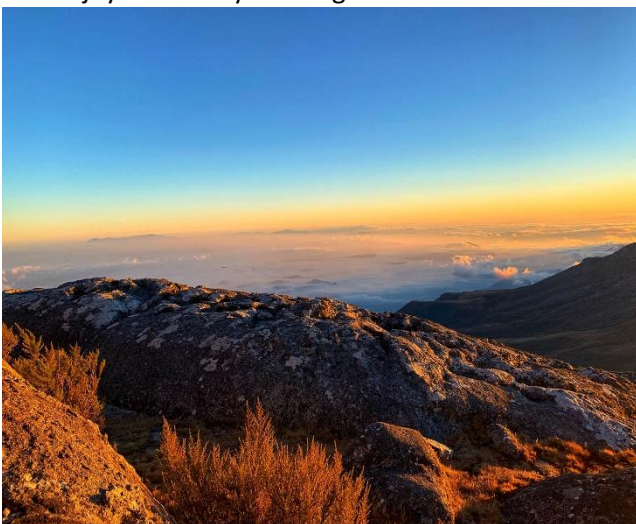
Day 2-3 The luxurious lodge is in a stunning location and guests are free to be as energetic or as idle as they please although at least one activity per day is encouraged to best enjoy Majete. **MKULUMADZI**



Day 4 After breakfast and farewells, you will be transferred to Huntingdon House by road transfer to the slopes of Thyolo Mountain. Huntingdon House is situated on the Satemwa Tea Estate; literally stepping back in time. Explore the surrounding area; tour of the tea factory, or simply enjoy the day, taking in the fresh air.
HUNTINGDON HOUSE



Day 5 Today you have an opportunity to explore the stunning Mount Mulanje Massif (it rises to 2,380m above sea level). Highlights of the hike are Chambe and Dziwe Lankhalamba waterfall. You will have an early start of 6am drive, with an hour's drive to Mt. Mulanje. Your mountain guide will meet you at C.C.A.P Likhubula House at 7am have a briefing about the tour, Ascend to Chambe via fairly shaded skyline trail to Chambe plateau, close to Chapaluka trail that passes through Miombo woodland. Then you will hike down to Dziwe Lankhalamba waterfall - lunch will be served en-route. Swimming at the waterfall is something one can absolutely not miss! Then you return to the starting point C.C.A.P Likhubula House and debrief. Hiking time 3-4 hours (excludes meals and resting time), ensuring you are back at the house by around 4pm to rest and enjoy a leisurely evening. **HUNTINGDON HOUSE**



Day 6 After breakfast and farewells, you will be transferred to Kuthengo Camp by road transfer, approximately a 4.5hour journey. Liwonde National Park is 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. Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy a lunch looking out over the Shire River or if you arrive in the afternoon, you can enjoy afternoon tea and the evening game drive. **KUTHENGO CAMP**



Day 7-9 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, palmnut vulture, Pel's fishing owl and Livingstone's flycatcher. Also available is a viewing hide on a tributary of the Shire River and some interesting visits to the local school and surrounding rural communities. **KUTHENGO CAMP**



Day 10 Transfer to Pumulani after breakfast. This is a road transfer to the Nankumba Peninsula of Lake Malawi. This is recognised as one of the most beautiful shores of the Lake and borders Lake Malawi National Park. This Park was established to protect the cichlid fish unique to the area. In 1984 the park was designated a World Heritage Site.

Pumulani is exclusively situated on the west side of the Nankumba Peninsula, surrounded by national park. The ten villas are scattered around the hillside and are individual in shape and style, but all have a spacious bedroom, bathroom and extensive sitting area. The front sliding doors open onto the deck – elevated above the ground giving optimal views. Our remote beach setting is ideal for those who simply want to soak up the sun and swim in the clear blue waters of the lake.

Those who prefer to take a dive in the swimming pool, there is an infinity pool near the central dining area with grand views over the lake, as well as another infinity pool on beach level. For those seeking activity we offer many watersports activities like snorkelling, fishing, sailing, kayaking, waterskiing, wake boarding and fun tube rides (all motorized activities are excluded).



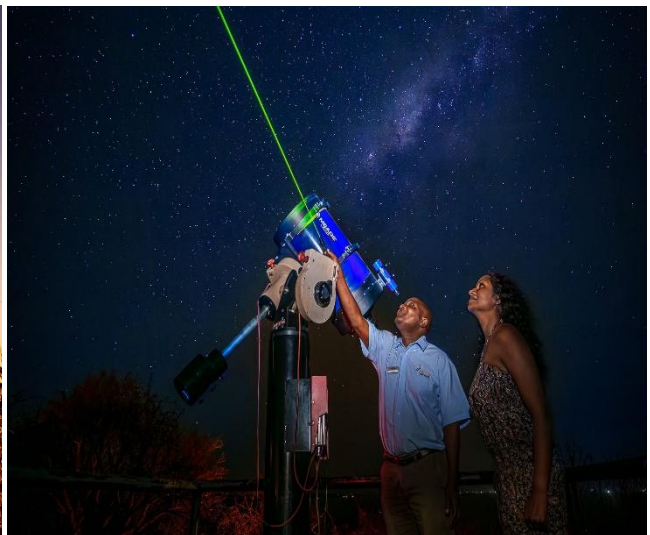
End of the day climb aboard our dhow and let our experienced local crewmen take you sailing into the sunset.

PUMULANI LODGE



Day 11 - 12 Lake Malawi is the world's most ecologically diverse lake. Its crystal-clear waters are home to more than a thousand species of fish, including hundreds of species of colourful cichlids. We offer special diving courses at the best diving spots near one of the islands.

For those who are interested in the real Malawian village life we offer guided walks through one of the local villages. Malawians are renowned for being amongst the friendliest people in Africa and during your stay you will have the opportunity to meet them. You can also simply relax in the beautiful and tranquil scenery or can enjoy the many other activities. **PUMULANI LODGE**



Day 13 You will today be transferred to Lilongwe in time for your onward connection. **END OF SAFARI**