

## Beach and Wildlife in Malawi



*This is a perfect trip for those seeking the freedom of a self-catering holiday with the personalised service and attention of a fully catered holiday. Assistance is provided in Lilongwe to buy provisions and then you will spend five nights in a fully staffed and luxurious private house on Lake Malawi, Madzi Kuwala. The last two days of your itinerary are spent in Liwonde National Park, Malawi's prime wilderness region, in a luxury bush camp.*

### **Day 1: Arrive Lilongwe**

Arrive at Lilongwe airport on Saturday, you will be met on arrival and transferred to Burley House for one night (DB).

### **Burley House**

Set in beautifully established gardens in Lilongwe's prestigious residential Area 43, Burley House offers leisure travellers an idyllic retreat in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Burley House has all the facilities you would expect of a luxury hotel coupled with the exclusivity and security of a comfortable home.

Once you have settled in, a guide will pick you up and take you shopping for the supplies that you will need for your self-catering stay at Lake Malawi. Crates of Beers and Sodas are available



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at Madzi Kuwala so no need to get those while in Lilongwe. Once you have finished your shopping the guide will drop you back to Burley House. Your food and drink supplies will be delivered to your lake property the next morning so that they do not take up space in your car.

## Day 2: Lake Malawi

After breakfast your hire car – a new Kia Sportage 4x4 vehicle (or similar subject to availability) – will be delivered to Burley House. These vehicles have plenty of space for 4 soft holdalls (no big suitcases). The guide will give you directions and brief you on your trip as well as suggestions for stops en-route and whilst at the lake. You are at leisure to arrive at Madzi Kuwala when you wish.



## Days 3-6: Madzi Kuwala Lake Retreat

Madzi Kuwala is a house in an idyllic setting providing the perfect getaway for small groups and families looking for a relaxed, exclusive retreat. With no fixed schedules, meals or activities, it's all about you, and visitors are encouraged to treat the house as they would their own home.

The house has two attendants who are responsible for cleaning the house, laundry and assisting guests in the kitchen if required.

The grounds are cared for by two further staff who will also ensure the pool is clean and that water is pumped to the water storage tanks. There are mosquito nets in all 6 bedrooms; these are put down in the evenings for you by the house staff. The swimming pool is a small plunge pool with a salt water chlorinator and is ideal for cooling off during the day.

The next five days will be spent in the luxury of Madzi Kuwala Lake Retreat, relaxing at this beautiful private house surrounded by magnificent trees, rocks and a stunning section of Lake Malawi. You may wish to tour the Lake area, take snorkelling/diving excursions (to be booked in advance), or simply enjoy the house, with its 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, luxurious design, pool and full staff compliment. You are guaranteed an amazing experience completely at your own rhythm.



## Day 7: Liwonde National Park

Depart from Lake Malawi after breakfast and drive to Liwonde town. Leaving your car in the secure compound you will transfer by boat into Liwonde National Park. This is a 30km trip along the Shire River offering excellent opportunities for both game and bird viewing along the way. You will check into Mvuu Camp for the following two nights (FB).

### **Mvuu Camp**

Mvuu Camp is a small, comfortable bush camp, ideally situated on the banks of the Shire River, Liwonde National Park. It is an excellent option for those who want to enjoy an equally comfortable and remote bush experience.

Mvuu's airy thatched lounge looks out onto the Shire River where crocodile, hippo, elephant and an array of birdlife can be seen.



The Shire River is Lake Malawi's only exit – making it the largest in the country – and forms the western boundary of the National Park.

Mvuu, which means "hippo" in Tonga, is named so because of the large numbers of pods of these water-loving mammals that float in the river. Other big game includes the Black Rhinoceros, introduced into the park from South Africa – they have a successful breeding programme, and are monitored daily. Guests sometimes encounter these wonderful beasts on safari drives.



Activities at Mvuu revolve around boating trips on the Shire River and game drives, but nature walks and bike rides are also incredibly popular. Enthusiasts will be able to participate in virtually non-stop birding around Mvuu. Birds are prolific, especially along the Shire River, where the African Fish Eagle and the Pel's Fishing Owl are frequently sighted, as well as Böhm's Bee-eater and White Backed Night Heron.

### **Day 9 : Homeward**

Depart after breakfast and take the boat back to your car before driving to Lilongwe International Airport. Drop off the vehicle and check-in for your international flight home. Alternatively, you may wish to consider extending your trip to include further locations in Malawi, such as Majete Wildlife Reserve, or hop on a flight to the South Luangwa National Park in Zambia.

### Price Guide:

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£1745 per adult sharing**, based on a group of two and subject to availability at the time of booking. For a group of 8, the cost is from **£1050 per person**. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

#### Includes:

- Airport meet & great
- Town shopping trip with a guide
- 8 days car hire including insurance and unlimited mileage
- Accommodation and meals as specified
- Scheduled game activities in Liwonde
- Park fees
- Housekeeper/maids and cook provided at Madzi Kuwala

#### Excludes:

- Fuel
- Drinks
- Food & drinks at Madzi Kuwala
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Airport departure taxes
- Additional meals/services/activities not mentioned
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance – ask us for a quote

**Please note:** Madzi Kuwala will accommodate up to 12 people. Please contact us for rates for larger groups (the house is not suitable for children under 6yrs due to unfenced pool and drops).

