

Landscapes of Malawi



7 night / 8 day

An eight day mobile safari through the fabled north of Malawi encompassing a huge variety of scenery wildlife and culture from the central Viphya Mountains, iconic Nyika National park, and the pristine beaches of Lake Malawi.



Itinerary

*Day 1: Viphya Plateau
Day 2-4: Nyika National Park
Day 5-7: Northern Lake Malawi
Day 8: Departure*

~ Itinerary Description ~

Day 1: Viphya Plateau

On arrival at Lilongwe International Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred 4-5 hours to Luwawa Forest Lodge by road. Along the way, view the breathtaking landscapes as you make your way into Viphya Mountains.

Heading north from the airport, we initially pass over the flat central plateau with its fertile farmland and small holdings. Gradually the road begins to climb and farmland turns to indigenous forest and granite mountains as we approach Luwawa. The final stretch is through miombo woodland that slowly turns to mature plantation forest as we arrive at our destination. The forested Viphya is a wonderful area for those seeking a combination of stunning scenery and solitude. It is an ideal area to unwind but there are also opportunities for trekking, mountain biking, and various other activities; and Luwawa Forest Lodge is a beautifully situated center for a wide range of these activities.

Day 2 – 4: Nyika National Park

After breakfast, you will be transferred 6-7 hours to Chelinda Lodge in Nyika National Park. The first 100 kms to Mzuzu is through the heart of the Viphya Mountains and a mixture of indigenous and plantation forest. We soon arrive in Mzuzu, the bustling capital of Northern Malawi where we stretch our legs and visit the market before heading on along good, flat roads to the small settlement of Runmphi. From here the road turns to dirt and starts to climb and this fascinating drive shows constantly changing habitats as the altitude leads to different vegetation types, starting with small holder farms and savannah, slowly turning to miombo woodland and then finally entering the park at Thazima.

Nyika National Park is scenically Malawi's most spectacular wild area. It boasts an incredible mixture of scenery and landscapes – pristine brachystegia woodland, mature mountain forest patches, crystal clear running streams and miles and miles of open rolling grassland. Being situated at a mean height of over 2,000 metres, guarantees a permanently temperate climate, which is of particular contrast to the lakeshore areas of Malawi. Activities available range from day and night game drives to guided walks and mountain biking expeditions across the plateau. Birding and fly fishing are also available.

Day 5 – 7: Northern Lake Malawi

This morning, you will be transfer 6 hours to Chintheche Inn on the northern lakeshore of Lake Malawi. We retrace our steps to Mzuzu and then take one of Malawi's most beautiful roads to the lake at Nkhata Bay. Being the country's highest rainfall area, the countryside is particularly lush and the steeply farmed slopes produce picturesque banana and cassava plantations mixed with patches of indigenous forest. We stop for a look at the famous port at Nkhata Bay and then head south along the lakeshore to Chintheche through rubber plantations, fishing villages, and the Kawalazi Forest Reserve, a genuine remnant patch of tropical rain forest, where we may stop for some birding.

Chintheche Inn is situated on what is acknowledged to be one of Malawi's finest beaches. Against the backdrop of the Viphya mountains and patches of tropical rainforests, the white sandy beaches of Chintheche are broken only by small rocky outcrops and stretch for miles. Activities include a variety of mountain biking trails, water sports and village tours can be arranged. The gardens and surroundings of the Inn make for relaxed birding. Scuba diving and horse riding are also available at nearby Khande Beach.

Day 8: Departure

After an early breakfast, you will connect to a 4-5 hour road transfer back to Lilongwe. We will ensure that you arrive at Lilongwe International Airport in time to connect to your onward flight connections.



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Travel Period: _____

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Lodging</u>
Viphya Mountain Range – Viphya Plateau	Luwawa Forest Lodge Meals: B/L/D
Nyika National Park	Chelinda Lodge Meals: B/L/D + Activities
Lake Malawi	Chintheche Inn Meals: B/L/D + Some Activities
Tour Costs PP -	Per Person Double Occupancy <i>Contact Safariline</i>

Notes:

- If a guest is willing to share and we can match with another guest of the same gender, the single supplement will not be charged. However, if there is no suitable match, the single supplement surcharge will apply.
- Limited to a 20 kg (44 lb) luggage allowance (in soft bags only with no wheels or frame) per person.

Terms & Conditions

The tour price includes the following services.

- Road transfers as indicated on itinerary.
- Meet, Greet and airport transfers by your local guides
- Accommodation at the hotels, game lodges or rest camps specified in the itinerary, on the basis of two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with en suite bathroom, or shower / toilets. No triple rooms.
- Meals from Dinner on day 1 to the end of the scheduled safari.
- Transportation by 4X4 specially designed safari vehicle with qualified driver for journeys specified.
- Activities at Chelinda Lodge and non-motorized water sports at Chintheche Inn, National park fees, and Entrance fees where applicable for all sightseeing excursions specified.
- English Speaking tour guide
- Full Pre-departure and final documentation with detailed “Guide to Planning your African Safari”.

Services Not Included:

- International airfare or airport taxes, quoted separately
- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, alcoholic beverages, personal purchases, optional extra activities, etc.
- All drinks throughout the safari.
- Activities at Luwawa and Motorized water sports at Chintheche Inn.
- Gratuities to tour guides, drivers and restaurant staff for services rendered.
- Any other services not specified above.
- Compulsory Travelers insurance and cancellation protection.
- Tourist visas if necessary

Group Size – Min 2 / Max 8

Age Limits – Please contact Safariline for details



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Deposit and Booking Requirements

- This quotation is subject to the availability of all services at the time of making a reservation.
- Travel insurance coverage for injury, illness or loss of effects while on tour is NOT included, is highly recommended for travel and compulsory for many lodges and adventure safaris in Southern and Eastern Africa.
- **Registration:** A 25% deposit of the total land price, per person is required. The remainder of the cost is due 60 days prior to departure date. Airline tickets must be purchased within two weeks of reservation confirmation.
- **Payment** is accepted by personal check, company check or credit card.
- **Reservation Policy:** All tariffs quoted include VAT and current grading levy. The price quoted is subject to change in the event of any unforeseen increases in fuel costs including currency fluctuations and/or Government levies/taxes, including Park Fees and Entrance fees. Safariline reserves the right to amend the quoted tariffs accordingly should the Government change the percentage level of VAT or introduce any other tax or Levy. Safariline will not cancel a tour, holiday or other travel arrangement once the client has paid in full unless it becomes necessary to do so as a result of hostilities, war or threat of war, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist unrest, active or threatened natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions or if a group tour does not have a minimum required participants, or for any other adverse event beyond the control of Safariline. In the event of cancellation Safariline will inform the client without delay and will make every effort to offer a suitable and comparable alternative
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will be subject to the nonrefundable \$500.00 per person fee plus any charged incurred by the hotels, ground handlers or operators up to the entire deposit of ,25% of the total trip costs
Between 60-30 days prior to the scheduled departure date 50% of total trip costs
During the last 30 days including the scheduled departure date:..... 100% of the total trip costs

Travel Insurance

Safariline is pleased to offer a Travel Protection plan designed as an exclusive insurance plan to provide broad protection. The plan protects you and your travel investment if you need to cancel your trip for covered reasons prior to departure or if other covered unforeseen circumstances arise during your trip. This comprehensive insurance package provides pre-Departure trip cancellation, Post departure Trip interruption, Trip delay (8 hours or more), Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, baggage and personal effects and baggage delay.

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