Magical Malawi Safari Tour: Itinerary

A 14–day trip with a mixture of flying and road transfers around Malawi, taking in the highlights of the bush, the beach, the highlands in the South, and the stunning Nyika Plateau in the north.

Day 1
You will be met on arrival at Lilongwe International Airport, and assisted directly onto Ulendo Airl Ink Scheduled service to Majete (1hr20mins). Or, fly into Blantyre and road transfer to Majete— you will be met on arrival in Majete and transferred to Mkulumadzi. Spend 3 nights in Mkulumadzi.
Majete has been the scene of an impressive programme of re-location of a great range and impressive numbers of animals including elephant, buffalo, black rhino, sable antelope, zebra, eland, hartebeest and kudu. The wildlife reserve has recently undergone a transformation and guests can enjoy the wildlife from their private chalet balcony.

Days 2 and 3
Enjoy 2 full days in the Majete Reserve— 2 game activities per day (walk, drive or boat).

Day 4
After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Satemwa Tea Estates to Huntingdon House (2.5 hours, dependent on traffic).
Huntingdon House represents the soul of the estate and guests are invited to experience the re-birth of this historic property as it enters its next glorious era, with modern comforts tastefully complementing charming 1920s pieces.
Huntington House is the original family home and the rooms are named in accordance with who used to sleep where. It is a great place to stop and relax, surrounded by sprawling manicured gardens with secret patios and terraces waiting to be discovered. It is perfect for visitors who enjoy a temperate climate and diverse scenery, which ranges from tropical evergreen forests to riverine thickets and rolling hills.
Guests will have the afternoon at leisure to rest and relax after their long international flight.
Spend 2 nights at Huntingdon House (full board).

Day 5
Enjoy a full day of exploring Satemwa Tea Estate, with activities such as tea-tasting, walks and mountain biking. All activities can be arranged through Satemwa Tea Estate (certain motorised activities are at an additional charge).
Day 6
Depart from Huntingdon and head towards one of Malawi’s finest parks, Liwonde National Park (3 hrs). You will drive through the Ulongwe Village and take a 2-minute transfer by boat across the Shire River to Mvuu Lodge. You will be staying at Mvuu Lodge on a full-board basis, which includes activities. These revolve around boating trips on the Shire River and game drives (morning and afternoon/evening). Nature walks and bike rides are also possible. Spend 3 Nights at Mvuu Lodge.

Day 7
Enjoy a full day of game-viewing activities included in the itinerary cost: game drives, nature walks and boating safaris.

Day 8
After a leisurely breakfast, catch a charter flight to Nyika National Park, arriving in time for lunch. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon, taking in the vast views that Nyika is so famous for, and then head onto an evening game drive, in search of the leopard. Spend 2 nights at Chelinda Lodge (full board & activities).

Day 9
There is a range of activities to choose from– guided walking, mountain biking, trout fishing, and game drives. Nyika National Park boasts some of the most spectacular and contrasting countryside in Africa. Laurens Van der Post described it as “rolling, folding country; clean, golden, grass-covered; rising like some Olympian pastoral symphony to a dark blue ridge, an Atlantic roller of land, fifteen miles west of us… deep in the heart of Africa and filled with the animals of Africa, yet covered with the grasses, the flowers, the colours of Europe. It has a mood which, in my experience of Africa, is quite unique.”

Day 10
After a leisurely breakfast, catch a charter flight to Likoma Island, a short hop from sweaters to swimsuits.

Days 11–13
Spend the days at leisure– Likoma is only 7km from Mozambique. Its inhabitants are mostly fishermen, but there are a couple of tiny villages, one bush road, a few vehicles and a few bicycles. The island’s sandy beaches and secluded coves have some of the best snorkelling and diving in Malawi.

Day 14
Depart Likoma on a scheduled service from Likoma to Lilongwe.