

## Southern Circuit

- **Itinerary** Huntingdon House 2 nights, Mkulumadzi Lodge 3 nights, Kuthengo Camp 3 nights & Pumulani Lodge 4 nights
- **Includes** Transfers starting Blantyre and ending Lilongwe, accommodation on a full board basis, all local drinks, all activities (except motorized water sports), laundry
- **Excludes** Premium drinks, motorized watersports, gratuities, visa fees where applicable + international flights.
- **Valid** 16 Mar to 6 Jan

**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 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.

**Day 1** On arrival at Blantyre International Airport you will be transferred to Huntingdon House by road transfer to the slopes of Thyolo Mountain, approximately an hour away. Huntingdon House is situated on the Satemwa Tea Estate; and it feels as if you are literally stepping back in time. **HUNTINGDON HOUSE**



**Day 2** A full day to explore; tour of the tea factory, visit to the Mount Mulanje Massif or perhaps a short hike to Dziwe la Nkhalamba rock pool and falls. You set your own pace. **HUNTINGDON HOUSE**

**Day 3** 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 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 LODGE**



**Day 4-5** 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 LODGE**

**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 7-8** 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 9** 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. We also offer many watersports activities like snorkelling, fishing, sailing, kayaking, waterskiing, wake boarding and fun tube rides (all motorized activities are excluded). **PUMULANI**



**Day 10-12** 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. For those who are interested in the real Malawian village life we offer guided walks through one of the local villages. You can also simply relax in the beautiful and tranquil scenery or can enjoy the many other activities. **PUMULANI**

**Day 13** On the final day you will be transferred back to Monkey Bay where you will take a light aircraft to Lilongwe in time for your connecting onto flight. **END OF SAFARI**