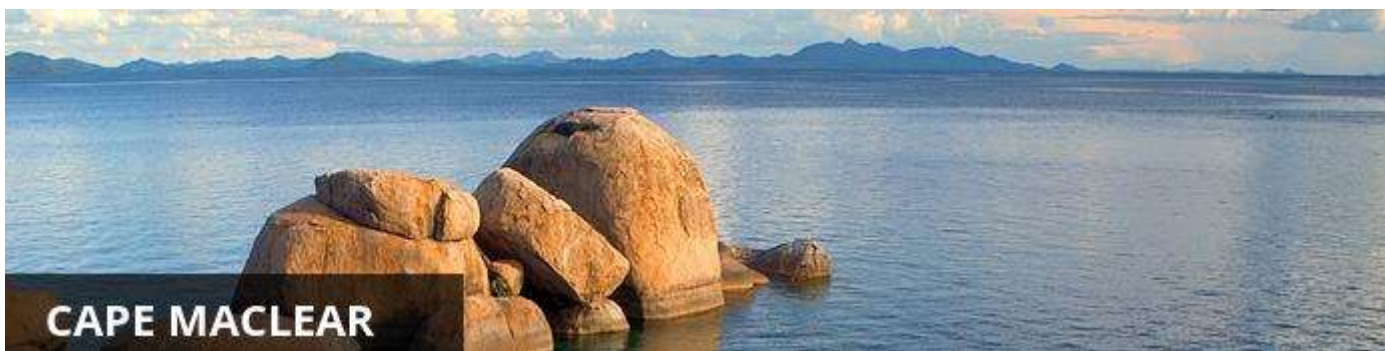


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EXPERIENCE DISCOVER EXPLORE



McClelland Zambia & Malawi





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MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE

McClelland Zambia & Malawi

Lilongwe - South Luangwa National Park - Lilongwe - Cape Maclear - Liwonde National Park - Thyolo - Majete Wildlife Reserve

17 Days / 16 Nights

0 Persons

Date of Issue: 10 May 2017

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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Arr.	Dep.	Nights	Basis
Kumbali Country Lodge	Lilongwe	7 May	8 May	1	HB
Kafunta River Lodge	South Luangwa National Park	8 May	12 May	4	FI
Kumbali Country Lodge	Lilongwe	12 May	13 May	1	HB
Mumbo Island Camp	Cape Maclear	13 May	15 May	2	FB
Mvuu Lodge	Liwonde National Park	15 May	17 May	2	FB+
Game Haven Lodge	Thyolo	17 May	19 May	2	FB
Mkulumadzi	Majete Wildlife Reserve	19 May	21 May	2	FI

Key

HB: Half Board. FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch. FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily. FI: Fully inclusive

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
06 May	SA7255 (Scheduled)	Melbourne International Airport [MEL]	18:15	Perth International Airport [PER]	20:35	Econ	
06 May	SA281 (Scheduled)	Perth International Airport [PER]	23:40	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	4:50 (May 07)	Econ	
07 May	SA170 (Scheduled)	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	10:00	Lilongwe International Airport [LLW]	12:20	Econ	
21 May	SA171 (Scheduled)	Lilongwe International Airport [LLW]	13:05	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	15:30	Econ	
21 May	SA280 (Scheduled)	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	21:15	Perth International Airport [PER]	12:20 (May 22)	Econ	
22 May	SA7256 (Scheduled)	Perth International Airport [PER]	14:00	Melbourne International Airport [MEL]	19:30	Econ	

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
07 May	Lilongwe International Airport [LLW]	Kumbali Country Lodge		Transfer
08 May	Kumbali Country Lodge	Kafunta River Lodge		Transfer
12 May	Kafunta River Lodge	Kumbali Country Lodge		Transfer
13 May	Kumbali Country Lodge	Mumbo Island Camp		Transfer
15 May	Mumbo Island Camp	Mvuu Lodge		Transfer
17 May	Mvuu Lodge	Game Haven Lodge		Transfer
19 May	Game Haven Lodge	Mkulumadzi		Transfer
21 May	Mkulumadzi	Lilongwe International Airport [LLW]		Transfer

Day 1: Travelling (Sun, 6 May)

Travelling

Day 2: Kumbali Country Lodge, Lilongwe (Mon, 7 May)

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival you will make your way to your international connecting gate and board for flight to Lilongwe. Upon arrival you will clear customs and purchase your visa USD75 pp and then transfer to your hotel. Dinner will be served.

Malawi

Dubbed "The Warm Heart of Africa" due to the legendary welcome extended to all who visit, Malawi is a small country with a big heart and an even bigger range of incredible tourist activities! Lake Malawi's vast size, its warm freshwater and its gorgeous surrounding beaches make it a mecca for those seeking a year round location to swim, scuba dive, snorkel, water-ski, sail, kayak, parasail or simply potter about in boats. Malawi also boasts plenty of national parks providing a haven for a wide variety of wildlife including crocodiles, lions, elephants, hippos and even leopard. Culture vultures are also well served by numerous fascinating historical and cultural sites as well as visits to traditional Malawian villages to meet some ever-smiling Malawians going about their daily lives. With all of this exceptional culture, natural scenery and friendliness on offer, this unique African country is enchanting enough to captivate even the most jaded traveller.

Lilongwe

In 1975 Lilongwe took over from Zomba as Malawi's capital. The Old Town, with its exciting street and walled markets, has still maintained the appearance of a traditional African settlement, while the City has much in common with other African twentieth century urban developments. An interesting attraction is Kamuzu Academy, founded by the country's first President Dr Hastings Banda and sometimes referred to as "the Eton of Africa".

Overnight: Kumbali Country Lodge

Kumbali Country Lodge boasts everything you could expect from a nature reserve lodge and much more besides. It is one of the most tranquil alternatives to a Malawi hotel that you will find anywhere.

Plump pillows and refined decor await you. Should you require anything our Room Service will deliver it straight up, allowing you time for rest and relaxation.

Instead of the concrete jungle, you can gaze out at a forest reserve idyll, sipping on a gin and tonic whilst watching the African sun set in the distance.



Included

Dinner

Excluded

Visa USD75

Day 3: Kafunta River Lodge, South Luangwa National Park (Tue, 8 May)

Day Itinerary

Today after breakfast you will transfer to Luangwa National Park in Zambia. As you cross the boarder you will purchase your visa USD50 pp.

Zambia

This unique, peanut-shaped country, once known as Northern Rhodesia, offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with adrenalin pumping adventure sports, a variety of fascinating cultural activities, and an abundance of indigenous wildlife, which finds refuge in Zambia's vast national parks. Spend your evenings enjoying the spectacular site of the world's largest waterfall, the Victoria Falls, while sipping on sundowners after an exhilarating day of whitewater rafting down the rapids of the mighty Zambezi River. If that sounds a little too adventurous for your taste, take a houseboat cruise along the exquisite Lake Kariba while watching wild elephants drink at the riverbank as you try your hand at catching the elusive tiger fish. However you choose to spend your time in this unique country, you are bound to leave with a heavy heart and a desire to return again soon to this exceptionally beautiful Southern African country.

South Luangwa National Park

Bordering the Luangwa River, the northern and southern Luangwa National Parks contain some of the most breathtaking and untouched wilderness in Africa. As a result of this and the parks' successful anti-poaching campaigns, the area has developed into a world-renowned wildlife haven. The South Luangwa National Park is renowned for its walking safari, which allows visitors to view elephant, hippo and even lion close-up under the supervision of professional and knowledgeable armed guides.

Overnight: Kafunta River Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Kafunta River Lodge is owned and operated by Anke & Ron Cowan who have made the Luangwa Valley their home for the past 20 years.

The 10-room lodge is located on the floodplains of the Luangwa River, away from the busier area near the park's Mfuwe gate. During the peak season the lodge accesses the national park via its own pontoon.

Central to the lodge is a spacious bar and dining area. Built around a semi-evergreen wild mango tree and thatched in the traditional style, it offers superb panoramic views over the Luangwa River and the South Luangwa National Park. Great game viewing and bird watching from the lodge is guaranteed.

Adjacent to the bar is a refreshing infinity pool and the only natural hot spring tub in the Luangwa Valley. This unique hot tub is fed from a source on Kafunta's grounds, offering a constant temperature of 38 degrees. Here you can enjoy pure relaxation while being presented with magnificent views over the flood plains and the Luangwa River.

Activities on offer include game drives (morning, afternoon and night), bush walks, village & cultural tours as well as a wellness spa.



Included

All meals

Game activities

Excluded

Zambia Visa USD50

Day 4: Kafunta River Lodge, South Luangwa National Park (Wed, 9 May)

Included

All meals

Game activities

Day 5: Kafunta River Lodge, South Luangwa National Park (Thu, 10 May)

Included

All meals

Game activities

Day 6: Kafunta River Lodge, South Luangwa National Park (Fri, 11 May)

Included

All meals

Game activities

Day 7: Kumbali Country Lodge, Lilongwe (Sat, 12 May)

Day Itinerary

Today you will head back to Lilongwe and check in for 1nt incl dinner.

Lilongwe

See Above

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**Included**

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8: Mumbo Island Camp, Cape Maclear (Sun, 13 May)

Day Itinerary

Today after breakfast you will head to Mumbo Island, boat ride included. Check in a soak up the atmosphere in this eco friendly resort.

Cape Maclear

Located on the southern shore of Lake Malawi at the tip of the Nankumba Peninsula, Cape Maclear is a little resort town surrounded by mountains and set within Lake Malawi National Park. This town features an array of beachside bars and local restaurants in a spectacularly scenic setting of golden sand beaches lapped by dazzling turquoise water. Cape Maclear is a Robinson-Crusoe paradise, making it a sought after tourist destination. Kayak over to the nearby Thumbi island and spot the majestic fish eagle, sail across the lake and catch a picturesque African sunset, or scuba dive into the crystal-clear depths of the lake, which boasts some of the best freshwater diving in the world. Other popular activities include: bird watching, windsurfing, hiking, swimming or shopping in the local craft markets as well as island tours and guided village walks.

Overnight: Mumbo Island Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Mumbo is a pristine island in Lake Malawi National Park which, with its crystal clear waters and innumerable species of cichlid fish, offers some of the best freshwater scuba diving in the world and the best snorkelling on the Lake.

The island lies 10km north-west of Cape Maclear, where reception and the nearest point of road access is located. The camp comprises five units (two twin tents and three twin reed chalets) perched on rocks high above the water shaded by lush foliage, each with bucket showers, 'eco-loos' and wooden deck. A hammock provides a comfortable spot to take in the idyllic Lake view. A twin-tented family unit is tucked into the forest near the main beach. There is a dining area, bar and watersport gazebo of timber and thatch.

Activities here vary from lazing in a hammock to snorkelling, diving, swimming, kayaking, walking and birdwatching. Guests have the option of boating or paddling to explore the granitic islands of the Lake.



Included

All meals

Non motorised water activities.

Day 9: Mumbo Island Camp, Cape Maclear (Mon, 14 May)

Included

All meals

Non motorised water activities.

Day 10: Mvuu Lodge, Liwonde National Park (Tue, 15 May)

Day Itinerary

Today you will leave by boat before being met by your guide on the banks of Lake Malawi. Transfer to your next lodge with some exciting game activities.

Liwonde National Park

Although Liwonde is one of Malawi's smaller parks is arguably the most popular of all the game parks. Malawi's principle river, the Shire, forms its western boundary and is the reserve's life blood. With plentiful water hippos, crocodiles and elephants are in good supply and black rhino has been re-introduced into the area. The birding is excellent and a favourite sighting among twitchers is the Pel's fishing owl.

Overnight: Mvuu Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Mvuu Lodge overlooks a tranquil lagoon just off the Shire River with the main lounge area set high above the water in an area of captivating variety and beauty. It has an extensive wildlife library and telescope to make the most of the exceptional bird and other life that moves around the river. Mvuu means "hippo" in Tonga and the name epitomises the large numbers of pods of these water-loving mammals that float in the river. In this lush and fertile area, an excellent diversity of animals can be seen.

Accommodation comprises eight luxury tents, one of which is a romantic honeymoon suite. Each tent has en-suite bathroom facilities and its own deck built to look over the water. Lodge facilities include a dining room, pub, lounge area and a swimming pool.

Activities include boat safaris, walks, birding, and traditional game drives by day and night. The Rhino Tracking Experience is a two- to three-hour guided drive and walk, tracking the endangered black rhino and learning how they are monitored and conserved. No visit to Mvuu is complete without a visit to one of the villages on its boundaries to experience authentic African village life.



Included

All meals and game activities

Day 11: Mvuu Lodge, Liwonde National Park (Wed, 16 May)

Included

All meals and game activities

Day 12: Game Haven Lodge, Thyolo (Thu, 17 May)

Day Itinerary

Head today to your next lodge close to the tea plantations.

Thyolo

Located between Blantyre and Mount Mulanje in what is arguably the most scenically beautiful region of Malawi, the town of Thyolo serves as the administrative capital of the Thyolo District. The area is best known for its historical tea and coffee estates some of which date back as far as the early 1900s. With its tidy landscape of undulating hills and immaculately kept tea and coffee estates, the Thyolo area is a pleasure to explore whether by bike, vehicle or on foot. Magnificent views of Mount Mulanje and the Shire River Valley in the distance are a highlight of the region, as are the excellent opportunities for birding, hiking, and mountain biking. Some of the estates also offer guided tours where one can explore the farm and learn about how the plantations work.

Overnight: Game Haven Lodge

Established in 2006, Game Haven Lodge within the Private Chimwenya Game Park has been the realization of a dream that started in the 1980's. To create a unique retreat within Malawi which would combine tourism and wildlife conservation whilst supporting the surrounding communities in Bvumbwe. The family owned Lodge has over the last 3 years developed from a small 5 cottage establishment to now having a variety of 25 rooms and 3 self catering guest houses. Our very own Golfcourse, at Mbawa Country Club, has been open for two years and features stunning views of the natural landscape with the ten different species of animals wandering through the golf course located within the Private Chimwenya Game Park.



Included

All meals

Day 13: Game Haven Lodge, Thyolo (Fri, 18 May)

Included

All meals

Day 14: Mkulumadzi, Majete Wildlife Reserve (Sat, 19 May)

Day Itinerary

Today you will head to Majete Wildlife Reserve for some more magical game viewing.

Majete Wildlife Reserve

Sprawling across 700 square kilometres of the Great African Rift Valley, Majete Wildlife Reserve's undulating terrain incorporates grassy plains, riverside groves and forests of marula, acacia and leadwood interspersed with palms and the occasional baobab tree. The park provides a sanctuary for a diverse mix of wildlife, including black rhino, antelope and warthog, while the Shire River is populated by large numbers of crocodiles and hippos. Lodging options include chalets and a wonderfully scenic campsite set above the Matitu Falls.

Overnight: Mkulumadzi

The lodge has eight superb chalets, each with spacious living quarters and private viewing deck. Guests can swim in our pool, dine under the stars, enjoy river cruises, game drives and walking safaris.

Majete Wildlife Reserve is a vast region of mature woodland and granite hills, picturesque river valleys and dense forest. It is home to the elusive black rhino, along with elephant, buffalo, nyala, sable, eland and hartebeest. There are plans to reintroduce lion, leopard and cheetah in 2012 as part of a pioneering conservation project.

Undiscovered by tourists, Majete is a true wilderness where every trip into the bush with our team of experienced guides will feel like an adventure



Included

All meals and game activities

Day 15: Mkulumadzi, Majete Wildlife Reserve (Sun, 20 May)

Included

All meals and game activities

Day 16: Departure (Mon, 21 May)

Day Itinerary

Enjoy breakfast before transferring back to Lilongwe Airport, check in for your flight back to Australia via Johannesburg.

Included

Breakfast

Day 17: Travelling (Tue, 22 May)

Travelling

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Mumbo Island Camp		+265 1 771 393	Central African Wilderness Safaris Youth Drive Sanctuary Lodge PO Box 489 Lilongwe Malawi
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